



April 8, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**April 13:** School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. A link will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com).

**April 15:** Good Friday - No school for staff or students

### HOT LUNCH IS BACK!

**Welcome Back, Westboro Parents!!!**

We are so excited to be able to offer Hot Lunch again!!!

Our 1st menu will be a Booster Juice and COBS lunch on **April 25th!** Ordering for this menu runs from **Monday, April 11 to Sunday April 17, 2022.** Payment can be made by cash or cheque only. Please make cheques out to **Westboro Parents Group.** The last day to send in money will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022. *No late orders or payment can be accepted.*

Please visit our Hot Lunch online ordering system at:

<https://westboro.hotlunches.net>

Please follow instructions on the main page. **Access code is WBHL**

Once the students have been added to the system, you will be able to place lunch orders when the menu opens on **April 11th.**

**IT'S THAT EASY! Don't delay register!!!**

If you have any questions, contact Allison Usher at [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda April 13, 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](#)

## 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.

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)

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Red flashing lights are used throughout Elk Island Public Schools, with the exception of urban Sherwood Park and the City of Fort Saskatchewan. School bus safety is everyone's responsibility.



## SPREAD THE WORD: EIPS IS HIRING SUBSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Do you know someone who's great at working with children and youth and eager to support student learning? Someone who's looking for a flexible schedule and variety in their day-to-day tasks? Spread the word! Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hiring substitute educational assistants (EA) to work on a casual, on-call basis supporting all school locations.

EAs are integral to the school team, assisting teachers with instructional and non-instructional tasks in the classroom and other school activities. Whether it's working one-on-one with individual students or with a small group of students in a class or special program, EAs provide support and assistance to help students achieve success. Substitute EAs are critical to ensuring the continuity of student learning each and every day.

Substitute EAs are needed to fill positions until the end of the school year. If you know someone who'd be great in this role, encourage them to [apply today](#).

## JUNIOR HIGH INFORMATION NIGHTS

Each junior high in the Division hosts an information night in the spring. These events are an opportunity for you to take a tour of your new school, meet the teachers, get a sneak peek at the classrooms and learn about the upcoming curriculum at your child's junior high school. All [Junior High Information Nights](#) are now posted on the Division website.

## PALS FAMILY SESSIONS

Do you have a child currently in the PALS pre-kindergarten program? Join [Elk Island Public Schools](#) for upcoming sessions to help build on the skills your child is learning in the classroom. Virtual sessions take place in April through June.

<https://bit.ly/35CGtBw>

## APRIL 2022 CAREGIVER SERIES

[Alberta Health Services](#), in collaboration with the [Mental Health Foundation](#), offers FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

Caregiver Education Sessions: 90-minute online sessions intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with introductory information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth.

Lunch & Learn Webinars: 60-minute sessions intended to provide parents, caregivers and community members with information regarding mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. When topics are presented as a series, participants can attend one or all sessions.

Drop-in Series: 90-minute, interactive workshops for parents and caregivers looking to strengthen their foundational parenting skills, address parenting challenges and support their child's social and emotional development.

Learn more: [www.eips.ca/download/385650](http://www.eips.ca/download/385650)

## 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

Strathcona County's  
Agricultural Service Board

# POSTER CONTEST

## From field to fork

Grains, vegetables, fruit, and livestock—farmers work hard every day to provide us with nutritious food that they grow in their fields. Draw a picture of all the farm-grown food you love to eat.

### Prizes

Prizes will be presented to three winners from each grade.

**1st Place - \$100 | 2nd Place - \$75  
3rd Place - \$50**

Contest open to all Grade 3, 4 and 5 students in Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan.

In order to claim their prize, a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign a Release and Consent form.

Contest opens:  
**Monday, April 4, 2022**

Contest closes:  
**Friday, May 6, 2022**

For contest rules and entry guidelines, visit:  
**[strathcona.ca/postercontest](http://strathcona.ca/postercontest)**



Chances of winning are dependent on number of entries received. Contest entries will be judged by Strathcona County, Transportation and Agriculture Services Selection Committee based on creative representation of the theme of "From field to fork" and visual appeal. No purchase is necessary.



# Strathcona County Information

## COVID-19 UPDATE

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

## FREE PAINT AND SKATE (WITH A SURPRISE GUEST)

Grab your skates and come paint the ice at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex. Then enjoy a recreational skate over your beautiful artwork! All painting supplies included for participants.

Schedule:

- Paint the ice: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Recreational skate: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Activities & guidelines:

- Surprise guest appearance from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- FREE hot chocolate provided by Strathcona Eatz (while supplies last)

Learn more [here](#)

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Mother nature might not know it yet, but summer camp registration is just around the corner.

Summer camp registration for all programs begins at **7 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12**. Make the most out of your summer with half day, full day, indoor or outdoor opportunities out in the sun.

Summer camps are available for advance viewing starting today if you'd like to plan ahead.

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

## HOW DO YOU DAD? EMOTION COACHING FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Dads and male caregivers play a vital role in their children's lives and impact many life outcomes.

Our emotions are with us wherever we go and impact all that we do in life. Learning how caregivers can recognize, understand, and manage our feelings is an important life skill. Join us online to learn some helpful tips for coaching children and youth of all ages to build their emotional competence. We will explore the basics of Emotion Coaching together and then split into age-specific groups to discuss developmentally appropriate ways to use Emotion Coaching with other dads and male caregivers.

**When:** Wednesday, April 13 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Virtual

**Register at:** <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/>