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WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 2: Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 2-6: Education Week

May 2-8: This is Empathy: Mental Health Week

May 3: Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 p.m.

May 4: Deadline to order Hot Lunch

May 4: Early Dismissal

May 4: Hats on for Mental Health - **Wear your hat to school!**

May 6: No School for Students - Professional Learning Day

HOT LUNCH - ONLINE ORDERING FOR MAY IS NOW OPEN!!

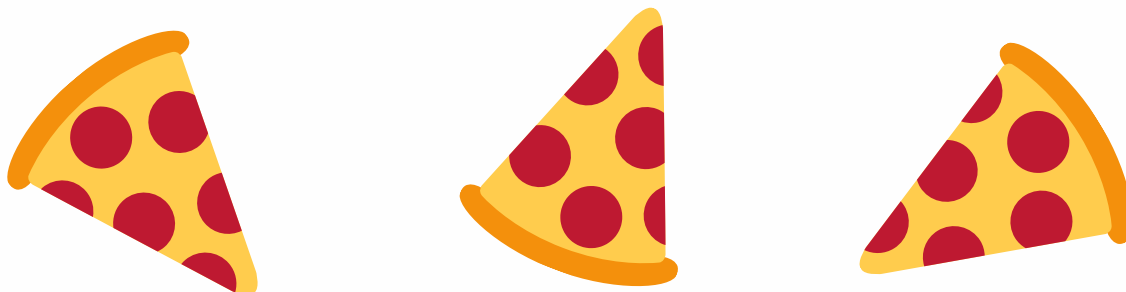
We are excited to offer Little Caesars Pizza on May 16th!!! Ordering for this menu runs from **Wednesday April 27 to Wednesday May 4. No late orders can be accepted.**

Please send in all payment to the office by **THE MORNING OF May 5, 2022 at the latest!** **Exact cash** (no change will be provided) or cheques made payable to **Westboro Parents Group** will be accepted. Please ensure you make note of your child(ren)'s name and class on the envelope when you send payment. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled!!!**

Please go to <http://westboro.hotlunches.net> to place your orders.

If you have any questions email us at westborohotlunch@gmail.com. Or contact Allison Usher at (780)907-1130.

Westboro Hot Lunch Committee



KINDERGARTEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Westboro parents,

As many of you are already aware, registration for our kindergarten program has been decreasing steadily in past years. The decline in interest in both the regular and Logos programs has reached the point where it's no longer possible to offer either program in their current form.

Effective for the 2022-23 school year, Logos and regular kindergarten will be combined into a single program offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays. While every effort will be made to include Logos kindergarten students in the chapels and devotions currently observed at Westboro, most daily learning for all kindergarten students will take place in a regular class.

I understand this will be disappointing news for parents who wished to have their children receive instruction through the Logos program. The low enrolment numbers, however, mean there are currently insufficient resources to offer an alternative Christian program for kindergarten students at our school. It's our expectation that in future years, your child will be part of a standalone Logos classroom.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly at mike.lastiwka@eips.ca or by calling the school at 780-467-7751.

Sincerely,

Mike Lastiwka, Principal

WESTBORO LOGOS NEWS

On Wednesday we had our first in-person Chapel with students (divided into div. 1 and 2). It was truly special to see the students back together again and to feel the Holy Spirit working within the space. All grades looked at Matthew 25:31-40 and we spoke on how when we do things for others, we are doing it for God. In connection with this, we shared with all students the final images of our Easter outreach project at long-term care facility Laurier House Lynnwood. These images can be viewed with [this link](#) in case you missed it during Chapel.

The next Logos Society meeting will be the evening of May 10th. More information to come for those who might like to.

THANK YOU! DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY IS MAY 2

Join us on May 2 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of Westboro Elementary, THANK YOU to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2022-23 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN SERIES

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

The full list and schedule of sessions are available online:

[Preparing for Kindergarten Series: Sessions and Schedule](#)

NOTE: Links to register were sent to all families with children registered to start kindergarten in 2022-23. Presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.

For more information, contact the school at 780-467-7751.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week takes place May 2–6. Throughout the week, students and staff from Westboro Elementary, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.

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.

CAREGIVER SERIES: MAY SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Topics include structure and routines, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, mindfulness, understanding depression, technology, body image, sleep and more. The list of [May 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

THIS IS EMPATHY: MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND EDUCATION WEEK

Mental Health Week takes place May 2-8. To mark the week, Westboro Elementary will be wearing hats for mental health on Wednesday, May 4. We have a number of other activities planned to celebrate and promote public education this week.

Collectively, students will learn when we do something good for others, we lift both their spirits and our own. In addition to school activities, students and staff can also share messages about empathy and kindness on various social media platforms using the hashtag #GetReal.

For more information:

[Mental Health Week](#)

[Mental health and well-being: Supports and resources available through EIPS](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

AHS ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: MAY EDITION

The [May edition of the AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter](#) is a special edition in recognition of Mental Health Week.

THANK YOU WESTBORO VOLUNTEERS!!



You're invited!

Join us on May 27th for a Westboro
Parent Paint Night with Métis
knowledge keeper Connie Kulhavy

6:00-8:30

(Parents only)



Connie will be teaching us to paint a birch bark tree scene using acrylic paint on canvas. No previous painting experience required. All materials will be provided.

Please RSVP to courtney.richard@eips.ca

30 spots available **spots will go to first to respond.*

We look forward to giving our parents a chance
to meet, learn, and create together!



