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WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

GARTH PRINCE RESIDENCY VIDEOS

We had so much fun learning with Garth Prince before spring break and are excited to share the videos he created showcasing some of what students learned during the residency project. The videos were shared with students this past week and are now accessible through students' BrightSpace accounts (in Music). We hope you enjoy them!

2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

2020-2021 yearbooks are now available to order through Lifetouch for \$19 each!

Orders and payments are available online at <https://YBPay.lifetouch.ca>.

Yearbook ID code: **14397221**.

The deadline to order is **June 25, 2020**.

AHS ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: JUNE EDITION

The June edition of the [AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter](#) is now available. It focuses on helping kids grow up great. Companion resources are also available for sharing each of the four themes through your social media platforms.

- [Helping kids grow up great](#)
- [Every child has a spark](#)
- [Show kids you care](#)
- [40 developmental assets](#)

TEACHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to announce the following teacher changes for the **2021-2022** school year:

The following teachers will be moving to new classes:

- **Mrs. Tanya Gottstein** will be moving from 2R to 5R
- **Mrs. Lesley King** will be moving from 1R to 2R

We bid a fond farewell to the following teachers:

- **Mrs. Toby Clayton** will be moving to Texas to be closer to family. We will miss her and wish her all the best!
- **Mr. Bill Stetzenko** is retiring this year. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement!

We welcome the following teachers:

- **Mrs. Ashley Becigneul** returns to Westboro Elementary as the KR/KL teacher after completing her maternity leave. Welcome back Mrs. Becigneul!
- **Mrs. Jamie Davis** will be joining the Westboro family as the new Grade 1R teacher. Welcome Mrs. Davis!

A message from Mrs. Davis:

Hello Westboro Warriors! My name is Jamie Davis and I am so excited to be joining your wonderful learning community this fall. A little bit about me - September, 2021 will be my 21st year as an educator. In that time I have taught almost every grade 1-9, as well as adults. What I have learned in my time is that I absolutely love spending my days with curious kiddos laughing, exploring and learning together. Outside of school, I am the mother of a curious nine (almost ten) year old son who, at the moment loves dinosaurs. He will be going into grade 5 next year! I am also a "fur mommy" to a young, energetic ShihTzu dog named "Tiny Bear." As I write this, I feel like I will be enrolling him in a dog training school next year! In our family time together we love to read, swim, and partake in outdoor adventures. I cannot wait to meet you all in September!

REACH OUT - WE ARE HERE TO HELP: A LETTER FROM MRS. RICHARD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Since 2017, along with being the Fine Arts teacher I have also had the privilege of acting in a lead role for Indigenous Studies at Westboro. We have worked hard to establish foundational knowledge and do our part in both truth and reconciliation. I have learned and continue to learn alongside your children. On Wednesday we wore orange to school to recognize the 215 children from Kamloops Residential School. There may be questions arising in your home as a result of this news, some of which you may or may not know how to answer. Perhaps this truth coming to light has moved you to begin your own journey into truth and reconciliation but you are unsure where or how to begin. I encourage you to please reach out. We are a community, a family here at Westboro and I will do all I can to assist you no matter where you are in your journey.

Additionally, we also want to remind you that our counsellor, Mrs. Graziano, is available to talk with any student who may be navigating new or triggered emotions as a result of this news. Again, please reach out - dianna.graziano@eips.ca.

If you are looking for some resources to get you started:

- EIPS has created a new [blog](#) on their website where they will regularly share information and resources related to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit education throughout the district. It is definitely worth checking out. They have posted a [special addition](#) to support families with resources and information to continue the conversations at home that teachers are having this week at school with students.
- "Speaking Our Truth" by Monique Gray Smith is excellent for older grades and for adults. We have multiple copies at the school and would be happy to sign them out to your child upon request.
- The [Stepping Stones series](#) was created by the Alberta Teacher's Association for educators, but would also be very helpful as a first step for parents wanting to learn more.
- The [Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) has a variety of resources to explore about residential schools, including stories from some individuals who attended residential school. We have used [Rev. Mary Battaja's](#) story when completing the blanket exercise with grade 5 students in previous years.
- The [First Nations Children and Family Caring Society](#) has done some beautiful work and is very accessible for parents wanting to explore more with their children.

