



May 6, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 7: No school for students - Professional Learning Day

May 9: Mother's Day

May 12: Chapel 1 p.m. - Google Meets meeting code: **wbochapel**

May 13: Panago Pizza Fundraiser Night

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Good afternoon Westboro families,

There have been many ups and downs over the course of this last year and I am happy to say, as far as the school is concerned, there have been many more ups than downs. I have been so very proud of our students as they adapted to the restrictions and routines we have had to implement this year. They have been very diligent in following all protocols and keeping each other safe. It has also been great to see the students have the opportunity to learn with friends and play together outside. Our students have been able to persevere and learn over the course of this school year.

We now face another brief change as we shift to online learning which starts for us on May 10th (as May 7th is a professional learning day) and ends on May 25th. This equates to 9 days of online instruction. I know this shift is very stressful and as a parent of two children who have spent time doing online instruction at home, I have firsthand experience at how busy, frustrating, and tiring it can be to support your children as they learn at home. If there is anything that the school can do to support you during this time, please call us at 780-467-7751.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work through these difficult times yet again. I am very hopeful that this will be the last time we will have to move to online instruction.

Thank you all and stay safe,

Mike Lastiwka

Principal

Westboro Elementary

Save the date.

Thursday, May 13th



Pizza Night with Panago Pizza and Westboro School

On **Thursday, May 13th** your Parent Council will be partnering with our local Wye Road Panago Pizza location to offer our families a great deal and raise money for our school.

When you order from the Wye Road Panago Pizza on May 13th, you will receive 15% off any regular priced menu items using the promo code PANA15. Panago will then donate 15% of these net orders back to our school!

Let's all come together and make May 13th a pizza night that pays back! We thank you in advance and look forward to a successful fundraising event.

Order online at www.panago.com

Call 310-0001 to place your order over the phone.

Order in person at the Wye Road Panago Pizza location:
#23, 99 Wye Road, Sherwood Park, AB



*Please note – this fundraising offer and discount is only available on the date listed above at the Panago location listed above. Not available with other offers.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2021-22 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email ste@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

EIPS LAUNCHES NEW BLOG: TAWÂW, MIYOONAKISHKATOOHK, WELCOME!

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

QUARTER 4 FEES

Quarter 4 fees are now posted and payment is due within 14 days. Any outstanding fees from Quarter 1, 2, and 3 are also now due and require payment.

If any credits were present on the account, they have been applied and any outstanding balance will show as due. Please log into your PowerSchool account to see credits, fees, and make payment.

NOTE: As of May 13th, parents will have the ability to transfer overpayment credits between siblings, between schools, and between school and Transportation.

If you have any questions, please call Billie Jean Mephram at 780-467-7751.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta announced [new restrictions](#) that affect outdoor gatherings, recreation and culture, schools and businesses. The Province is [rolling out their vaccination program to eligible Albertans](#). Mask wearing continues to be mandatory. [Mental health](#) and [business supports](#) are available.


VIRTUAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Strathcona County Family Resource Network


Parenting is a journey and everyone needs help sometimes. The Family Resource Network offers a range of **FREE** parenting supports and services including:

- Information on child and youth development
- Working through parenting challenges
- Supporting unique parenting plans
- Connecting to community resources
- In-home and virtual parenting support

For more information, call Family and Community Services at **780-464-4044** or email familyresourcenetwork@strathcona.ca




Virtual Children and Youth Programs




Confident Kids

Parent Orientation Session
Monday, May 10 • 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Grades 1 to 3
Tuesdays, May 11 to June 1 • 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Grades 4 to 6
Thursdays, May 13 to June 3 • 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Nature Nuts

Mondays, May 31 to June 21
4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.




Confident On My Own

Wednesday, June 2
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To register, visit: strathcona.ca/familyresourcenetwork

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MINDFUL KIDS

Do you ever feel big emotions like anger, frustration or worry? Do you ever feel hyper or silly? We all do. Find out what's happening and learn some fun techniques to calm your body and brain down. For children and parents/caregivers grades 1-3.

- May 3, 10 and 17; 5-5:30 p.m.
- [Register](#)