



June 25, 2021



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

*Weekly Newsletter*

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**June 25:** Report cards go live at 3 p.m.

**June 28:** Last operational day (school closed to students)

**August 25:** School reopens (school closed to students)

**September 1:** Classes resume

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## YEAR END MESSAGE FROM MR. LASTIWKA

So here we have arrived at the end of the school year. It goes without saying that this has been a challenging year. Covid-19 has so profoundly affected every aspect of our lives and school is no different.

Despite these challenges and our school closures in December and May, this has been a successful year. It was successful because as a school, we were able to do the things that a school does. We had students in classrooms learning. Our teachers worked extra hard on not only keeping our kids safe, but in providing lessons for our students that were both fun and engaging. Our mission carried on and our students achieved academic success.

Not only did we achieve academic success, but we were most successful in having a safe place for our students to come to school, make friends and be kids. I have never been so amazed to watch a group of students care for themselves and others in such a remarkable way as I have witnessed this year. It is my profound hope that the lessons our students have learned about caring for and supporting each other this year will stay with them for the rest of their lives. I wish you all the best of summers.

To our grade 6 students and those that are leaving us today, we wish you well on whatever path life's journey takes you on. For those coming back, I wish you a safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you all on September 1st.

Mr. Lastiwka

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW VICE PRINCIPAL

Hello Westboro Community!

My name is Tracey Prouse, and I am so very excited to join the Westboro family as Assistant Principal for the upcoming school year. I have worked as an elementary teacher in several schools for both Sturgeon and Elk Island School Divisions, and I have heard so many wonderful things about the Westboro staff and community. I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

Tracey

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is a summary of changes with our staff in the upcoming year:

### We are saying good-bye to:

#### **Mrs. Labrecque**

Congrats on your new assignment as principal of Fort Saskatchewan Elementary.

#### **Mr. Stetzenko**

We wish you many happy years in your retirement.

#### **Mrs. Clayton**

Thank you for your hard work this year and good luck on your journey...wherever that might be.

#### **Mrs. Reyburn**

Thank you for all of your hard work and we hope to see you again very soon.

#### **Mrs. Watson**

Thank you for repeatedly stepping in when needed and doing an excellent job with our music program under such difficult conditions. Your work is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

### We are welcoming:

#### **Mrs. Prouse**

Mrs. Prouse comes to us in her roll as the new Assistant Principal from Fultonvale Junior High/Elementary.

#### **Mrs. Davis**

Mrs. Davis will be teaching grade one and comes to us from Brentwood Elementary.

#### **Mrs. Battiston**

Mrs. Battiston will be working in our STEPS class next year.

#### **Mrs. Ho**

Mrs. Ho will be working in our PLACE program and comes to us from the PLACE program at Clover Bar.

#### **Mrs. Wall**

Mrs. Wall comes to us as an educational assistant from Pine Street.

#### **Mrs. Bilawey**

Mrs. Bilawey will be joining us again as an educational assistant in our inclusive program.

#### **Mrs. Resalat**

Mrs. Resalat will be joining us again as an educational assistant in our inclusive program.

## FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Grades 1 - 6 classes resume on **Wednesday, September 1**, before the long weekend.

This week of school will be a staggered start for our kindergarten classes which was previously scheduled in June. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office on or after August 25 for your start date.

Full-day Logos kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 8 and full-day Regular kindergarten classes will begin on Thursday, September 9.

## FRIENDS CLUB DAYCARE AND OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

The accredited and licensed Friends' Club Daycare and Out of School Care, housed inside Westboro Elementary School is now accepting registration for children 3 to 5 years old, Kindergarten children and grade 1 to 6 students.

We offer a breakfast program and afternoon snacks, indoor sports in our school gymnasium, outdoor play, soccer club, baking/cooking club, fun projects, field trips, arts, crafts and games.

Full time child care spaces are available and subsidized as available.

For more information about our programs and services, please call us at 780-707-4481 or e-mail: [kspa2006@gmail.com](mailto:kspa2006@gmail.com). We are happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Our center provides a quality preschool and kindergarten program that enhances the overall development of children through the creation of a positive self-concept, encouraging a love of learning and developing the skills to play, and interacting cooperatively in a group setting. These objectives are fulfilled through a "learn through play" environment with an emphasis on the social, emotional, physical, creative and intellectual development of each child. By providing a "learn through play" environment, each child can learn to develop at an individual pace while within an environment that is safe, friendly and stimulating; the children are provided with "free play" time. The child may choose his or her own area to play with toys, puzzles or games, the activity centers, participate in a craft or select a quiet area for reading or just being alone. During circle time, the children sing, participate in group discussions and stories that enable them to learn about themselves and the world.

In addition, all special occasions and holidays such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day etc. will be celebrated with parties or special activities. Outside play is also an important part of the curriculum.

# 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](http://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.

# LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURES

Dates are set for Little Elk Island Adventure 2021. The events provide first-time riders and their parents with an opportunity to learn more about riding the bus. Sessions will take place in Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan in late **August 2021**. [Details and registration links](#) are available on the Division website. 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

The session includes an opportunity for parents and their student to take a short ride on a school bus. In Sherwood Park, parents and students will have the enhanced opportunity to learn about and visit the SAL transfer site.

## Little Elk Island Adventure 2021 Dates and Locations

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

***Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.***

# SUMMER HOURS AT ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Throughout the summer break, Westboro Elementary is closed. We reopens on August 25 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

## **EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24**

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

## **Statutory Holidays**

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 2 Heritage Day

**NOTE:** Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

# 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 [ste@eips.ca](mailto:ste@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://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.

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*From all the staff at Westboro Elementary*

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!**



# Strathcona County Information

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting July 1, more County programs, services, amenities and increased capacities will continue re-opening as part of the Province's "Open for Summer" plan. There are big changes ahead, and we know it's a lot to take in. It's okay to be excited, and it's okay to be nervous. Here are some important points: Masks will remain mandatory on public transit, rideshares, taxis and in some healthcare settings. Masks and physical distancing aren't mandatory indoors as of July 1, but we do recommend them. Please stay home if you're unwell. Our staff will keep wearing masks in some settings. Hand sanitizer, plexiglass barriers and enhanced cleaning will stay in place. More programs and services will begin re-opening over the coming weeks, based on staffing, space and ratios. Stay updated on what's on now and what's coming at <https://reonline.strathcona.ca> and <https://bit.ly/3rrMRkt>. Read all the details: <https://bit.ly/3heLmmn>

## CANADA DAY WEEK

Celebrate Canada Day in Strathcona County for a full week this year! From June 28 to July 4, Strathcona County will be offering the community a wide range of FREE in-person, drive-thru and virtual activities for the entire family to celebrate Canada Day. More information here: <https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/festivals-and-events/canada-day-festival/>

## VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

You don't have to be a kid to participate in summer programs! Beginners are welcome to join Sculptural Clay - Outdoors (18+ Y). Pinch, coil, slab and sculpt the clay to create fanciful creations outdoors. In Plein Air Painting (18+ Y), you will be inspired by the beauty of the Smeltzer House grounds while you paint outdoors. Use Recreation Online to register.

Sculptural Clay - Outdoors: <https://reonline.strathcona.ca/.../browse/SEARCHX904...>

Plein Air Painting: <https://reonline.strathcona.ca/.../browse/SEARCHX904...>

All programs have been created to meet the provincial guidelines in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

## SPRING AND SUMMER TIPS

The warm months may be the perfect time to find new or favourite leisure destinations in the County, start that home project or work on the garden. Here are a few things to help you plan.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/council-county/news/covid19/spring-and-summer/>