



February 17, 2023



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 20: Family Day - **No school for staff or students**

February 22: School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in the Westboro school library

February 22: **Pink Shirt Day**

February 23: Running Room Indoor Games 8:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 24: Hot Lunch - Purple Perogy

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda February 22, 2023](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council and Parents Group meeting held on January 18, 2023.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2023](#)

[Westboro Parents Group Meeting Minutes January 18, 2023](#)

CHAPEL

February's chapel is cancelled due to the residency with Connie Kulhavy next week. The next chapel will be in March.

CHALLENGER PROGRAM - ADAPTIVE BASEBALL

Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program designed specifically to empower children and youth living with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The program is designed to teach these children and youth the core life-skills inherent to baseball, including: teamwork, communication, determination, resiliency, inclusion, support and courage. This unique partnership between Baseball Canada, Little League Canada and Jays Care Foundation and now SPMBA, is creating opportunities for more children to be a part of a team.

With the help of "Buddies" who are assigned on a one for one basis for each participant, Games are played in a safe environment where the focus is on having fun instead of keeping score. The program is offered for kids aged 5-18.

The program is open to children from Sherwood Park, Ardrossan, Strathcona County and also surrounding towns/cities as well. We do not want to turn any children away. Please pass the information on to anyone you think would be interested in this program.

We encourage everyone who as a child with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to come out and see what the program is about before deciding if the program is for them or not.

Challenger Program runs **Monday nights the first week of May to the last week of June from 6 p.m-8 p.m.** The location is Centennial Park #5. [Register here.](#)

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT FAMILY GATHERINGS

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has planned a series of in-person gatherings for families of self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who are curious to learn more about the supports offered throughout EIPS. It's an opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families to gather together and engage in conversation in partnership with the EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team. Self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit families are invited—all ages are welcome. Dinner will be provided at each gathering. RSVP links will be sent directly to applicable families.

Upcoming gatherings:

Thursday, April 20

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services
- Art with Métis knowledge holder Connie Kulhavy

Thursday, June 8

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services
- Land-based learning

LOGOS RETURNING STUDENT AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

As you're aware, the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) [returning student registration](#) and [kindergarten registration processes](#) for the 2023–24 school year opened on **Feb. 1, 2023**.

If you'd like your child to continue in the Logos Program next year—or if you have a new student starting school next year who you'd like to register in the Logos Program—be sure to select the Logos school you'd like them to attend when you complete the applicable new or returning student registration form.

It's important the Division has the best sense of expected numbers for the coming year so the Board can make an informed decision about the future of the Logos program based on these numbers. As such, it's important for families to choose the Logos Program during the applicable registration process—if that's your first choice—rather than picking a different school or program because you're unsure what will happen.

If Logos Program registrations increase significantly, administration will recommend the Board keep the elementary program unchanged at both Brentwood Elementary and Westboro Elementary. If registrations stay relatively flat, administration will recommend the Board consolidate the elementary program at Brentwood Elementary, starting in 2023–24. **If this happens, you'll have an opportunity to confirm or change the school and program you want your child to attend for the upcoming school year.**

To provide administration and the Board with the best information possible:

- It's important all current Logos families complete their Returning Student Registration forms by **Feb. 28, 2023**.
- If you have new students starting school next year and wish to register them in the Logos Program—or if you know other new families in the community interested in the Logos Program—the Division recommends completing the applicable New Student Registration form by **Feb. 28, 2023**, as well. This will ensure the number of new registrations received by that time can also be considered as part of the Board's decision in March.

More information is available in the [Logos Christian Program Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you have any questions about new or returning student registration, contact your child's school directly.

Sincerely,
Elk Island Public Schools

Strathcona County Information

CHOOSE KIND MONTH

February is Choose Kind month. This month Strathcona County recognizes Safer Internet Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Pink Shirt Day. In celebration, Strathcona County invites you to spread kindness throughout the community. You can't always choose what life throws your way, but you can choose to be kind, to yourself and others. Check out how you can get involved:

- Sign up for a FREE Family Fun Night at the Child and Youth Community Centre on February 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Enter to win an exciting prize! Contest runs from Feb. 6 to 21

Visit <http://ow.ly/4b1150MG2Ok> for tickets, contest details and how you can choose kind!

FAMILY FUN DAY FEBRUARY 20

This Family Day, February 20, visit Strathcona County recreation facilities, where 100% of admission fees will be invested into the [Everybody gets to play™ program](#). This program helps families with limited income access recreation in Strathcona County.

Visit our [drop-in recreation calendar](#) to view the schedule for each facility.

STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY

Don't forget that the central library will be closed on Monday for Family Day. But you can join the Bookmobile for a fun event at Hastings Lake Hall with Paralympian Lisa DeJong! Details at <https://bit.ly/3lDcDEG>

NEW LAWS WHEN PASSING EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Your strathcona firefighters want to remind our community that changes to enhance our safety while working on highway and roadway emergency scenes **go into effect March 1/2023!**

Changes:

When an Emergency Vehicle is stopped with its flashing lights operating, motorists are required to:

- Slow down to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower, IN ALL LANES TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION on multi-lane highways.
- Slow down to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower, when traveling in EITHER DIRECTION on single lane highways.
- Extend safe passing protections for roadside workers to include snowplow operators and roadside maintenance.

Give us room to work, we all want to get home safely!