



September 9, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 14: Meet the Teacher BBQ 4-6 p.m.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

We are excited to welcome you to the new school year at Westboro! To celebrate being back together, and to meet our wonderful Westboro staff, we will be hosting a Back to School Barbeque next Wednesday, September 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the East outdoor space of our school. We hope to see you there!

CAREGIVER SERIES: SEPTEMBER 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. Upcoming topics include strategies for positive mental health, resiliency and understanding depression. The list of [September 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

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 or 780-467-7751.

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.

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 Business Manager Billie Jean Mephram at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

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

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence, leaving school early or arriving late directly to 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.

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.**

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 and 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.

Strathcona County Information

SAVOUR

[Savour Strathcona](#) is an annual celebration of local food and art. The event features Strathcona County independent restaurants and food trucks. Meet local artists/artisans who will have their creations on display and for sale. Enjoy entertainment and activities throughout the afternoon and evening.

FALL PROGRAM FEATURE: OUTDOOR PURSUITS

With summer warmth seemingly extending well into September, our team at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre has got you covered to make the most of it! One of our favourites is an upcoming course that gives you an introduction to trail running. It's beginner friendly with no running experience required, and prepares you for running routes away from paved trails.

Ages 16Y+, Saturdays, Sep 10 - Oct 22, \$66.00

Register: <https://bit.ly/3AYEFhS>

This one starts this Saturday so you can get right to it. View all fall outdoor pursuits programs:

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

FREE SWIM EARLY OUT SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 5

Take advantage of your early day off school with a [free swim at Kinsmen Leisure Centre](#)

Wednesday, October 5 3:15 - 5:45 p.m. You'll also receive a free Pasta Pantry voucher (while supplies last).

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

Turn over a new leaf this fall with some featured visual arts programs.

Art Travels: Ardrossan (6Y-12Y)

Learn new techniques, experiment with colour and create wonderful works of art. Gallery@501 comes to you in Ardrossan for three classes!

Saturdays - Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Choose your fav: <https://bit.ly/3CTprgD>

Urban Sketching Workshop (18Y+)

In this outdoor sketching workshop, you'll learn about balancing compositions and combining pen with watercolour to create vibrant works of art.

Wednesday, September 28, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3D9WQnN>

Either of these don't work with your schedule? Spots are filling up quickly in our fall programs, but there's still time to head over to our fall registration page to register:

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