



September 2, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## *Weekly Newsletter*

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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**September 5:** No School – Labour Day

**September 7:** Early Dismissal

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### A MESSAGE FROM MR. LASTIWKA

As we begin this school year, I would like to say how incredible it is to welcome students back to school this year. With the warm weather, it seems everyone has had a smile on their face. I hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are so happy to have you as a part of our Westboro family and we are looking forward to a successful year.

Our focus this year will again turn towards student learning and achievement. The staff at Westboro have again renewed their focus on building strong literacy and numeracy skills for all Westboro students. We will also be working closely with our parent group and community members to build a strong and vibrant school community.

Our teachers will continue their work on developing literacy and numeracy skills with our students. We're also excited to continue incorporating our technology into the classroom as a way of communicating with care givers. As an example, all student field trip permission forms will be sent home digitally via email. As this year continues, we are also looking forward to bringing back many of our clubs and sports teams. With so many great and exciting initiatives it's hard not to look forward to the school year.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy school year, that we stay strong and continue to persevere and achieve success. Most of all, I'm looking forward to welcoming the entire school community to in person gatherings that will hopefully happen in the very near future.

Mike Lastiwka

# MEET THE STAFF

## OFFICE

Principal:	Mr. Mike Lastiwka
Assistant Principal:	Mrs. Tracey Prouse
Secretary:	Mrs. Billie Jean Mephram
Secretary:	Mrs. Melanie Pinto
Counsellor:	Mrs. Dianna Graziano
Librarian:	Mrs. Shelly White
Music	Mrs. Courtney Richard

## CLASS

Kindergarten  
1L  
1R  
2L  
2R  
3L  
3R  
4L/5L  
4R  
5R  
5/6L  
6R  
STEPS  
PLACE

## TEACHER

Mrs. Cindy Wheeler  
Mrs. Marina Gilmore  
Ms. Jamie Davis  
Mrs. Mary Christenson  
Mrs. Ashley Becigneul  
Mrs. Sherry Cameron  
Mrs. Margo Komant  
Mrs. Toby Clayton  
Ms. Rhonda Lee  
Mrs. Tanya Gottstein  
Mrs. Erin Desautels  
Mrs. Amberly Witzke  
Mr. Chris Kryslar  
Mrs. Andrea Perrotta

## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:

Mrs. Shawna Resalat Kindergarten  
Mrs. Louise Wall 2L  
Mrs. Jody Bilawey 2L  
Mrs. Wendy Oake 5R/6R  
Mr. Brett Fujii 5/6L  
Mrs. Danielle Battiston STEPS  
Mrs. Karen Stocks STEPS  
Mrs. Dawn Sutton STEPS  
Mrs. Cheryle Kristensen STEPS  
Mrs. Corinne Bennefeld STEPS  
Mrs. Jennifer Matyjanka PLACE  
Mrs. Michelle Norton PLACE  
Ms. Paige Tomashewsky PLACE  
Mrs. Adrienne Shepard PLACE

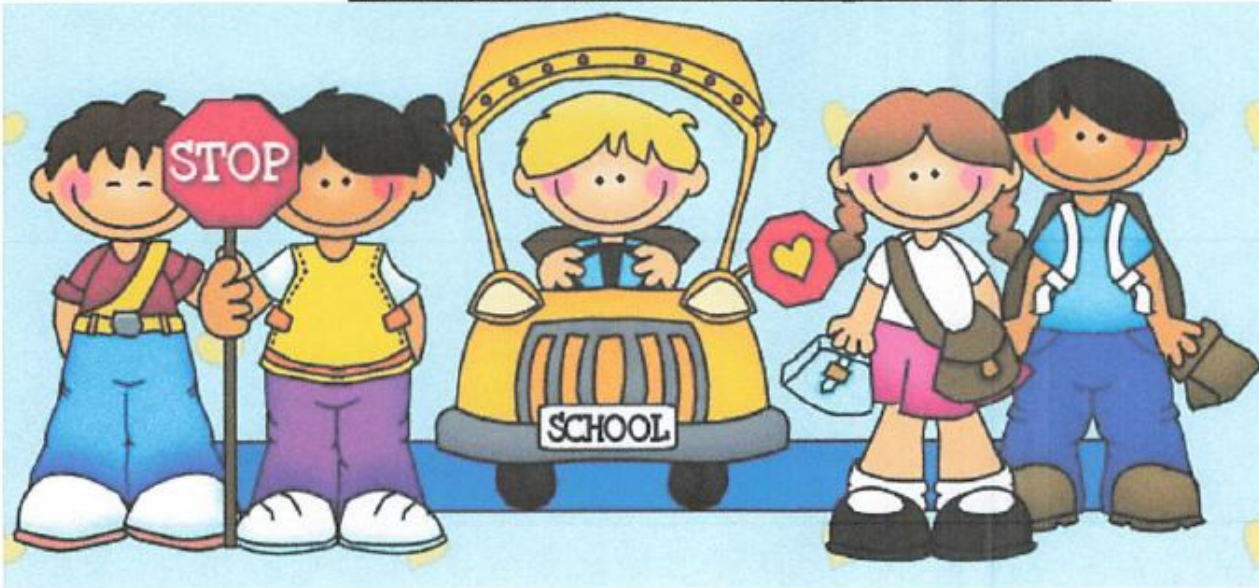
# REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence, leaving school early or arriving late directly to [general.wboe@eips.ca](mailto:general.wboe@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.

