



May 13, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**May 16 and 17:** Preparing for Kindergarten: [Supporting a Successful Transition to school](#)

**May 18:** Grade 6 PAT ELA Part A

**May 18:** 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).

**May 20:** No School for Students or Staff: School Closure Day

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda May 18, 2022](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on April 13, 2022.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022](#)

### PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PAT)

Provincial Achievement Tests for our **grade 6 students** will take place on the following dates:

**May 18** – ELA Part A

**June 15** – Math Part A

**June 20** – Math Part B

**June 22** – Science

**June 23** – Social Studies

**June 24** – ELA Part B

All tests will take place at 9:00 a.m.

### LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found items have been placed on tables near the office. Ask your student to take a look for anything that belongs to them. After **Wednesday, May 18**, unclaimed items will be donated.

## TEACHER ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with mixed feelings that we announce that Mrs. Bouwers has made the decision to take a one year leave of absence for the 2022-2023 school year. We look forward to seeing Mrs. Bouwers subbing at Westboro next year and we wish her a wonderful year!

## WE ♥ WESTBORO

Thank you to each class who contributed a letter to the We Love Westboro sign. Check it out along Broadmoor Blvd!



## REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence, leaving school early or arriving late directly to [general.wbo@eips.ca](mailto:general.wbo@eips.ca) or click the [STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#) link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the school office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your information will not be received by the office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for students throughout the day. When reporting a student's absence, a reason is still 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 requirements.



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**YEARBOOK**  
*and that's kinda the same thing...*



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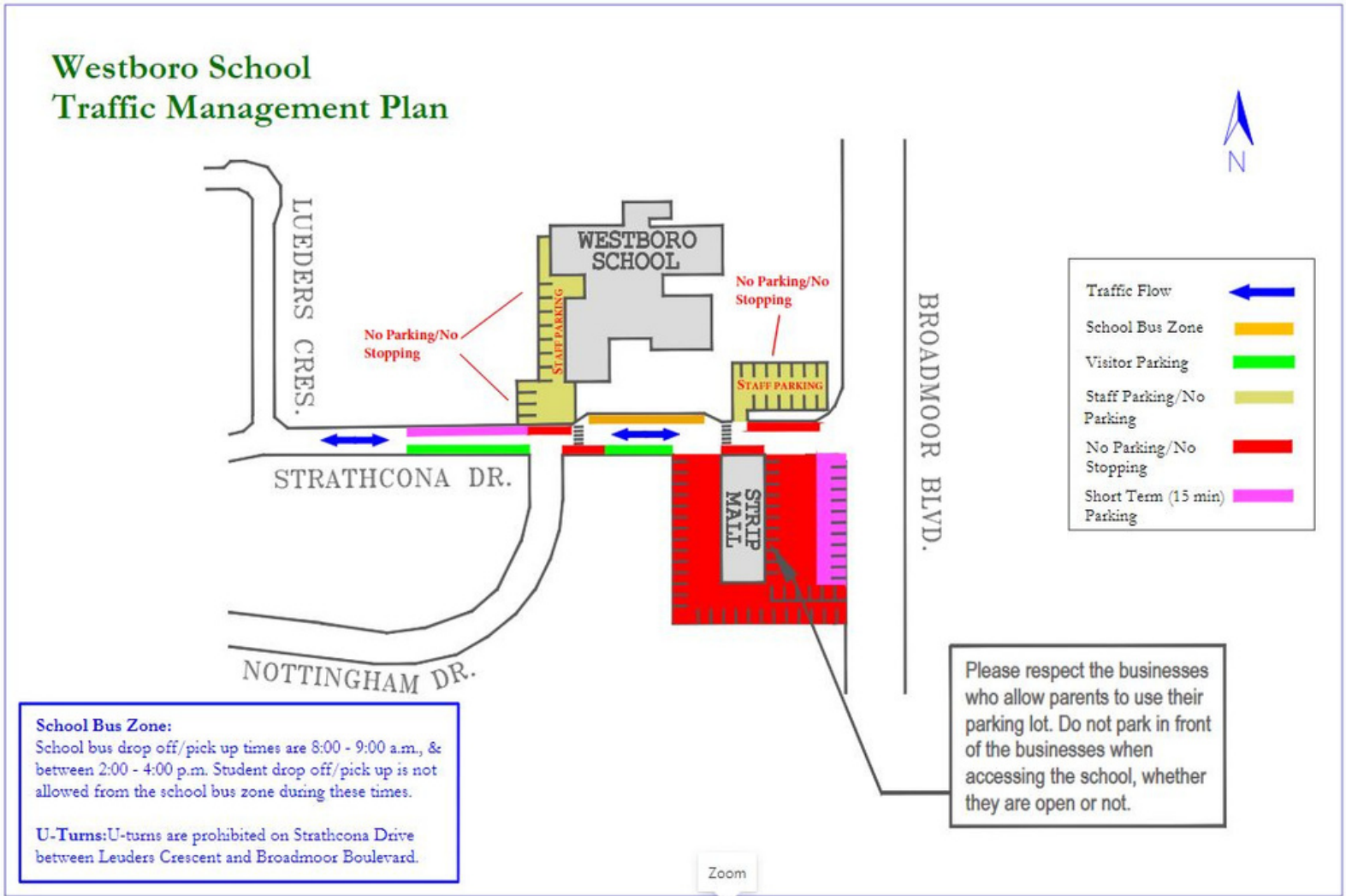
**Orders Due June 25, 2022**



