



December 10, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 13-17: In-School Field Trip - December Artist Project

December 15: Chapel 1:00 p.m.

December 15: School and Transportation Fee Waiver Deadline

December 17: Crazy Christmas Sweater Day

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2021

We are very excited for our families to view the debut of our 2021 concert "Christmas Together" tonight (December 10, 2021) at 6:30 p.m. There were so many creative opportunities with this virtual format and we hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed making it for you. We are sure you will see how hard the students worked to put it all together. The link for the concert can be found in BrightSpace as shared earlier in the week. Merry Christmas, love Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Watson!

CHAPEL

KL will be hosting our December Chapel on Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend over Google Meet using the following code (you must have a gmail address to join in): meet.google.com/auj-grdt-yjr

Our Logos Society will also be hosting a special event over Google Meet on Monday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. for all families. Join us for a time of fellowship as you connect with other families in the Logos program, meet our Logos Society president, sing some Christmas carols, and listen to the Christmas story. All families are invited to attend over Google Meet using the following code (you must have a gmail address to join in): meet.google.com/siw-nvdp-iwj

IN-SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

We are excited to have artist Crystal Driedger back at our school next week working with many classes on a special art project. Thank you to so many parents who offered to volunteer to help with this in-school field trip. We are excited to have parents back in the school and look forward to families seeing what students create next week.

CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND PJ DAY

Thank you to our wonderful parents Carla Diduck, Janel Park, and Tracy and Jeff Dickie, along with the financial support of our wonderful School Council, we are pleased to bring back our annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, December 21**. The pancakes will be pre-packaged and provided by McDonalds.

McDonalds cannot guarantee that there is no peanut cross contamination in their food, so if your student has a severe peanut allergy and you would **not** like your student to participate in the breakfast, please let the school office know by **Wednesday, December 15** and we will find an alternative. If your student has a gluten intolerance we will work on an alternative for that as well.

We are asking families to donate \$2 to help support the cost of the pancake breakfast.

Don't forget to wear your pjs to school that day as well!!

PARENT REMINDERS

- Please remember to send your child to school **wearing a mask** along with extras in their backpack. We have many students arriving at school with no mask as well as students who require extras throughout day.
- Please send your child to school with a **water bottle** and **utensils** to eat their lunch. Lately we have had many students requesting these items.
- Now that the colder weather has arrived, please send your child to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing. This includes a warm jacket, snow pants, warm footwear, mitts and a hat. Students will be outside for recess and will need to be dressed appropriately.

WINTER BREAK

Westboro Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 23, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022

Open January 4; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

FEE WAIVER DEADLINE

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is **Dec. 15, 2021**. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of **Dec. 15, 2021**, or 45 days after registration.

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 or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

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 and more.

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 Billie Jean Mepham at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

NEW! Youth 12-17 may need to show proof of vaccination beginning December 15. All Albertans 5+ can now get vaccinated. Proof of completed vaccination series with personal QR code is the only accepted vaccination proof for all non-essential services. Negative test or medical exemptions are accepted. Private outdoor gatherings are limited to 20 people and 2m distancing. Masks and physical distancing are mandatory province-wide in all indoor public spaces, workplaces and public vehicles. View the current Strathcona County COVID-19 case count. Isolation is mandatory if you have COVID-19 or core COVID-19 symptoms. [Learn more.](#)

FREE SANTA SKATE

Join us at the Glen Allan Recreation Complex for our annual Santa skate on December 12 from 1-3 p.m. This free skate will feature holiday decorations, lights and music.

- Skate rentals are available at no cost
- Take-home goodie bags will be available (while supplies last)
- Self-serve photo booth in front of the Christmas tree in the lobby

Don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas sweater or Santa hat!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/322978969686381/?ref=newsfeed>

SANTA CONVOY

Santa and friends will be visiting Strathcona County neighbourhoods from a distance this year during the Santa Convoy.

The convoy will parade Santa through Sherwood Park on December 18th and rural county towns on December 19th. Wave to Santa and his helpers from the comfort and safety of your driveway to wish them a happy holiday season on their journey.

- Saturday, December 18: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, December 19: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (rural Strathcona County route)

Learn more about the Santa convoy, including planned route maps and schedules:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../festi.../winter-activities/...>

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Winter program registration is almost here:

December 7: all programs (except swimming)

December 14: swimming programs

Registration starts at 7 a.m. on both days. All winter programs are now available for viewing if you can't bear waiting until registration day:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../activi.../recreation-programs/>