



March 10, 2023



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 12: Daylight Savings Starts - Turn your clock ahead 1 hour at 2 a.m.

March 13: Online bookings for Student/Parent/Teacher Conference open at 8:30 a.m.

March 13: Substitute Appreciation Week

March 13: Online Assistant Principal Feedback Survey opens - a link to the survey will be emailed to families

March 13: Week of Inspirational Math

March 14: Pi Day and Pizza Lunch

March 14: Elk Island Logos Society Meeting Brentwood Elementary, 28 Heron Road

March 15: Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Westboro School Library

March 17: Hot Lunch - Panago Pizza

March 17: Report Cards go live at 3:00 p.m.

March 17: Sing for Spring

STUDENT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - IN PERSON

March 21 and 22, 2023 (4 - 7 p.m.)

Bookings open **Monday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m.** and close on **Monday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m.**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and follow these simple instructions. Simply enter the code: **d3g6j** or use the QR Code below:



1. Enter your details.
2. Select the teachers you wish to see.
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately - **check your junk mail folder.**

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will go live on Friday, March 17, at 3:00 p.m. Parents and guardians will continue to access report cards through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Simply log in to your account and click on the “**Report Card**” button in the lefthand sidebar.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting. We will also be finalizing school fees for the 2023-24 school year at this meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda March 15, 2023](#)

[Westboro Parent's Group Agenda March 15, 2023](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on February 22, 2023.

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

[Westboro Parents Group Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023](#)

PI DAY

March 14 is Pi Day, and we couldn't be more excited!! We are planning for an assembly at 11:00 a.m. in the gym for some Pi activities. All activities will involve circles, and we will see which student has memorized the most digits of pi! Parents are welcome.

We will also be providing pizza lunch for for the whole school! Students will still need to bring snacks for morning and afternoon recess.

SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK

EIPS is celebrating Substitute Appreciation Week from March 13 to 17, 2023. Annually, EIPS officially recognizes the professional service our substitute teachers and non-teaching staff provide throughout the Division each day. We encourage schools, boards, families and community members to take a moment this week to tell your valued teaching and non-teaching substitute colleagues how thankful you are for the exceptional services they bring to our school community.

From all of EIPS, thank you for all that you do!

WEEK OF INSPIRATIONAL MATH

EIPS schools will explore all things mathematics during the Week of Inspirational Math (WiM). Students will take part in a variety of inspiring and creative math activities for the week and explore real-world applications of mathematics in a number of professions.

HAVE YOUR SAY! EIPS' 2023 ANNUAL FEEDBACK SURVEY

MARCH 1-23

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2023 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For parents and caregivers—open from March 1-23.

Every year, EIPS conducts the feedback survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey input helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

[VISIT EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 1-23](#)

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

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.



Community Adult Learning & Literacy Society
Fort Saskatchewan & Strathcona County

Grow your English this spring.

CALL or TEXT (780) 667-8441.

Drop-In English

- ✦ Wed Jan 4 19:00-20:45 (SCL)
- ✦ Thurs Jan 5 18:00-20:00 (FSPL)

Drop-In English Conversation Circles

- ✦ Mon 18:00-19:30 (SCL)
- ✦ Mon 18:30-19:30 (FSPL)
- ✦ Thurs 9:30-10:30 (SCL) +
(10:30-11:30 FCS Newcomer Connector)
- ✦ Thurs 13:00-14:45 (online)

English Level One (beginner) – Feb 28
Tues and Thurs morning (Sherwood Park)

English Level Two (intermediate) – Mar 8
Mon and Wed morning (online)

English Level Three (advanced) – Mar 17
Tues and Fri evening (online)

FREE tutoring available
Funded by the Government of Alberta



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Practice English With Friends

FREE Drop In English Conversation

- No need to register – try it out
- No citizenship requirement

Sherwood Park

- Monday 6:00-7:30 pm
- Thursday 9:30-10:30 am (followed directly by the Strathcona County Newcomer Connector) starts Jan 19

Fort Saskatchewan

Monday 6:30-7:30 pm

Online – text 780-667-8441 for link

Thursday 1:00-2:45 pm

CALLS also offers levelled English classes and one-on-one tutoring, online and in person.
CALL or TEXT 780-667-8441 for info

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Empower U is a financial learning and matched savings program for women living on low income.



Has your money situation gotten complicated?

Grocery bills getting scary?

- 10 sessions **START March 30th**
- Thursday evenings **ONLINE 6:30-8:30 pm**
- Topics include: budgeting, credit, relationship with money, wise spending, banking, etc.

Create an emergency fund for you and your family.
Every dollar you save is matched with two dollars to a maximum of \$250. You can receive up to \$750.

You also get **FREE** access to a volunteer **financial coach** who can help you resolve specific financial problems.

