



October 28, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 31: Halloween

October 31: Logos classes Field Trip 12:10 – 3:00 p.m.

November 2: Early Dismissal – Students will be dismissed 1 hour early

November 4: Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium

HALLOWEEN AT WESTBORO

Halloween can be a very exciting and important event for many families in our school community. Halloween festivities will be happening as follows:

- Logos students will be departing for their trip to Celebration Church at 2:10 p.m.
- Regular stream students will wear their costumes in the afternoon only.
- Costumes will need to be able to be put on over regular clothes as we have capacity limits to washrooms and no access to changerooms. No inflatable costumes permitted.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

A reminder to parents/guardians to please send your child to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing as we enter into the colder months. This includes a warm jacket, warm footwear, mitts and a hat. Students will be outside for recess and will need to be dressed appropriately. Thank you.

WESTBORO'S BIG BOX FUNDRAISING EVENT

New to our school this year we will be running the Big Box fundraiser. Students will be selling "The Big Box of Cards" which contains 35 beautiful All Occasions cards for the low price of \$35. Additionally we are offering for sale the Big Box of Birthday cards which also contains 35 cards for \$35. We have outlined the details of this fundraiser below:

- Our campaign runs from Friday November 4th to Monday November 21st.
- Each family will be provided with a starter box of cards as well as an order form for your own tracking.
- Payment for all boxes sold is to be made by etransfer when orders are placed on the Hot Lunch / Fundraising website.
- All orders and payments should be entered and sent on Monday November 21st.
- If you don't plan on purchasing or selling the starter box, it must be returned with all 35 cards in good condition.

The Birthday cards can be seen in high-resolution images at the below web address:

Birthday Cards Link - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-birthday-cards-new>

INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40°C , including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

NEW REPORT CARDS

To best communicate student learning, some changes have been made to report cards, including a slight redesign. This November, parents and guardians will continue to access report cards through PowerSchool—simply log in to your account and click on the “Report Card” button in the lefthand sidebar.

Similar to the previous report card, students will still be assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. Some categories have been modified to align with the new curriculum.

DIVISION SYSTEMS

Where to Find the Information You Need

Elk Island Public Schools and Westboro Elementary use a handful of key systems to share information with students and families. Depending on the information you're looking for, it's important to know where to look.

PowerSchool is the primary student information system within the Division. There is an associated app, but the functionality is limited, and families don't need to download it. From the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), you can:

- Access student grades and report cards;
- Review student absences;
- Pay school and transportation fees; and
- Submit official updates to student or family information.

The PowerSchool Student Portal provides similar access to grades and absence information for students directly.

Brightspace provides more of a day-to-day look what's happening with your child's learning communicated directly from your child's teacher. From [Brightspace Parent & Guardian](#), you can see your child's:

- classroom activity feed,
- grade items and grade feedback from instructors,
- upcoming assignments,
- portfolio evidence and
- quizzes

depending on which of the program functions are specifically used by your child's teacher.

Brightspace for Students is where teachers share updates, calendar reminders and learning materials with students. Compatible with Google, it also allows students to submit assignments, complete quizzes, and see grades and teacher feedback. The Pulse app for students is associated with Brightspace for Students.

SchoolMessenger is the system the Division and schools use to send email and phone communication to families. The contact information in SchoolMessenger is populated from PowerSchool. Through [SchoolMessenger](#), families can:

- receive general, emergency and attendance messages by phone, email or both; and
- manage their subscription preferences for these types of messages.

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.

If you have trouble accessing any of these systems or have questions about them, contact Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

