



December 16, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 20: Christmas Sweater Day

December 20: Last day of classes before Christmas Break

December 21 - January 3: Christmas Break - No school for students or staff

January 4: Classes resume

January 4: Early dismissal

CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Wear your favourite Christmas sweater or red or green to school on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



We are hoping to allow our staff to enjoy a Christmas lunch ALL together on the last day of school, Tuesday December 20th. We have several parent volunteers lined up to help supervise during the lunch hour eating and recess time, however we are still in need of 3 or 4 more to. IF you would be willing to come in from 12:00pm to 1:00pm to help out, it would be so appreciated! Please email Ms. Prouse at tracey.prouse@eips.ca if you can make this work!

And on THAT note, a very big THANK YOU to alllll of those of you who have supported our school in so many ways throughout the past year. We look so forward to working with you and your family in 2023!



CHRISTMAS BREAK

Westboro Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 26, 2022 to Jan. 2, 2023

Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on November 30, 2022.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes November 30, 2022](#)

[Westboro Parent Group Meeting Minutes November 30, 2022](#)

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#) For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.

CAREER PATHWAYS NEWS

The [December Career Pathways News](#) is now available. We are excited to share these exciting opportunities with our school community.

CAREGIVER SERIES: DECEMBER AND JANUARY SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for adults. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics for December include mindfulness and understanding autism. Upcoming topics for January include understanding anxiety and how sleep affects your family's mental health. The lists of [December 2022](#) and [January 2023](#) sessions are now available.

HAVE YOUR SAY, EIPS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The [Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) is now available. The report is a summary of how Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Both the full report and an overview are available for readers.

Reflecting on this report and the past school year, EIPS wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, the annual EIPS Year-in-Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey is now open. Thank you for your patience while we temporarily postponed the survey—it's now reopened. Complete the Year-in-Review Survey by December 18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance and resource allocations. The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the Annual Education Results Report 2022-23.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#)

Survey closes Dec. 18, 2022

If you've already completed the 2021-22 survey, there's no need to do so again. Your responses have been recovered and will be included in the Division data.

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

The December edition of the Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Newsletter focuses on joy during the holiday season. [Newsletter](#)

Themes include:

- [Increasing your joy during the holiday season](#)
- [Joy through mindfulness](#)
- [Tips to help children feel joy](#)
- [Joy through self-care practices](#)

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As the Christmas break approaches, I wish to take a moment to extend my gratitude to all EIPS staff throughout the Division for the exceptional work you've done in 2022.

Although the challenges you've faced have evolved over the past few years, what has stayed steadfast is your unwavering commitment to ensuring students have the tools they need to grow and thrive. What you do, regardless of the position you hold, helps the Division deliver the gift of education in every EIPS school.

It's my fondest wish that during the break, you find time to spend with those who mean the most to you, that you can find moments of tranquility among the hustle and bustle, and that the joy of the season fills your heart.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I hope you have the merriest of Christmases, the warmest of holiday cheer and the most wonderful 2023.

Trina Boymook
Board Chair

*Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays*

From all the staff at Westboro Elementary



Strathcona County Information

NEW YEARS FESTIVAL

Ring in the New Year with us at Broadmoor Lake Park.

Enjoy free, family-friendly festivities on **Saturday, December 31 starting at 4 p.m.**

The evening will wrap up with spectacular fireworks at 8 p.m., early enough for even the youngest of festival goers to enjoy.

The fun will take place at Broadmoor Lake Park (2025 Oak Street, Sherwood Park) and includes activities at Festival Place and the Sherwood Park Arena and Sports Centre.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../news/2022/12/12/new-years23/>

NEW YEAR'S DAY OUTDOOR FUN

The fun continues on **January 1** at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre!

Bring a donation for the Strathcona Food Bank and dress warmly for winter fun from

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

10 a.m. Troll in the Wilderness (hosted by Edmonton Nordic

edmontonnordic.ca/events)

A fun Cross-Country Ski Loppet, annual New Year's Day tradition. A classic ski event with distances from 1 km to 10 kms.

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- Toonie ski lessons (1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.)*

- Toonie snowshoe ramble (2 p.m.)*

*Regular trail and equipment rental rates apply. Proceeds from Toonie Lessons go to the Food Bank.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../fes.../new-years-eve-festival/>

EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY DAY

Enjoy FREE winter fun for the whole family on Thursday, December 22, 2022 1 - 4 p.m.

Activities include:

- Skating
- Hot chocolate
- Snow play and more!

Sponsored by Inter Pipeline.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../festivals-and.../play-days/>