



# February 18, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY Weekly Newsletter

# **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

February 21: Family Day - No School for Staff or Students

February 23: Pink Shirt Day February 23: Chapel 1:00 p.m.

**February 25:** Online ordering for the Little Caesars fundraiser closes **February 25:** Paper orders and payment for the Little Caesars fundraiser

are due to your teacher

# **CELEBRATING KINDNESS AT WESTBORO**













# **CHAPEL**

Class 4L will be hosting our February Chapel on Wednesday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend over Google Meets using the following code: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ien-ehfd-rho">https://meet.google.com/ien-ehfd-rho</a>

Please note: You must have a gmail address to join in.

## **EIPS UPDATED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

Below find changes made to the EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-22.

### Page. 10: Proof of Vaccination

All EIPS facilities require proof of full vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result, from employees and contractors. All unvaccinated employees must participate in the Division's mandatory rapid testing program. As always, <u>daily screening</u>, mask use, physical distancing and proper hand hygiene are still required for anyone—staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors, 13 and older—entering an EIPS school or building.

#### Page 15: Spectators

- Spectators are permitted at indoor practices, games and performance events.
- All spectators, except EIPS students and children 12 and younger, must wear a mask and physically distance, whenever possible.
- EIPS recommends spectators are limited to family only, at this time.
- EIPS reviews its protocols for spectators on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

### Page 19: Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors, volunteers and contractors are permitted in the school or workplace as long as they have a specific reason for being there and follow the site-visitor protocol—appointments are recommended. EIPS schools no longer require proof of vaccination. However, given the continued presence and high transmissibility of the Omicron variant, onsite rapid testing is mandatory for all volunteers when entering an EIPS building—kits available at the school. As well, anyone entering an EIPS school or building must complete the COVID-19 <u>Alberta Health Daily Checklist</u>, sign the visitor log, sanitize hands, physically distance and wear a medical-grade mask.

### Page 21: After-Hours Rentals

EIPS after-hours facility rentals are operational. Rental groups must adhere to the Division's operational guidelines and the province's <u>public-health orders</u>, including:

- physical distancing;
- mask use for anyone 13 years or older;
- screening for symptoms; and
- spectators permitted.

# **PINK SHIRT DAY**



# Pink Shirt Day is on February 23

#BeKindAB #PinkShirtDay

Bullying Helpline: 1-888-456-2323

Alberta.ca/BullyingChat

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This year's theme, #BeKindAB, encourages us to be intentionally inclusive, welcoming and supportive with our colleagues, clients, friends and family. Building healthy relationships is one of the best ways to prevent bullying and create safe environments. Showing kindness can be as simple as asking someone to join you for lunch and as profound as standing up for someone in moments that matter.

Here are some ways you can participate in Pink Shirt Day:

- Learn what you can do to prevent bullying
- Learn how to stay safe if you are being bullied
- Share Pink Shirt Day resources and raise awareness on social media using #PinkShirtDay and #BeKindAB

Let's be kind, take care of one another and make Alberta a safe and healthy place to live. We all have a role to play.



Call 1-888-456-2323 toll-free Available 24/7 | 170+ languages



Bullying Helpline Chat

alberta.ca/BullyingChat Available 24/7 | English



Resources

Download and share resources to help prevent bullying throughout the year



# **Community Connections Parent Night:**

"Foundations of Connection"

Hosted by Sherwood Heights Junior High Presénted by community partners Saffron Centre & Strathcona County Family and Community Services

February 23, 2022 6:00-7:30 pm

We would like to invite all EIPS parents to join us to learn about elements of healthy relationships including boundaries and consent. We will explore the language you can use and how to develop healthy habits with your children. We'll also discuss how to teach your children about consent, conflict, and how to recognize healthy or unhealthy behaviours in others.

Join us online at our Teams Link Click Here!











# Little Caesars

#### WESTBORO ELEMENTARY LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER

Make our world famous pizzas with your family in vour own kitchen!

By popular demand we are kicking off a Little Caesars Fundraiser! Your co-workers. neighbours and family will enjoy purchasing a quality meal they can cook up right at home with their own favourite toppings! Plan ahead and have plenty of Pizza Kits on hand for game nights, busy activity evenings, sleepovers or birthday parties! As a reminder, if the Pizza Kits thaw once you can refreeze them for up to 3 months. Money raised to be used for a new scooter rack and a new book bin for the library! Please help reach our goal of 1000 kits sold.

How: Collect payment at the time you take orders. Cheques need to be made payable

to Westboro Parents Group. Fill out the top portion of your order form with your

name and your contact phone number.

When: Sale start date. Day 01/31/22

> Day 02/25/22 Online ordering closes.

Day 02/25/22 Paper orders and payment due to your teacher.

Double check your totals.

Make sure paper forms are LEGIBLE. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Late orders are not eligible for top seller awards.