# WE'RE HIRING NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

Westboro is looking for people who are available to work as Noon Hour supervisors. This entails being at the school from 12:00pm to 1:00pm daily to help supervise students during both the lunch eating period, as well as their recess break. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Tracey Prouse at [tracey.prouse@eips.ca](mailto:tracey.prouse@eips.ca) or 780-467-7751.

# Westboro Parent Group Newsletter



## Westboro Parent Council

Welcome to a new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all returning and new parents to Westboro. Our Parents group is a group of parents just like yourselves that plan and decide amazing activities, fundraisers, hot lunch, discuss and learn new things about and for our school. We meet once a month with our Administration team from the school as well as our Elk Island Trustee. We have lively discussions about our school, education, and a great opportunity to learn new things.

## Calendar of Meetings

All our meetings in conjunction with the Council are held in the school library at 6:30pm and we will continue to offer the online meeting for those that can't be there in person.

September 21

October 29

November 16

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17 – Annual AGM

## Who's Who

Chair: Kim Scott

Vice Chair: Desiree Williams

Hot Lunch: Allison Usher

Secretary: Christan Rasmussen

Treasurer: Sarah Lakusta

We hope to see you at our meetings, a new year of growth and wonderful opportunity to really get to know us and what goes on with your Parent Group! If anything, please join us for cake and stay awhile.

Please feel free to contact us at any time via email: [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com)

# BELL SCHEDULE 2022/23

## Westboro Bell Schedule 2022/23

### Regular Times

<b>Warning Bell</b>	8:29	
Period 1	8:37 - 9:09	32
Period 2	9:09 - 9:41	32
Period 3	9:41 - 10:13	32
<b>Recess</b>	10:13 - 10:30	17
Period 4	10:30 - 11:02	32
Period 5	11:02 - 11:34	32
Period 6	11:34 - 12:06	32
<b>Lunch/Recess</b>	12:06 - 12:28 - 12:51	45
Period 7	12:51 - 1:23	32
Period 8	1:23 - 1:53	32
<b>Recess</b>	1:53 - 2:08	15
Period 9	2:08 - 2:40	32
Period 10	2:40 - 3:12	32
<b>Instructional Minutes:</b>		<b>320</b>

### Early Dismissal

<b>Warning Bell</b>	8:29	
Period 1	8:37 - 9:03	26
Period 2	9:03 - 9:29	26
Period 3	9:29 - 9:55	26
<b>Recess</b>	9:55 - 10:10	15
Period 4	10:10 - 10:36	26
Period 5	10:36 - 11:02	26
Period 6	11:02 - 11:28	26
Period 7	11:28 - 11:54	26
<b>Lunch/Recess</b>	11:54 - 12:24 - 12:54	60
Period 8	12:54 - 1:20	26
Period 9	1:20 - 1:46	26
Period 10	1:46 - 2:12	26
<b>Instructional Minutes:</b>		<b>260</b>

## STUDENT MEDICATIONS

If medication is to be administered to your child at school a form must be completed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be brought to school in the original container. Please request a Medication Administration form from the office. Forms must be completed on a yearly basis.