Register: **Phone or text Lisa at 780-257-6281**

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DAD FOUNDATION PRESENTS:

SAFER SPACES

- COMMUNICATION
- RELATIONSHIPS
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION

FOR DAD'S AND THEIR KIDS

MARCH 22, 2023 AND APRIL 3, 2023
5PM-7PM

STRATHCONA LIBRARY- BIRCH ROOM



EMAIL US FOR REGISTRATION

dadfoundation2022@gmail.com

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MATH HOMEWORK SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Tears at the kitchen table from you AND your kid?
You're pretty sure you used to be able to do this?

OUR INSTRUCTOR WILL WALK PARENTS
THROUGH K-6 MATH HOMEWORK ONLINE

WEDNESDAYS 7:30-8:30 PM

CALL/TEXT 780-667-8441
FOR ZOOM LINK

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ARAS SAFETY & WELLNESS MARKET

MAY 6TH, 10 AM - 2 PM
ARDROSSAN REC COMPLEX
EAST ARENA

Local businesses, services and programs and the Ardrossan Farmers' Market –
all in one place. Child-friendly, informative & interactive fun for all ages!

ESL BOARD GAMES

6:30-7:45pm
Wed, Feb 15-Mar 29

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Free

Newcomer Mornings

Come to one or come to both!

Conversation Circle • 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Hosted by CALLS. Practice your English for free.

Newcomer Connector • 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by Family Resource Network. Connect with other newcomers and learn about resources in your community.

FOR: All ages are welcome

COST: Free. No registration needed

WHEN: Every Thursday morning

WHERE: Strathcona County Library, Maple Room



Call 780-464-4044 or visit strathcona.ca/newcomer for more information.



Free

Family Fun Night

Spend some quality time with your family and connect with others in the community at our FREE Family Fun Nights. Enjoy a light meal and participate in a variety of activities that can be adapted for all age groups.

FOR: All parents, caregivers & families

COST: Free

WHEN: Friday, January 27, February 24, and March 24
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Child and Youth Community Center
3 Spruce Ave. Sherwood Park

Registration required, visit the calendar on strathcona.ca/familyresourcenetwork for more details.



Strathcona County Family Resource Network

Parenting is a journey, and there's no clear road map. Everyone needs some help along the way!

The Strathcona County Family Resource Network can support families with:

- Programs to promote healthy child development, from pregnancy to youth
- Reliable parenting information and strategies
- Connection to community and local resources

Programs and supports are free and flexible, ranging from group workshops to customized individual services. In-person, virtual or telephone support options are available.

Let's talk! Call 780-464-4044

strathcona.ca/families
familyresourcenetwork@strathcona.ca

Follow us on Facebook:
[facebook.com/strathcona.familyresourcenetwork](https://www.facebook.com/strathcona.familyresourcenetwork)



Programs for Parents and Caregivers



Emotion Coaching

Our emotions are with us wherever we go and impact all that we do in life. Learning how to recognize, understand and manage our feelings is an important life skill. Join us in person to learn some helpful tips for coaching children and youth of all ages build their emotional competence.



Straight Talk About Teens

Crossing the bridge from childhood to adulthood can be exciting and challenging for both teens and their caregivers. Join us for this online session based on Healthy Minds Healthy Kids Psychology Canada's publication "Straight Talk About Teens".



Inclusive Parenting

Where do you begin when talking with your teens about the impacts of drugs and alcohol? Join us for Inclusive Parenting, a session in partnership with Parents Empowering Parents Society. This session will cover adolescent brain development, signs, symptoms, and impacts of substance use, how to talk about substance use with your teen, and resources available to you and your family.



Seniors' Coffee & Chat

Seniors join other seniors for conversations with coffee or tea.

COST Free, drop-in (no registration needed)

WHEN Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- March 8, 22
- April 12, 26

WHERE Family and Community Services (accessible location)
2nd floor Community Centre, 401 Festival Lane

For more information call 780-464-4044

Visit strathcona.ca/families to register.



strathcona.ca/adultlearning



Strathcona County Information

STRATHCONA COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

[Strathcona County Family and Community Services](#) (FCS) offers walk-in, virtual and telephone counselling. To access these affordable solution-oriented services, Strathcona County residents are invited to phone FCS at 780-464-4044 or visit the second floor of the community centre. **NOTE:** Counselling services are a pay-what-you-can system, ranging from \$0 to \$90.

[Learn more](#)

CREATIVE OUTLET

Spring break is just a couple weeks away, join us for 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/>

STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY

Registration for April to June programs opens this Saturday (March 11) at 9:30 a.m!

Visit sclibrary.ca/programs to find out about all our upcoming programs.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Spring Break programs and camps are here! Registration for Spring Break programs and camps started on Tue, Feb 28. The Spring Recreation and Culture guide is now viewable online and available for pick-up.

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

SPRING PROGRAMS

Registration begins:

- Tuesday, March 14 at 7 a.m. for all programs except swimming
- Tuesday, March 21 at 7 a.m. for swimming programs.

The printed guide is now available. View the [spring guide](#) today!