Week of 03/14/22 Delivery of Pizza Kits will take place. We will keep you

informed when we know the exact day.

Where: Pickup will be here at school. We will not be responsible for any kits remaining

> after 6:00pm, as we do not have storage space for them. Please make arrangements with us if you feel you will be later than 6 pm. Remember, if the

products thaw they can be refrozen once.

If you do not wish to use the paper forms you can order the Pizza Kits online:

Go to www.pizzakit.ca (Make sure you are on the Canadian website.) Click on products and then shop. Support our fundraiser by providing our Fundraiser ID# 404029 and pay with credit card. Your pizza kits will be delivered the same day

as our order!

Questions: Please feel free to call the school with any questions or email

WestboroParents@gmail.com

As always, thank you for your support and participation! See back for awards!!



# GOALS AND AWARDS

Our goal is to sell 100 items!

When we reach our goal the whole school will celebrate with a crazy hair day!

Every student that submits an order will go into a draw for spirit swag! Every class has a winner!

Sell 5 or more items – If you sell 5 or more items, your name will go into a draw for a brand new book of your choice from Scholastic! Every grade will have a winner!

Sell 10 or more items – Lunch with the Principal or Vice Principal! – Every seller that sells 10 or more items your name will go into a draw to have lunch with Mr. Lastikwa or Mrs Prouse! We will pick 4 winners!

Top Selling Class - The top selling classroom with the most participation (based on average # of kits sold per # of students in a class) will receive a Pizza Party!

Top Sellers – The top seller from each class will get to blindly choose one gift card from a basket! Gift cards will have a value from \$5 - \$25!





Top Seller in the School will win a brand new scooter donated by Mud Sweat and Gears Sherwood Park!

2nd Place will win a brand new helmet!

3<sup>rd</sup> Place will win a \$25 Gift Card to Chapters!

\*prizes on display in the office!

<sup>\*\*</sup>Top seller awards are based on total items sold.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Late orders are not eligible for top seller awards.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Top seller awards may be prorated and adjusted if we do not reach our goal.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additional prizes may be added.

# COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process is now open. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2022–23 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2022.

To access the Returning Student Registration Form, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you do need to set one up. For help see: Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account.

For more information contact the school directly.

#### **RELATED INFORMATION:**

Returning Student Registration Process
Frequently Asked Questions
EIPS School Boundary Maps
Closed boundaries 2022-23
Find my designated school
Applying to a non-designated school

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at <a href="eips.ca/kindergarten">eips.ca/kindergarten</a>.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online <u>EIPS Kindergarten</u> <u>Tool kit</u> to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <a href="https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten">https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten</a>.

# **Strathcona County Information**

# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

For latest COVID-19 information click here.

## **JOIN THE CHOOSE KIND MOVEMENT!**

Everyone is invited to join the Choose Kind movement and support our community-driven social outcomes of safety, connectedness and inclusion. This year's Choose Kind initiative includes activities related to <u>Safer Internet Day</u>, <u>Random Acts of Kindness Day</u> and <u>Pink Shirt Day</u>! It's easy! Between February 9-28, enter to win a Choose Kind wellness package, valued at \$100.00. More info here. Choose Kind Full Contest Rules

## **FAMILY DAY FUN**

Round up your family this week for some fun out in the sun and delicious pizza & pasta provided by some amazing local businesses! \$1 from every order placed this week is donated to Everybody Gets to Play:

February 14-20: Visit Pasta Pantry & Trattoria and order a large pasta

February 15–21: Visit Panago Pizza and order a large pizza

## FREE FAMILY PLAY DAY

Visit us at The Broadmoor for a fun-filled <u>Family Day Play Day</u> February 19 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Visit the Broadmoor Golf Course for a FREE Family Day Play Day (RSVP: <a href="https://bit.ly/3oQOlWv">https://bit.ly/3oQOlWv</a>)

- Maple sugar sticks
- Snowshoeing (weather-dependent)
- Enchanted princesses
- Brasstactics live music
- Scavenger hunt with great prizes
- Hot chocolate

Learn more about how the Everybody Gets to Play program supports our community through subsidized recreation: <a href="https://www.strathcona.ca/.../aff.../everybody-gets-to-play/">https://www.strathcona.ca/.../aff.../everybody-gets-to-play/</a>

How about a FREE Family Day edition of our Songs S'mores & More program?

Gather around a crackling campfire and share in themed songs, stories and activities at

Broadmoor Lake Park:

Sunday, February 20: <a href="https://bit.ly/3rWVUNr">https://bit.ly/3rWVUNr</a>

Monday, February 21: <a href="https://bit.ly/3gVlsEc">https://bit.ly/3gVlsEc</a>

Songs S'mores & More is free but requires advance registration. Spots are filling up quickly, reserve your spot before they're gone!