## NUT AWARE

Westboro School is a Nut Aware school. Please remember to be cautious when choosing the food items your child will bring to school. There are a number of students who have severe allergies and we wish to provide a safe environment for each individual and staff. In addition, we ask students not to share their food and ask parents to refrain from sending in any nut products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



## PICTURE DAY

Individual student photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, September 28th**. Kindergarten pictures will be taken on **Thursday, September 29th**. These photographs are offered on a proof basis. Each student will have two personal portraits taken and proofs will be sent home for viewing. An order form and instructions will accompany the proofs.

## 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.

**NEW: Parking is no longer permitted in the area between the corner of Strathcona Drive and the staff parking, directly across from mall parking lot.**

## VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON BUSES

Video surveillance and equipment help:

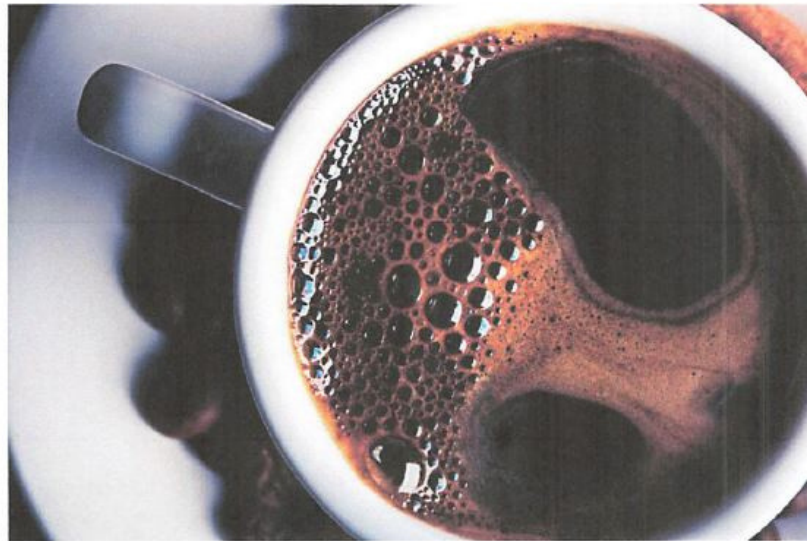
- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

Regularly basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

# Coffee Morning

Join the Parent's Group for a cup of coffee and a baked treat on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM outside in the front. We would like to have the opportunity to meet new faces and for you to get to know us. The Logos representative will be there as well for anyone who has any questions. We look forward to seeing you.



## DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL MESSENGER APP

Westboro Elementary and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add [communications@eips.ca](mailto:communications@eips.ca) and [general.wbo@eips.ca](mailto:general.wbo@eips.ca) to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today.

Coming soon—the Safe Arrivals absence reporting tool will be rolled out within the SchoolMessenger app later this school year. Families will be able to quickly and easily report a child's absence directly in the app. No more phone calls or emails required. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

## SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR CALENDAR

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/school-calendar> and click on the applicable subscription option:

- Download to iCal
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar

NOTE: Options are located above the calendar.

Once you click on the desired subscription option, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all Westboro Elementary's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

## PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2022-23 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay online using a credit card.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Billie Jean Mephram at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

## CHAPEL DATES 2022-2023

September 27, 1:00 p.m.

October 25, 1:00 p.m.

November 22, 1:00 p.m.

January 24, 1:00 p.m.

February 21, 1:00 p.m.

March 21, 1:00 p.m.

April 25, 1:00 p.m.

May 23, 1:00 p.m.

June 20, 1:00 p.m.



## COUNSELLORS CORNER

Welcome to Westboro Elementary School! As your school counselor, my role is to promote students' personal and social development by helping students overcome peer conflict, enhance academic achievement, and coordinate linkages between the school and the family/community. Areas of support I provide include learning difficulties, grief/loss, anxiety, depression, anger management, peer conflicts, social skills, stress, parent/child conflict resolution, changes in the family due to divorce/separation, self-harm, or suicidal ideations. We can also discuss if your child has a learning difficulty, requires individual supports, or additional assessments to identify his/her strengths, challenges, and recommendations for achieving their full potentials. The list is endless.

I encourage students to attend my office on Tuesdays or Thursdays (and every second Friday) to discuss their concerns. My door is always open to assist students and families with any concerns.

