



September 29, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

October 3-7: Read in Week

October 5: Early Dismissal – Students dismissed at 2:12 p.m.

October 5: [World Teachers' Day](#)

October 7: Professional Learning Day – **No school for students**

READ IN WEEK AT WESTBORO

Read In Week is Oct. 3 to 6. Our theme is “Choose Your Own Adventure.” We have planned some fun activities for the students and staff.

Monday: Our classes will have a virtual assembly with a surprise guest reader. I wonder who it will be?

Tuesday: We have an assembly at 1:00 with a guest reader. Our guest is a local firefighter who will read a story and talk about fire safety. An option for your child is to dress up as their favourite book character.

Wednesday: We have planned a fun “Teacher Scramble”. A teacher from another class will come to your child’s class and read a favorite story. I wonder who will read to their class?

Thursday: A reading picnic! Parents are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch, a book, and a blanket to share a reading adventure with their child. Our lunch break is from 12:06 to 12:51 pm. The picnic can be inside, or outside if the weather is nice. Let’s hope the weather is nice enough to enjoy a picnic outdoors!

We are looking forward to reading for a great adventure next week!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING LOGOS

Thank you to everyone from the Elk Island Public Schools Logos Christian Program who participated in the public engagement sessions last spring. As you know, the Division's exploring changes to the Logos program to ensure it continues providing a high-quality educational experience to students.

Over the last few years, enrolment in the EIPS Logos Christian Program has declined significantly, making it challenging to offer fulsome Logos programming. In May and June of 2022, the Division held public consultations with the Logos community to discuss the issue and potential solutions. A survey was also conducted to collect even more input. Y Station, the contracted public consultation company, compiled the data from all engagements to produce a What We Heard Report.

Before making any decisions, EIPS wants to continue the conversation with the Logos community to ensure the best possible solution. As such, another public consultation meeting is planned for October 6. Logos families, students and community members are invited to attend to review the What We Heard Report, discuss a possible solution, ask questions and provide additional feedback.

Public Consultation Details

Date: Oct. 6, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Salisbury Composite High; 20 Festival Way; Sherwood Park

Room: Theatre

*Childcare provided

Can't make the meeting? That's OK. You can still submit input by sending an email to Y Station (nickela.anderson@ystation.ca). The deadline to submit input is Oct. 17, 2022.

EIPS encourages everyone to read the What We Heard Report, attend the upcoming public consultation session and share their thoughts. After the session, Y Station will review all the feedback gathered to date and compile a report for the EIPS Board of Trustees to review.

For more information, or to subscribe for updates, visit eips.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Elk Island Public Schools"

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CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY: OCTOBER 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years

PERMISSION CLICK

EIPS has begun migrating school and Division forms to the online Permission Click platform. Many families will have already received one or more forms within the new system. Permission Click makes the form submission process for families simple and straightforward. Forms are also easily accessible and fillable from your mobile device. Families will generally receive forms in one of two ways—sent as a link within a SchoolMessenger email or in a direct email from Permission Click sent to the first parent or guardian on record in PowerSchool. Be sure to add notifications@permissionclick.com to your safe sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services hosts a variety of virtual caregiver information sessions throughout the year focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Visit [Caregiver Education](#) to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

ENHANCING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the Star Early Literacy and Star Reading assessment tools in the 2022-23 school year. The Division's also launching a new assessment, called Star Math. These tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: To provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and identify student learning needs.

Three times a year, EIPS students in Grade 1 complete the Star Early Literacy assessment and students in grades 2-12 complete the Star Reading assessment. Both assessments are administered electronically and take about 20 minutes. Students in grades 2 through 10 also complete the Star Math, a mathematic screening tool. It, too, is administered electronically and takes about 30 minutes for students to complete. The results offer teachers a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required. NOTE: Semester students, complete the Star Math twice, at the start and end of the course.

In addition to the Star assessments, Alberta Education now mandates all students in grades 1-3 complete additional literacy and numeracy assessments. Students in Grade 2 and Grade 3 completed these provincial assessments in September. Grade 1 students will complete the assessments in January 2023. EIPS also administers the assessments to all Grade 4 students to gauge learning loss from the pandemic, which the Division is now analyzing.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's Star and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

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](#) and from the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

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. The 2022-23 fee waiver application deadline is December 15, 2022.



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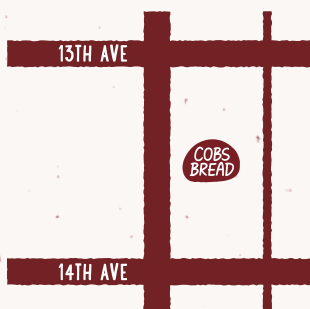
FUNDRAISE WITH US!

Our Dough Raiser Program helps schools and groups raise money.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Mention Westboro Elementary School next time you're picking up fresh bread and treats from COBS Bread Sherwood Centre.
2. We will donate 5% of the total sale back to your school.
3. At the end of the year, we will present you with the donation total.

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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

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>

FREE SWIM - EARLY OUT DAY

Take advantage of your early day off school with a free swim at Kinsmen Leisure Centre. You'll also receive a free Pasta Pantry voucher (while supplies last).

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

3:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more details.

SUPER DADS, SUPER KIDS!

Add a The first half of Super Dads, Super Kids! is in one week!

Join us for this parenting program that helps deepen the connection and attachment between male parent figures and their children. Through learning and sharing about communication, child development, discipline and emotional health participants will learn how deep connections come from knowing, and enjoying time with, their children.

The first half on October 4th will involve games and discussions about how brains are built and the role of dads in construction.

Tuesday Oct 4, 6-8 p.m.

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