



October 22, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 25: Scholastic Book Fair

October 26: Online Bookings for Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews **CLOSE**

October 27: Chapel 1 p.m. - Google Meets meeting code: meet.google.com/aee-daxr-tuh

October 27: Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7 p.m.

October 28: Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7 p.m.

October 29: Halloween Dress Up - afternoon only

STUDENT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

October 27 and 28, 2021, 4 - 7 p.m. Bookings close on Tuesday, October 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code> and follow these simple instruction.

1. Enter code: **66ws8**
2. Enter your details.
3. Select the teachers you wish to see.
4. Select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately - **check your junk mail folder**. **Please Note:** Interviews will be held via phone or virtual. Your teacher will let you know which format.

STAY AT HOME GUIDE: WHEN DO I KEEP MY CHILD HOME? REVISED

Use this guide to determine when to keep your child home from school and when it's safe to return. [STAY AT HOME GUIDE: When do I keep my child home?](#)

Complete the COVID-19 [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) with your child every day. The checklist helps determine if it's safe to send your child to school. If your child answers "Yes" to any of the checklist questions, DO NOT send your child to school. Stay home and see the instructions below. If the answer is "No" to all the questions, your child can attend school. Always follow the advice of Alberta Health Services. For more information contact [Health Link](#).

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR STARTS MONDAY!



Dear families,

It's here! Our school's **Scholastic Book Fair** begins Monday!

Students will be able to shop in person during their library period. Parents can shop online at our Virtual Book Fair. Our very own shopping site will be open from **October 25th- Nov 1st**.

Experience the joy of a Book Fair online by joining us!

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5160129>

Share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the **Virtual Book Fair** from the comfort of home.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library.

Thank you for participating in our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!

Mrs. White

HALLOWEEN AT WESTBORO

Halloween can be a very exciting and important event for many families in our regular stream school community. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not going to be able to have our traditional Westboro Halloween activities. This year we will implement the following restrictions:

- Costumes will only be worn in the afternoon.
- Costumes will need to be able to be put on over regular clothes as we have limited access to washrooms and no access to changerooms at this time. As washrooms have capacity limits this year, they will be off limits to students wishing to change into a costume. No inflatable costumes permitted.
- Students can only eat things they bring with them and cannot share any food/treats.
- Any classroom Halloween activities will take place in the last two periods of the day.
- To ensure we continue practicing safe cohorting, activities will occur in the classroom.

CHAPEL

Chapel is on Wednesday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m. It will once again be held virtually. We apologize for the mix-up with our September Chapel for those who tried to login from home. You are invited to attend our October Chapel using this Google Meet code (**you must use a gmail account**): meet.google.com/ae-e-daxr-tuh

POSTCARDS FOR PEACE

If you would like to take some time to recognize a Canadian Armed Forces veteran or a member still currently serving we encourage you to look into this [website](#). Whether you choose to send a postcard or an e-message, your encouragement and gratitude will make a difference in the act of remembrance. You can also [click here](#) for more information on where to send your message."

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY AT WESTBORO

Westboro School's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, November 5th at 10:30 a.m. You can use the following Google Meet code to take part (you must use a gmail account for access): meet.google.com/wdt-virc-rxz

We would like to honour our military families by continuing with our *Wall of Honour*. If there is a relative in your family that has served or is currently serving in the military, please email Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca) for a **Name Plaque** form. It will be sent home with your child and we ask for it to be returned by Thursday, October 28th. These names will be featured on our *Wall of Honour*. If you have submitted a **Name Plaque** in previous years, the school has kept it and it will be displayed again. If there are any changes (ranking, deployments, etc.) please advise that a replacement form is needed.