If a parent, guardian, or student has a concern, please contact me and together we will find a solution. Parents can call (EXT 8603) or email me at [Dianna.graziano@eips.ca](mailto:Dianna.graziano@eips.ca). Students can complete an appointment card next to my office door or ask their teacher to email me.

In the meantime, please check out the "Back to School Basics" from Alberta Health Services (importance of vision and hearing tests, immunizations, etc.) at:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page2542.aspx>

Take Care

Dianna Graziano, M.Ed., R.Psych.

**--Never, never give up but believe that you CAN! Believe in YOURSELF.**

## UPDATE YOUR POWERSCHOOL INFORMATION

Update your PowerSchool information The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is now available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Use the form to access and update your child's records information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

When reviewing the form, pay close attention to all listed phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. Also, if you recently moved, now is the time to ensure the Division has your updated address. Throughout the year, the Division and school uses the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and event.

[EIPS Correction and Verification Form](#)

Review and update the form by Sept. 22, 2022.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.

## IMPROVING HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) created a how-to guide entitled, Communication Protocol for Schools. Topics include:

- appropriate channels to use;
- standard formats and structures;
- timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication; and
- ways to bring forward questions or concerns.




The guide also offers useful tools and resources schools, and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts. EIPS encourages all families and schools to review the guide at:

[Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

# Logos

# 2022 Apple Fundraiser

It's the start of a new school year, so that means it's time for the EILS 2022 Davidson Orchards Apple fundraiser! Here's the lineup this year:

<b>Bartlett Pears</b> <b>\$40</b>  <p>Available in the late summer, this delicious fruit is a perfect treat for the family! Enjoy them fresh, canned, in salad, in your favourite desserts, and more! 15 pound box.</p>	<b>Davidson Honeycrisp</b> <b>\$40</b>  <p>The flavour of the Honeycrisp is what makes it one of our most popular varieties. It is sweet with hardly any trace of acidity. It is genuinely crisp and crunchy. 15 pound box picked to order.</p>
<b>Okanagan Blend</b> <b>\$32</b>  <p>Leave it to us to choose 2 of the specialty Okanagan apple varieties for you! Open the box and enjoy the surprise! 15 pound box picked to order.</p>	<b>Royal Gala</b> <b>\$32</b>  <p>A fresh Gala is a glorious mild sweet flavour. It's juicy, it's crisp and their mellow flavour and thin skin make them a great choice for lunches and kids snacks. 15 pound box picked to order.</p>

**Orders must be done online at: [www.eils.ca/apples](http://www.eils.ca/apples)**

Orders must be made by 11pm Wednesday, September 7th  
 You will need to pick up your apples on Wednesday, September 21st.

Payment options available online: Credit Card, Interac e-Transfer, Cheque — Please no cash.

*If you need to pay by cheque, please order online indicating you will pay by cheque, then fill out this form, attach it to the check and return it to your child's school*

Online Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Apples2022-EILS

# Strathcona County Information

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Strathcona County is supporting parents, caregivers, students, teachers, and staff returning to school on August 30, 2022. [Learn more.](#)

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CONNECTIONS GUIDE

Check out Connections - [Family and Community Services Program Guide](#) to learn about upcoming free and low-cost programs and services for seniors, youth, families and individuals. Find opportunities to connect with others, access support and resources, keep learning, and take care of ourselves and those we love.

The guide contains information about:

- Connecting with others in your community
- Inspiring stories from community partners
- Access counselling services and supports
- Courses and workshops for parents, caregivers and their children
- Activities and supports for teens and pre-teens
- Community resources for everyone at every stage of life
- Resources for those who are new to the County, and more!

## HOME ALONE COURSE

Do you have a child ages 8 to 12 and are thinking of leaving them at home by themselves for the first time? Even if it's for a short while, the At Home Alone course may be an ideal program for your child to attend. Topics include:

- general safety
- the value of 9-1-1
- dealing with different types of emergencies
- potential hazards in the home
- brief first aid

Update: We are working on getting the ages changed when registering online. In the meantime, you can call 780-467-2211 to register your eight-year-old.

Register for one of the sessions today!

<https://reconline.strathcona.ca/STRATHCONA/public/Category/browse/SEARCHALL?dosearch=true&CourseTypes=63ee2e1f-1bd8-4e5a-8f7e-9b31dce1ad08&SearchText=%20>

## FALL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

These are just a few of the programs for kids that are coming up in the fall! Visit our website to register and find more programs: <https://scl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>