



March 11, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 13:** Daylight Savings Time - Clocks move ahead 1 hour
- Mar 14:** Online bookings for Student Parent Teacher Interviews open 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 15:** [Virtual Gathering of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Parents and families 7:00 p.m.](#)
- Mar 16:** School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. A link to the Google Meet will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com)
- Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day - **Wear green to school!**
- Mar 18:** Report Cards go live at 3:00 p.m. Log into your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to view your student's report card

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda March 16, 2022](#)

[Advocacy Resolutions Package 2022](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on February 16, 2022.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2022](#)

[Westboro Parents Group Meeting Minutes February 16, 2022](#)

### COVID-19

With the lifting of restrictions the provincial isolation requirements for those who test positive for COVID-19 symptoms or experience COVID-19 symptoms **remain unchanged** (see, [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Check List](#)).

Stay home when sick: Anyone who feels unwell or has symptoms of respiratory illness should stay home (see, [Stay-at-Home Guide: For families](#))

When reporting a student's absence, **a reason is necessary**. If your child is ill, **we will need to know what the symptoms of the illness are** as part of the COVID-19 screening requirement.

Thank you.

# VIRTUAL STUDENT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

March 22 and 23, 2022 (4 - 7 p.m.)

Bookings open **Monday, March 14 at 8:30 a.m.** and close on **Monday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m.**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code: **w9kpx** or use the QR Code below



1. Enter your details.
2. Select the teachers you wish to see.
3. 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.**

## ITEMS REQUEST

As is tradition at Westboro, our grade 6 students will be working on a STOMP-style project in Music and Drama after spring break. Mrs. Richard is looking for a variety of odd, miscellaneous items. If you have any of the following items and are no longer in need of them, please contact Mrs. Richard at [courtney.richard@eips.ca](mailto:courtney.richard@eips.ca). We will be unable to return them as they get quite damaged and worn in our many practices due to the nature of this project. With thanks for your consideration!

- Plastic baby bottles, sippy cups, smaller baby toys (blocks, etc.)
- Walkers/Canes
- Diaper boxes
- Sturdy play food (wood would be ideal)
- Globe - doesn't matter if it is to date
- Crayon Box (crayons not needed)

# WESTBORO WARRIOR'S KNEE SLAPPER CONTEST

Mrs. Perrotta and the PLACE 2 team would like to send out a grateful Hardy-Har-Har to everyone for entering our Warrior Knee Slapper Joke Contest.

Natasha and Naomi from 6L and Taylor and Alexander from 6R helped to sort out over 100 SPRING themed jokes and choose 1 winner from each grade!

Winning jokes are now displayed on our spring themed courtyard windows for everyone to see as they walk by!

Every morning in our announcements will have 1 new joke read from the contest starting with our winners so we can "Spring Forward with Laughter!"

## Our Winners are:

Casey from KL

Nolan from 1L

Amelia 2L

Brayden 3R

Savannah 4L

Emma 5R

Abnijot 6R

Charlie PLACE 2

Ms. T from STEPS Classroom



AND finally, the joke with the most entries was:

*How excited was the gardener about Spring?*

*He was so excited that he "wet his plants" WAKKA! WAKKA!  
WAKKA!*

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR VIRTUAL FAMILY GATHERINGS MARCH 15

- Many thanks to those who joined us in January and February. In the last meeting, Elder Wilson started us off with a prayer and we heard from our friends at Rupertsland Institute about programs and supports for Métis children and families. For our last meeting, we would like to hear from you about what you would like to see next year regarding Indigenous Education and supports.
- We look forward to seeing you all again. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email one of us at:
  - [jeremy.albert@eips.ca](mailto:jeremy.albert@eips.ca)
  - [harlee.mcarthur@eips.ca](mailto:harlee.mcarthur@eips.ca)
  - [cheryl.devine@eips.ca](mailto:cheryl.devine@eips.ca)
- Sessions will take place online using Microsoft Teams Meetings. Join on your computer or mobile app. **If you are interested in attending, fill out the [registration](#) form and the link will be emailed to you on March 14th**

## INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE SURVEY

- 2022 marks the beginning of the **Decade of Indigenous Languages** as declared by The United Nations General Assembly. The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team would like to begin gathering information that informs us on how to move forward with language learning opportunities for EIPS students and families.
- We invite families to complete a [short online survey](#) as one of our first steps in envisioning what language learning can look like in our Division.
- We're excited to think of the possibilities for students and families and thank you in advance for your input and ideas.
- Thank you also to the family members in our January and February virtual gathering for sharing their wishes for Indigenous language opportunities.

## ELDERBEARY DAY

- Elderbeary day takes place on March 20
- Please see the link to learn more: <https://fncaringsociety.com/elderbeary-day>

# FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

**A Big Thank you to our Students and Parents for making the Pizza Kit fundraiser so successful!**

**We raised \$3250 and kids should see the new book bin and scooter rack this spring!**

**Crazy Hair Day is March 24!**

**A Huge Thank You to our Sponsors!**

**Mud Sweat and Gears  
Sherwood Park**

**McDonald's on Wye Rd**

**Circle K on Granada Blvd**

**& Confetti Sweets**



**Winners of prizes will be announced next week!!**

# MEASURING SUCCESS: COMPLETE THIS YEAR'S ALBERTA EDUCATION ASSURANCE SURVEY

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

Throughout March, Grade 4 students and teachers at Westboro Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 25, 2022.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

## RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

# Strathcona County Information

## COVID-19 UPDATE

For latest COVID-19 information click [here](#).

## SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Spring registration is on now for all programs except swimming.

- Adult / older adult
- Child, youth and teen
- Visual arts
- Performing arts
- Preschool
- Outdoor pursuits
- Spring break

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

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

**Smoke alarms save lives.**

When changing the clocks this weekend, remember to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. They should also be tested every month. Make it a habit.

Learn more about smoke alarm safety

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../fir.../smoke-alarm-safety-tips>

## PERFORMING ARTS

We have a fun lineup of programs to help expand your music and drama skills.

### **IMPROV programs (grades 4-12)**

Develop acting skills, sharpen your wit and humour and expand your imagination:

- Makin' stuff up Improv (gr 4-6): <https://bit.ly/3vPrHC5>
- Off the Cuff Improv (gr 7-9): <https://bit.ly/3KrsI7I>
- Improv Zone (gr 10-12): <https://bit.ly/3pQ7E2J>

### **Ukelele programs (ages 8Y-14Y+)**

Learn how to hold and play the ukelele, or advance your existing skills to become a master:

- Uke in the Park (8Y-13Y): <https://bit.ly/35z6hPf>
- Uke in the Park (14Y+): <https://bit.ly/3tCXQuC>
- Uke in the Park - level 2 (12Y+): <https://bit.ly/37feybq>