If you are looking for ways to honour the 215 children from Kamloops Residential School at home, you are interested in purchasing or exploring age-appropriate storybooks to help your child learn about residential schools, you have questions or you just want to have a conversation, please email me.

From my heart to yours,

Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2021-2022

Write-on-Stationery Supplies are now available for ordering. The deadline to order is **July 15, 2021** and delivery to the school will be at the end of **August**.

Please note this is **OPTIONAL**. If you choose not to order, please use the lists on our school website as a guide. Click [here](#) to view the school supply lists for **2021-2022**.

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on **"PARENTS - Order Here"**
- School Name: **Westboro Elementary School - SHERWOOD PARK**
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'.
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm that your order has been received.
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac on-line.

CORRECTION AND VERIFICATION FORM

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there is any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at **780-467-7751**.

2020-21 EIPS PARENT SURVEY: RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: Westboro Elementary](#)

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE 2021

Elk Island Public Schools' Student Transportation has a program for First Time Bus Riders and their parents called the Little Elk Island Adventure. Students and parents will learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Click here for [here](#) for more information including dates and times.

Register now by calling 780-417-5181 or emailing st@eips.ca. **Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Westboro Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Westboro Elementary or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2021-22 REGISTRATION

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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—**fees are due June 30, 2021.**

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@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.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta announced the [Open for Summer](#) plan based on vaccination thresholds and hospitalizations. The Province is [rolling out their vaccination program to eligible Albertans](#). Mask wearing continues to be mandatory. [Mental health](#) and [business supports](#) are available.

IT STARTS WITH YOU

Supporting our economy and getting back to our daily lives starts with staying informed, following provincial restrictions and keeping our community safe.

[Learn more](#)

LOWERED FLAGS

Strathcona County flags were lowered on May 31 to honour the 215 children found in a mass grave at a former Kamloops Residential School. The flags will remain lowered for 215 hours.

SPRAY PARKS

Select spray parks are now open! Click [here](#) for more information!

PICKLEBALL COURTS

NEW! Four more pickleball courts now open at the Josephburg Pickleball courts.

The opening of the courts represents the wonderful partnership between Strathcona County and the Josephburg Agricultural Society (JAS).

In addition to the four outdoor courts, the new facility includes two basketball courts.

Visit <http://ow.ly/40sk50F2vNe> or call 780-467-2211 for more information about pickleball and other outdoor court locations.

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Get ready! Strathcona County summer program registration starts at 7 a.m. on June 8 and on June 16 for swimming. Half-day, week-long programs meet current Alberta Health guidelines.

Summer programs are for youth ages 3 to 17 years.

Check out our preschool, youth, sport, outdoor, visual arts and performing arts programs!

<https://reconline.strathcona.ca/.../category/browse/PROGSP>



STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY
SUMMER GAMES 2021
JUNE 26 - AUGUST 29
scl.beanstack.org

Earn digital badges for reading and completing activity challenges over the summer! Keep your mind active while getting the chance to win draw prizes.

Open to residents of Strathcona County. Non-residents may participate, but are not eligible to win prizes.

Kids' Summer Challenge

Ages 5-12

Fuel your curiosity in the Kids' Summer Challenge! Earn badges by logging each day that you take time to read and by digging into activity challenges that spark discovery and creativity. With each badge you earn, you are automatically entered into our weekly prize draws, as well as the grand prize draws at the end of the summer.

Teen Summer Challenge

Ages 11-18

Log your time spent reading and complete activity challenges to earn badges. For every badge you earn, you will automatically be entered into our weekly prize draws. You will also earn tickets which you can put towards the grand prize draws of your choice.

The whole family can play!

We also have games for preschool children and adults! [Visit scl.beanstack.org](http://scl.beanstack.org) to learn more.

