



February 24, 2023



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**February 28:** Returning Student Registration 2023-24 **Closes**

**March 1:** Early Dismissal - Students will be dismissed 1 hour early

**March 3:** Professional Learning Day: No school for students

**March 3:** Last day to order hot lunch

### MARCH HOT LUNCH

We are excited to offer Hot Dog Day on Friday, March 10th!! And Panago Pizza on Friday, March 17th!!

Ordering for this menu runs from Monday, February 20th till Friday, March 3rd!! **No late orders will be accepted.**

When entering your hot lunch orders, enter ALL your children's orders for ALL of the lunch order dates. Once you have entered ALL the hot lunch orders for ALL of your children then make ONE payment.

We will only be accepting e-transfer to the following email address: [westboropg2022@gmail.com](mailto:westboropg2022@gmail.com)

When submitting your payment, you will need to generate a question with an answer in order for us to accept your payment.

**PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR ALL E-TRANSFERS...**

**WHO IS OUR SCHOOL MASCOT?**

**ANSWER - Webster**

Please document the student(s) name in your etransfer (example - memo line, notes, etc...). Please ensure you submit your payment by the closing date for that month's ordering so that lunch orders can be processed on time.

If not received, the orders will be deleted.

**All unpaid orders will be cancelled!!!**

Don't forget to select..."able to assist as a volunteer on this hot lunch day" if you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteers will receive a \$1.00 credit towards future Hot Lunch purchases. Thank you for your support!!!

Please go to <http://westboro.hotlunches.net> to place your orders. If you have any questions email us at [westborohotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:westborohotlunch@gmail.com). Or contact Allison Usher at (780)907-1130.

# KINDERGARTEN OPPORTUNITIES

As we move into the final term of the school year, we are inviting Kindergarten parents into the classroom!

Your support would be appreciated, as we work towards having your children best prepared to enter Grade 1. Ideally, we need volunteers to help with literacy and numeracy supports daily from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please let us know if you can make this work on any of our scheduled Kindergarten days (in orange) Or, if you can be available at other times in our day, that would also be most helpful! We would be happy to welcome any adults available including Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, etc.

We will be putting together a volunteers' schedule in hopes of accommodating all of our Kindergarten parents! Please email:

[cindy.wheeler@eips.ca](mailto:cindy.wheeler@eips.ca) or [tracey.prouse@eips.ca](mailto:tracey.prouse@eips.ca) with your availability at your earliest convenience.

We are grateful for any support!



## EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2022-23

Regular School Day  
No School – Statutory Holiday

Early Dismissal for Students  
No School for All Students and Staff

First Day of Class  
No School for Students – Professional Learning/Operational Day

**SCHEDULE A:**  
Mondays, Wednesdays  
and select Fridays

**SCHEDULE B:**  
Tuesdays, Thursdays  
and select Fridays

### Important Dates

**Aug 26** Professional Learning Day  
**Aug 29** Operational Day  
**Aug 30** Classes Begin  
**Sept 5** Labour Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Sept 30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Division Closure  
**Oct 7** Professional Learning Day  
**Oct 10** Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Nov 7-11** November Break  
**Nov 11** Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Dec 21 - Jan 3** Christmas Break  
**Dec 25** Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Jan 1** New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Jan 4** Classes Resume for Students  
**Jan 30** Professional Learning Day  
**Feb 9 & 10** North Central Teachers' Convention  
**Feb 20** Family Day – Statutory Holiday  
**Mar 3** Professional Learning Day  
**Mar 24 - 31** Spring Break  
**Apr 3** Classes Resume  
**Apr 7** Good Friday – Statutory Holiday  
**Apr 10** Easter Monday – Division Closure  
**May 5** Professional Learning Day  
**May 19** School Closure Day  
**May 22** Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday  
**June 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day  
**June 23** Last Instructional Day Schedule B  
**June 26** Last Instructional Day Schedule A  
**June 27 - 28** Operational Days

### AUGUST 2022

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## WATCH FOR THIN ICE

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

### Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

## ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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

Themes include:

- [What is sleep hygiene?](#)
- [Promote a good bedtime routine](#)
- [Tips for a good night's sleep](#)
- [Ways to support your child's sleep](#)

## 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

## SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Spring Break programs and camps are here! View the program and camps online today.

Registration for Spring Break programs and camps starts on Tue, Feb 28 @ 7 a.m.

The Spring Recreation and Culture guide will be viewable online and available for pick-up starting Feb 28.

- Registration for spring programs starts:
- Tue, Mar 14 for all programs except swimming.
- Tue, Mar 21 for swimming

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../activi.../recreation-programs/>

## EMOTION COACHING

Emotional regulation requires a wide range of skills. We will be offering Emotion Coaching on March 4th at 9:30 am at Millennium Place to discuss how to help our children understand and work through their emotions in healthy ways.

To register go to <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network>

## CREATIVE OUTLET

Plug into your creativity! Creativity helps us express ourselves and can be a great way to take care of our mental health. We'll be exploring lots of different art forms, so join with a friend and try something new. Sign up for four fun days during spring break!

For grades 4 to 6

March 27 to 30

Two locations and times! Mornings from 9 to noon at Ardrossan Recreation Centre and afternoons from 1 to 4 at the Child and Youth Community Centre.

For more information and to register, go to:

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

## ART FOR ALL AGES

The Bookmobile is hosting a rural family art program!

Join the Bookmobile at Antler Lake Hall on Thursdays in March to try out art using various mediums, with local artist Anita Aldie. All ages welcome!

<https://sclibrary.ca/locations/bookmobile/>