



January 6, 2022



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## *Weekly Newsletter*

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**January 10:** Elk Island Logos Society Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sherwood Heights School

**January 11:** Telus World of Science Field Trip – **Grades 4/5L, 5R, 5/6L, 6R**

### 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.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten>.

# HELP PROMOTE LOGOS

Attention, Parents Caregivers, Family and Friends!

In response to the recent drop in enrollment numbers, the Elk Island Logos Society NEEDS YOU to help spread the word about the program in the community. We believe many people simply don't know about the program and how amazing it is. Here's how you can help!

We are looking for people who are willing to help advertise the program:

- At your home church
- At preschools in the area
- At daycares in the area

This may be as simple as committing to creating a connection with your preschool or daycare and taking a day or two during prime pick-up times to share about the program with other parents. We have signage and advertisements that can help with this.

We are also looking for parents who would be willing to set up a table in their church foyer or children's ministry area to share about the Logos program with your church community. Again, we have signage and advertisements that can help with this.

If you are interested in helping Logos grow for future generations, please contact us at [vicepresident@elkislandlogos.ca](mailto:vicepresident@elkislandlogos.ca). We are asking for help now so we can be prepared to start actively spreading the word before EIPS registration time in February. We can't do this without you.

<http://www.elkislandlogos.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/elkislandlogos>

## ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETER

The January edition of the Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Newsletter focuses on vaping. [Newsletter](#)

Themes include:

- [What is a vape?](#)
- [Why do young people vape?](#)
- [How harmful is vaping?](#)
- [Talk to your children about vaping.](#)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://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](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, 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 they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

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

## 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.

# Strathcona County Information

## WORLD SNOW DAY

January 14 and 15 from 1 – 4 p.m

Join us at Strathcona Wilderness Centre for FREE afternoon full of snow fun to celebrate World Snow Day! Activities will include; scavenger hunt on skis, snow painting, snow angels, snow forts, colour ice gems/totems, orienteering and hot chocolate.

Dress warmly and bring your family and friends! There will also be a Para-Nordic Try-it session.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../strathcona-wilderness-centre/>

## FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK WINTER PROGRAMS

Family Resource Network winter programs are now posted on our website and open for registration. We have a range of programs for children and parents age 0 to 18. We will be posting program highlights over the next few weeks.

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

## STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Strathcona County Library has registration open for its programs in the new year. Are you looking for something to do with your littles to get out of the house during this cold weather? Enjoy the Library's wonderful programs to experience literacy and connection.

<https://scl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>

## FREE SNEAK PEEK WEEK FITNESS CLASSES (JAN 9-12)

Register now for select free fitness classes from January 9-12 during sneak peek week.

<https://bit.ly/3jH4pKF>

Classes are available at Millennium Place, Ardrossan Recreation Complex, Glen Allan Recreation Complex or even virtually on Zoom!

Many different types of fitness classes are available for a variety of ages and levels of fitness, and you can choose from morning, afternoon and evening options.

## GRIEF AND LOSS WORKSHOP

Are you working through grief? It's okay not to be okay. Join us at Family & Community Services for our free Grief and Loss Workshop, a set of two connected sessions. Learn about types of loss, practical coping skills and where to access support in our community.

Session 1: Understanding grief — Tues, Jan. 17, 2023; 6-7:30 p.m.

Session 2: Building coping skills — Tues, Jan. 24, 2023; 6-7:30 p.m.

Register online: <https://bit.ly/3FxDFF2>