# PARKING

Our school zone is a very busy place before and after school. Ensuring our students safety is our first priority. Parents are reminded of the speed zone in the area in front of the school, as well as be reminded that there are no U-turns allowed anywhere within the school boundaries.

Please note that there is no parking or stopping in front of the school during drop off and pick-up times. That area is designated for buses only. There is also no parking in the STAFF PARKING lots on the east and west sides of the school. The staff parking stalls are ALL spoken for and any quick drop offs or pick ups can cause great disruptions for our staff. There is parking available in the mall parking lot across from the school, in the middle and outer (closest to Broadmoor Blvd.) rows ONLY. Please obey all the cross walk markings during the busy times in the mornings and afternoons. Students will continue patrolling the crosswalk areas, please respect their requests as they assist Mr. Lastiwka and Mrs. Prouse in supervising the arrival and departure of our students.



## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2022-23 REGISTRATION IS 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](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://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.

## STRATHCONA COUNTY CHILD AND YOUTH COALITION: MAY NEWSLETTER

The [May 2022 Strathcona County Child and Youth Coalition newsletter](#) is now available. Learn more about the [coalition](#).



# You're invited!

Join us on May 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

# Strathcona County Information

## COVID 19 INFORMATION

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

## RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

Looking for work? Join our resume tutor for this hands-on, in-person workshop, and learn how to make your resume & cover letter stand out. Register at <https://bit.ly/3OCgs73> and be sure to bring your current resume and any job postings you're interested in.

## FREE RECREATIONAL SATURDAY, MAY 14

Join us for a FREE recreational swim (with inflatable) at the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre on Saturday, May 14 from 4 – 8 p.m.

## STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit our website to find programs for May and June! <https://scl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>

Did you know you can narrow down your search to either online or in-person programs using the locations on the left? There are also options to search by age group or subject.

## FREE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out Family and Community Services' FREE summer program opportunities for children, youth, and families. Registration is May 9! Space is limited. For dates, times and locations visit:

[strathcona.ca/summeropportunities](http://strathcona.ca/summeropportunities)

## CONFIDENT KIDS

Confident Kids is back on Wednesdays!

For children to develop confidence and strong social-emotional skills, they need opportunities to experience peer interactions in a safe and encouraging environment. This interactive program will create space for your young person to connect with others and learn new skills in a fun way!

Join us every Wednesday in May from 5:30-6:30PM for kids in grades 1-3 at the Ardrossan Recreation Centre.

To register, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/>