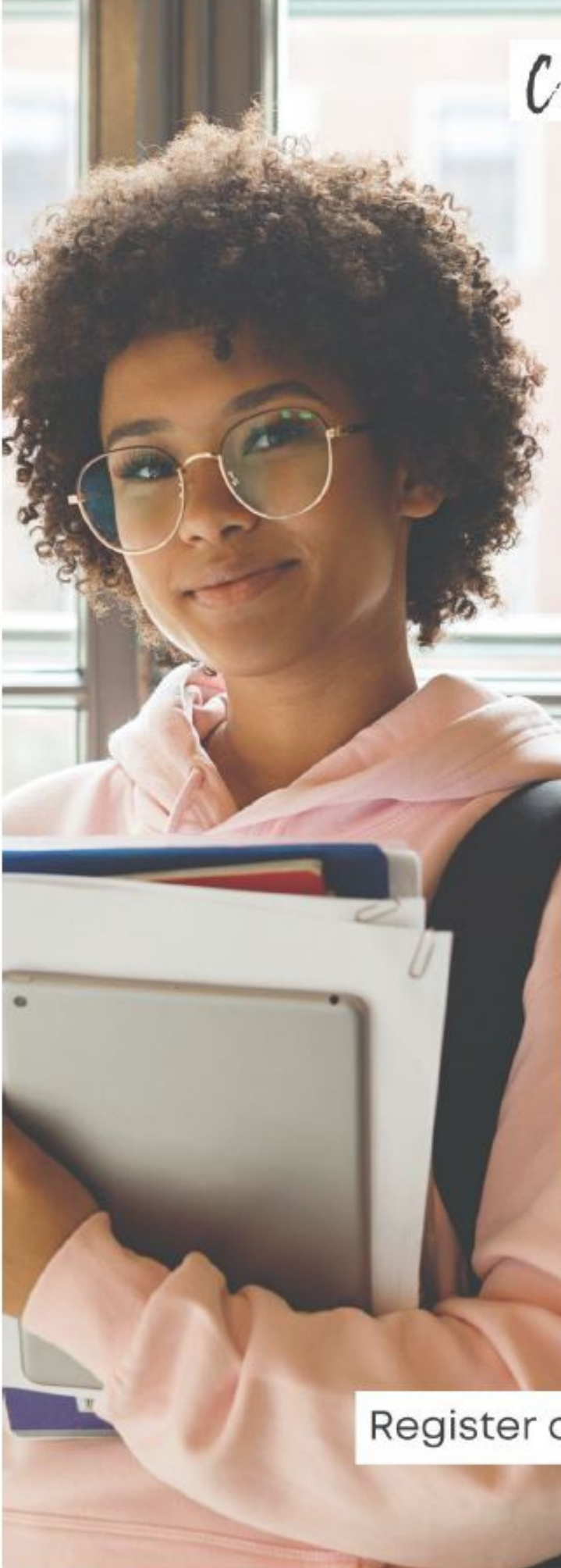
Westboro School's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m. in our school gymnasium. We want you to attend and be a part in this important school event.

Students who are in Cadets, Sparks, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, or Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on November 4th. They will play a special role in our ceremony entering in with our Canadian flag.

As in previous years, we will be continuing to honour our military families with our Wall of Honour and our Westboro Family Tribute.

- **Wall of Honour:** If there is a relative in your family that has served or is currently serving in the military, please email Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca) for a Name Plaque form. It will be sent home with your child and we ask for it to be returned by Friday, October 28th. These names will be featured on our Wall of Honour. If you have submitted a Name Plaque in previous years, the school has kept it and it will be displayed again. If there are any changes (ranking, deployments, etc.) please advise that a replacement form is needed and we would be happy to provide one for you.
- **Westboro Family Tribute:** If you have a picture of a family member who has served or is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, please send a digital copy to Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca). It does not have to be a picture of your family member in uniform and can be a picture of your family member with your child(ren) who attend Westboro. Along with the picture, please also include in your email: name of the person/people in the picture, rank (for family member served/serving), and relation to your child(ren) who attend Westboro (i.e. grandfather, aunt, brother, great-grandmother, etc.). Please ensure these are sent by Friday, October 28th to allow time to add these to our existing tribute. Like the Wall of Honour, if you need to make any changes to your submission from previous year, please notify Mrs. Richard who would be happy to make modifications as needed.

We Remember.



CK Confident Kids Safety Courses

BABYSITTER TRAINING

Open to kids age 12 (or turning 12 within 6 months)

Gain the skills needed to take care of others.

Learn to care for babies, handle behavior, structure activities and respond to emergencies.

Mon, Nov 7: 9-4pm


Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Sh Pk

Thurs, Nov 10: 9-4pm

Heartland Alliance Church, Sh Pk

Cost - \$70

Register online: **cksafetycourses.com**



CK Confident Kidz Safety Courses

HOME ALONE SAFETY

Designed for kids age 9+ new to staying home alone.

Think through unexpected situations, work through fears and handle emergencies.

Tues, Nov 8: 9-12pm

Mt Olivet Lutheran Church, Sh Pk

Wed, Nov 9: 9-12pm

Heartland Alliance Church, Sh Pk

Cost \$60

*Online options also available.

Register online: **cksafetycourses.com**

Strathcona County Information

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN SKATE

Join us at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex on October 30 for some free spooktacular activities (don't forget to wear your costume!):

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the MacMillan Team Arena:

Free skate

12 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the Aspen Room:

Free hot chocolate

Halloween-themed activities

RCMP cruiser, mascots and swag bags

*This event is sponsored by the MacMillan Team (RE/MAX Elite) and the Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1050899935601513/?ref=newsfeed>

ENJOY A SAFE, FUN AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

Strathcona County is supporting a safe and healthy Halloween for all trick or treaters this year, through free recreation passes to local youth and Halloween events with a focus on creating an accessible Halloween for everyone. If you are out on Halloween and things get a bit too scary, our buses are a safe place to board for help. Visit <http://ow.ly/yQAC50LiarE> for more information.

WILD CRITTERS

Come join the Wild Critters Halloween Extravaganza (3yrs+) for a Spooktacular fun day at Strathcona Wilderness Centre!

Sunday, October 30 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include exploring the forest, walking the trails, finding spooky items, building a haunted house for a spooky critter and decorating mini pumpkins with nature items found in the forest!

Register at RecOnline

<https://bit.ly/3zivB7y>