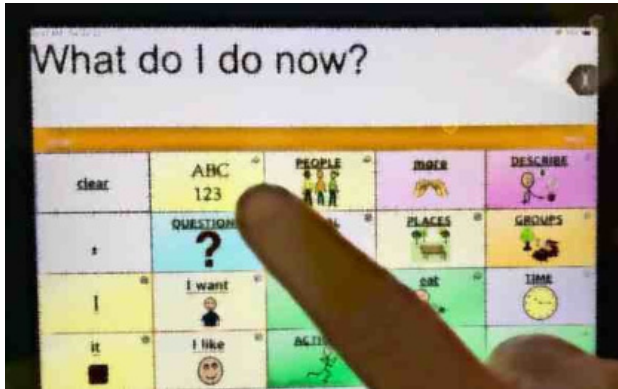
FOR OUR CEREMONY - if you have a picture of a family member who has served or is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, please send a digital copy to Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca). It will be included in our Westboro Family Tribute. It does not have to be a picture of your family member in uniform and can be a picture of your family member with your child(ren) who attend Westboro. Along with the picture, please also include in your email: name of the person/people in the picture, rank (for family member served/serving), and relation to your child(ren) who attend Westboro (i.e. grandfather, aunt, brother, great-grandmother, etc.). Please ensure these are sent by Thursday, October 28th to allow time to add these to our existing tribute.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK POSTER CONTEST

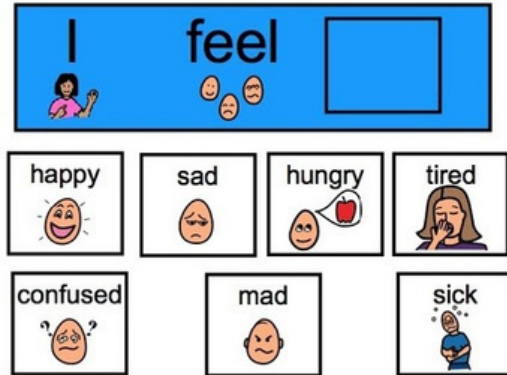
The Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is sponsoring a provincial poster contest for students in kindergarten to Grade 6 to promote School Bus Safety Week, October 17-23. This year's theme is "Bus Rules Rock!" The entry deadline is November 6. [Learn more](#)

AAC AWARENESS MONTH

October is AAC awareness month. Around the world people raise awareness and celebrate the use of augmentative and alternative communication. Some of our Westboro Warriors use AAC devices to help them to communicate because they are unable to use verbal speech. Complex AAC devices can be seen on Ipads that students carry with them. Some less complex forms of communication are picture boards, gestures, facial expressions, drawing and writing. Help us to spread awareness by starting a dinner table discussion with your Westboro Warrior about it. Afterwards, have your family communicate with each other by using only non-verbal ways such as writing, drawing, gestures or facial expressions. Thanks for helping us to raise awareness.



TouchChat on Ipad



Communication Board

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or debit card—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Billie Jean Mepham, Business Manager at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting October 6, private outdoor gatherings are limited to 20 people and 2m distancing. Proof of vaccinations required to access non-essential County services, effective September 20. Masks and physical distancing are mandatory province-wide in all indoor public spaces, workplaces and public vehicles. Albertans 12+ can get vaccinated. View the current Strathcona County COVID-19 case count. Isolation is mandatory if you have COVID-19 or core COVID-19 symptoms. Learn more [here](#).

INCLUSIVE PARENTING

Not sure where to begin when talking to your children about current events or social issues? Join us for Inclusive Parenting virtual sessions to learn ways your family can adopt new practices, foster community inclusion and explore age-appropriate conversations. Participants will be encouraged to be vulnerable, ask questions and learn something new! Anyone who has children or youth in their life is welcome, whether you are a parent, family member or service provider.

Upcoming sessions:

All About Identity - Wednesday, October 20, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Raising Indigenous Allies - Wednesday November 17, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2YVkv9n>

A SAFE AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

We're supporting a safe and healthy Halloween for all trick or treaters this year. Leading up to Halloween, Strathcona County students throughout Kindergarten to Grade 12 will receive a complementary Healthy Halloween pass for a one-time free admission to County recreation facilities, valid until October 31, 2022. RCMP and Enforcement Services officers will be treating youth with 'positive tickets' that grant a free one-time admission to rec facilities. Emergency Services crews will also join the spooktacular fun on Halloween by handing out treats (as resources allow). We have fun Halloween recreation events, including free family skates and swims that are accessible to all.

You're invited to display an [#inclusive](#) Halloween poster at your home to show all trick or treaters are welcome. Visit our website for the poster & inclusive tips <http://ow.ly/j4SC50GspLc>.

Visit our website for info about Halloween recreation events, including free family skates and swims that are accessible to all. More info: <https://bit.ly/2XuoXeK>