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Logos Gazette

Spread the Word!

If you haven't heard by now, you probably will soon. Recruitment into the Logos Alternative Program has been steadily declining over the last decade. Although smaller class sizes are not a bad thing, too small becomes a financial issue in putting the program and staffing together to continue the program.

These declines have seen less classes in the Logos Alternative Program in Sherwood Heights JHS, split classes at Brentwood Elementary, and now no Logos specific kindergarten program at either elementary school.

We need your help before this trend leaves the Logos Alternative Program with insufficient resources to carry on.

While it is true that kinder-

garten numbers are down this year across the board, it does point out the problem in a real way and gives us time to act!

COVID has certainly not helped as many families have transitioned to home schooling or kept their children out of the earlier grades while our community figures out how to live post-covid.



How can you help?! I'm glad you asked.

- 1) Help raise awareness. If you're on social media,

like/follow/subscribe to our posts.

- 2) **Get involved!**
The Society has positions open and we need many perspectives as we try to figure out the future of Logos.
- 3) **Pray!**
Most of all, pray for wisdom and God's hand as we navigate the waters of the next few years.

I've always seen troubles as opportunities to change and grow, and I believe this is a great opportunity to further define and become whatever Logos needs to be for the next decade or more!

Michael Schnell
President,
EILS

Many Positions Available on the EILS Board

We are looking for a few good members on the EILS Executive!

You can see the current needs at:
elkislandlogos.ca/exec

If you don't see a title there that makes you think "I'd like to do that", don't worry, they're not set in stone. What we do need is a good

selection of people with a variety of viewpoints to help us come up with strategies and ideas to make the Logos Alternative Christian Program better and stronger.

If you have thoughts and ideas and think Logos is a great program to have in our public schools, please prayerfully consider joining us!

For more information please contact:

president@elkislandlogos.ca

You can also take a look at the *job descriptions* at:

elkislandlogos.ca/eilsjobs

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The Logos Alternative Christian Program:

- Currently in our 26th year of operation!
- The first Alternative Christian Program approved by the Elk Island Public School Board
- Covering K-9 in two Elementary and one Junior High Schools
- Read more about Alternative Programs:
<https://alberta.ca/alternative-education-programs.aspx>

Elk Island Logos Society

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ELIS On Social Media

facebook.com/elkislandlogos
instagram.com/elkislandlogos
elkislandlogos.ca/youtube

please like or follow or
subscribe to our pages to
help increase our presence!

► Please spread the word!

Christian Education in our
Public Schools

Elk Island
Logos
Society

As a society, we meet, plan, pray, fundraise and serve in order to support the teachers as they develop their classroom environment to fit the distinctive of our alternative program. We want to have classrooms that nurture spiritual formation and growth based on Christian principles.

As a Christian Alternative Program, we value being integrated into our community schools, we believe in being an everyday light in our neighborhoods' schools. We value the diversity that comes from the many Christian traditions that are represented in our staff and students. We also value the ability having an "Alternative Program" allows us to be wholistic in our classroom education, nurturing body, mind and spirit!

Annual General Meeting—June 14th

The Elk Island Logos Society's 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Since the initial COVID restrictions, all of our meetings have been online. With an abundance of caution in this sixth wave, we are going to reserve the decision on whether to have an in person meeting until later in May.



The AGM is the place next year's budget will be discussed as well as any board positions will be appointed or voted upon.

Anyone is welcome to be part of the AGM, but only Elk Island Logos Society members can vote. Anyone who wants to support the purpose and prin-

ciples of the Logos Alternative Christian Program can be a member, so if you'd like to sign up, please visit our membership page at:

elkislandlogos.ca/members



We will also be looking for any ideas for fundraising or even direction of the Society in the coming years.

If you have any items you would like added to the agenda, please let me know by emailing:

president@elkislandlogos.ca

We really do want your input and your involvement in the coming year!

Even if you can't be part of this year's AGM, please keep looking at our meetings page:

elkislandlogos.ca/meetings

To know when and where they are being held.

If we don't see you there, may God give you a rejuvenating summer and we'll see you next year!



Your Future in MIND

Strathcona County Information

COVID 19 INFORMATION

Please click [here](#) for the latest COVID 19 information.

EARLY DISMISSAL SWIM

It's the first Wednesday of the month, which means schools are out early!

Enjoy a [free recreational swim](#) at the Kinsmen Leisure Centre.

THE REC NETWORK

Did you know we maintain a directory of local non-profit sport, recreation and culture groups? Our local groups are critical in supporting our community-driven approach to a healthy and livable Strathcona County. There are many great sport and culture options listed during the upcoming spring and summer months, so be sure to check it out!

Filter by age group, activity type or category to find one that fits your interests.

[https://www.strathcona.ca/.../advertisements/the-rec-network/...](https://www.strathcona.ca/.../advertisements/the-rec-network/)

THE STRATHCONA SALON EXHIBIT

With the deadline for local artists to submit their artwork through the Annual Art Acquisition Program coming up on April 29, we're gearing up for our next exhibit at Gallery@501

The Strathcona Salon exhibit will display submitted artwork, and you (along with a jury of practicing artists) can recommend artwork to join the County's permanent art collection.

Admission to Gallery@501 is free, and The Strathcona Salon will be available for viewing from May 14 - June 24. Click [here](#) for more information.