



March 24, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 25:** No school for Day-in-lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 28 - April 1:** Spring Break - School is closed to staff and students
- April 4:** Classes Resume
- April 6:** Early Dismissal
- April 7:** [World Health Day](#)

### GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend Westboro Elementary's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

You'll get to:

- tour the school;
- meet the teacher;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.

#### **Kindergarten Information Night 2022:**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 3

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westboro Elementary, 1078 Strathcona Drive

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available on the school website [www.westborelementary.ca](http://www.westborelementary.ca)

## SPRING BREAK

Westboro Elementary will be closed from March 25 to April 1 for Spring Break and will reopen on Monday, April 4. If you need to speak with someone during this time, contact EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

From all the staff at Westboro Elementary, we wish you a relaxing and wonderful Spring Break. We look forward to seeing all our students back on April 4.

## SPRING OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We are excited to see spring has finally arrived. However, that means a lot of puddles. We ask students to stay away from these puddles but we also recommend students wear splash pants, rubber boots and bring an extra change of clothes to school this time of year.

## WATCH FOR THIN ICE

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

### **Did you know?**

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO EIPS VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week takes place April 24-30. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all EIPS volunteers and school families for your support over the last 24 months. Collectively, we've had to react, shift and adapt throughout the various COVID-19 waves and changing public-health restrictions. Despite that, EIPS volunteers showed tremendous flexibility, commitment and creativity to ensure schools continue providing exceptional education and opportunities for all students.

So, thank you for your time, efforts and support. It's inspiring and making a difference in the lives of students. I encourage everyone to join in this year's National Volunteer Week by celebrating the hundreds of volunteers within EIPS and reflecting on the role of volunteers in our future.

Trina Boymook Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

## HAVE YOUR SAY! THE 2022 EIPS PARENT SURVEY NOW OPEN:

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2022 EIPS Parent Survey—open from March 14–27. Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

[VISIT EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 14–27](#)

**NOTE:** The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again

## 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](#).

## TRY IT! FREE SPORT AND CULTURE FUN DAY

Come and try out multiple sports and cultural activities hosted by local non-profit groups at Millennium Place on **Saturday, March 26!** All activities are free to try, and many friendly faces will be on site to help you choose a sport or culture activity that fits your interests.

More information [here](#).

## SPRING SWIMMING REGISTRATION IS NOW ON

Choose from Red Cross swim kids, private and adapted lessons, parent & tot, ocean sports, leadership certifications and more.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../recreatio.../aquatic-programs/>

## SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Do you have a child who's an outdoorsy type or a curious creative? We still have room in a few of our programs.

### **Strathcona Wilderness Centre day camps**

Puddle Jumpers (5-7Y) will be splashing up a storm, while Wild Sprouts (8-12Y) are out exploring the forest.

March 28-April 1

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/3D1BfeV>

### **Gallery@501 Camp Creative (6Y-12Y)**

Fun-filled gallery activities, hands-on studio time and guided visits to the SC Library and public art sites.

March 28-April 1

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pre-care & post-care available

Register now: <https://bit.ly/3JwO57w>

View all upcoming spring break programs

<https://reconline.strathcona.ca/.../browse/PROGX921SB>