



September 23, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**September 27:** Chapel 1:00 p.m.

**September 28:** School Pictures – Entire School

**September 29:** School Pictures – Kindergarten Only

**September 29:** Orange Shirt Day

**September 29:** Bus Evacuations

**September 30:** National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – **No School**

### NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30 is the second annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday created to honour the survivors of the residential school system, the children who never returned home, as well as their families and communities. Because it's a school closure day, the Division will recognize the day on September 29. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education lead teachers have been given resources to assist schools in preparing for and on the day on September 29. Division staff and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts to commemorate the solemn day of remembrance of the tragic history and ongoing impacts of the residential school system. The Division is finalizing details about half-masting of flags for September 30—information will be provided to staff in the coming weeks. Learn more about the residential school system and events across the country on the [Government of Canada Website](http://www.government.ca) and from the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](http://www.nctr.ca).

### PICTURE DAY IS NEXT WEEK!

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.

## SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW POSTED

Please be advised that student fees have now been added to all student accounts. Please log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account to view and pay these fees. Fees are due within 30 days of being assessed.

Fee payments can be made online via the PowerSchool Parent Portal using Visa or MasterCard. If you require assistance accessing your Parent Portal account, contact your child's school.

Elk Island Public Schools understands that families may face financial challenges that impact the ability to pay fees. Parents who find themselves in this situation can apply for certain fees to be waived using the Application for Waiver of Fees (505-1) found at <https://www.eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees>.

A completed APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF FEES form can be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer (Confidential) at 683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park, AB T8B 1N2 or emailed to [fees@eips.ca](mailto:fees@eips.ca). The 2022-23 fee waiver application deadline is December 15, 2022

## FINE ARTS NEWS

We are excited to have started up Choir this past week and are looking forward to singing together in the weeks to come. If students missed sign up, are in grades 3-6, and are still interested in joining, they are invited to attend Tuesday at lunch during our practice time.

## LOGOS NEWS

Chapel will take place on September 27 at 1:00 in the school gymnasium. Parents and family members are invited to attend and join us for their first Chapel of the year.

## SAVE THE DATE

It has been announced EIPS will be providing feedback from the June parent engagement sessions on October 6th. We encourage all Logos parents to attend this important meeting. It will take place at SAL from 5:30-7:30. Information will be made available online for those who are not able to attend.



# GRADE 5 SCIENCE

Testing waterproof materials with Mrs. Richard!





# THE CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022 the federal government announced phase-one of its plan to enhance access to dental care for Canadians. Households earning less than \$90,000 will receive up to \$650 to help pay for dental visits by children under age 12.

The target implementation date for the Canada Dental Benefit is December 1, 2022, pending Parliamentary approval and Royal Assent of enabling legislation, and the program would cover expenses retroactive to October 1, 2022.

The Canada Dental Benefit would provide payments up to \$650 per child per year for families with adjusted net income under \$90,000 per year and without dental coverage.

- \$650 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000.
- \$390 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999.
- \$260 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999.

To access the Benefit, parents or guardians of eligible children would need to apply through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

*You're invited!*

**This was so wonderful last year,  
we are doing it again!**

Join us on October 7th for a Westboro  
Parent Paint Night with Métis  
knowledge keeper  
Connie Kulhavy

**6:00-8:30**



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; there is no cost for this event.

**Please RSVP to [courtney.richard@eips.ca](mailto:courtney.richard@eips.ca)**

**Limited spots available (adults only please)!**

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

# Strathcona County Information

## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Join us on September 30 as we work together to learn about, celebrate and nourish relationships and conversations with Indigenous Peoples.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/655590432567820?ref=newsfeed>

## TRIPLE P GROUP

Struggling with your child's behavior? Learn how to turn challenges into opportunities for success. This course is designed to address specific behavior by developing a parenting plan for children 2 to 12 years.

Saturdays - October 1, 15, and 29

9am-noon

Must attend all 3 sessions

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

## ADVENTURE GUIDE

This exciting publication provides you things to do, places to stay, independent restaurants, shopping, recreation, arts and culture, and features Alberta's newest biosphere - the Beaver Hills Moraine, with camping, boating, bird watching and many other outdoor activities!

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/tourism/activity-and-travel-guide/>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Find events happening in the County!

<https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/festivals-and-events/event-calendar/>