



May 20, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 21: School Closure Day - No school for students or staff

May 24: Victoria Day - No School for students or staff

May 25: In-class learning resumes

May 28: Theme Day 'Happy 50th Birthday Westboro'. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in 1970s fashion to recognize and celebrate Westboro being open 50 years.

IN-CLASS LEARNING RESUMES MAY 25

All in-school classes for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 resume on Tuesday, May 25. We can't wait to see our students back in the building next week!

NOTE: Students currently enrolled in Out-of-School Learning will continue that program until the end of the school year.

[Learn more](#)

PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

A reminder to families that parking in the bus lane is prohibited between the hours of:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please note that this is absolutely NO PARKING or DROPPING OFF allowed in the Staff Parking lots or the condo parking lot across the street.

As a gesture of goodwill, the owner of the strip mall across the street generously allows parents to use the back half of their parking lot for student drop off and pick up. In order to maintain this privilege, parents are asked to refrain from parking anywhere along the front of the businesses (whether they are open or not) and to ensure that accesses to the lot are not blocked.

PREPARING FOR JUNIOR HIGH

Multiple community organizations host sessions to help students prepare for their Grade 7 year.

Junior High Jitters

This is a free caregiver education session hosted by Alberta Health Services in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation. Is your child going into Grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? This session will provide information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. Strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness will be discussed. The session is designed for caregivers and pre-teens (grades 6-8) to attend together.

Thursday, May 27

6-7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Junior High Journey

This is a free session hosted by Strathcona County Family and Community Services. Transitioning from elementary to junior high school is exciting and can be stressful. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

Tuesday, June 15 or Tuesday, August 24

6-7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Please visit the **Counsellor's Corner** page on our school website for helpful information and resources available to all of our families.

<https://www.westboroelementary.ca/counselling>

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS: MAY

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and SEEDS Drop-In Groups are outlined in the [May Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#). One upcoming session of note is Junior High Jitters—geared for students starting Grade 7 this fall—on **May 27**.

2021-22 DIVISION CALENDARS

The division calendars for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year are now available.

[EIPS Kindergarten Calendar 2021-2022](#)

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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.

ACCESSIBLE. SAFE. CONNECTED. AFFORDABLE

Are you feeling tired of being stuck at home with nothing to do?

Why not take advantage of the great programs that are accessible around the County!

For example, older adults can get active in their place of residence with our adult wellness virtual programs. Or, if you'd rather get in touch with your creative side, try our Family Art Discovery classes.

For more information, visit us at: <http://ow.ly/askD50EHEZx>

NATURE NUTS

What better way to spend the summer than to do it outdoors? Join us for Nature Nuts on Mondays May 31st to June 21st from 4:30-5:00pm (4 sessions)

To register for the program and pick up a program kit, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/>

FREE VIRTUAL SENIOR'S WELLNESS DAY

Help us spread the word! Our next FREE Virtual Seniors' Wellness Day is on Thursday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a live and interactive event held virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Our May 27 event includes a Seniors Yoga session and an informative talk on Backyard Birding.

Registration is required in order to receive the event link. You can register by calling 780-467-2211 (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or online here:

<https://reonline.strathcona.ca/.../browse/SEARCHX915...>

PARKS, TRAILS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful spring weather with our parks, trails and playgrounds.

Remember to help keep your family and the community safe by following all provincial guidelines in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Look out for each other and maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from anyone outside of your own household.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation.../parks-and-trails/>