



March 17, 2023



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- March 17:** Report Cards go live at 3:00 p.m.
- March 17:** Sing for Spring
- March 20:** School Interview Bookings close at 8:00 a.m.
- March 21:** Chapel 1:00 p.m.
- March 21:** School Interviews 4-7 p.m.
- March 22:** School Interviews 4-7 p.m.
- March 23:** Beach Day - Dress up in your favourite beach attire!
- March 23:** Last Day of classes before Spring Break
- March 24 - April 2:** Spring Break
- March 27:** Assistant Principal Feedback Survey Closes

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T6W9NTZ>

LOGOS DECISION

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees has made the decision to amalgamate the elementary Logos Christian program at Brentwood Elementary, effective for the 2023-24 school year.

All Brentwood and Westboro Elementary, Logos **AND** Regular families now have an opportunity to review their school and program registration for the 2023-24 school year and submit a request for a different school or program, if they choose.

In particular, all families who requested the Logos Christian program at Westboro Elementary on their new or returning student registration form must decide if they'd like to:

- transfer to the Logos Christian program at Brentwood Elementary
- transfer to the regular program at Westboro Elementary or
- request a different school or program for the 2023-24 school year

Please complete the **2023-24 Confirmation of School and Program Registration form** that was sent by email on March 16 from notifications@permissionclick.com.

For all our **Regular Program students**, if you do not submit a form, the Division will assume your child will continue at Westboro Elementary in the regular program for the 2023-24 school year.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Westboro Families.

This week has brought difficult news to our Westboro School community. The loss of our LOGOS program is very sad news and has affected all of our families. We will continue to maintain a positive and supportive environment for all of our Westboro Warriors and look forward to creating many wonderful memories throughout the upcoming months. If any of our parents have any questions, please feel to reach out to me at the school and I will try to answer your questions and support you in the best way that I can.

Thank you,

Mike Lastiwka

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.

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.

PARENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently reviewing and updating all parent and guardian contact information within the Division's student information system. This one-time, full-scale review is to ensure the Division has complete and accurate data on file as Alberta Education moves to a new way of capturing information in the provincial database.

As part of the data review, EIPS requires all families to carefully review the parent and guardian information on file for each student in your family—even if you've recently completed a Student Correction and Verification Form. Families can quickly and easily indicate no updates are needed, if that's the case, or provide updated contact information as needed. The form also includes a handful of new questions to help the Division understand each parent and guardian's relationship to the student and their preferences for receiving communication from the school and Division.

One form is required for each student currently registered at an EIPS school. Only one parent/guardian will complete the form for each student—all associated parent/guardian information for each student is available to review on the same form. To review your information, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and open the "Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form" from the left-hand menu or notification at the top of the page. Review all information carefully, provide updates where needed and submit your form by April 30.

If you have any questions about your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form, contact your child's school.

Join Leduc County FCSS for four free online sessions that are open to any parents and/or guardians who are supporting children and/or youth who have mental health challenges such as stress reactions, emotional dysregulation, low esteem issues, anxiety, poor sleep patterns and depression. These four sessions are a part of a series – you'll register for the whole series but feel free to attend as many as you like.

Session one - Foundations for Healthy Balance (Tuesday, April 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.)

- ▶ Learn about the essential building blocks that we all need to be able to manage stress/school/work/relationships effectively.

Session two - Understanding how the human brain works (Tuesday, April 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.)

- ▶ Learn how to decrease stress hormones and increase happy hormones and how to respond when your child is out of balance or triggered.

Session three - Managing difficult emotions (Tuesday, May 2 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.)

- ▶ Learn how to help kids process and release their feelings in a healthy way and learn what not to do or what can make things worse.

Session four – What can a parent do? (Tuesday, May 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.)

- ▶ Kids learn by watching – what are you role modelling? Learn how to balance your own social, emotional, mental and physical needs each day. Self-care goes beyond bubble baths!

This series will be facilitated by Kim Silverthorn B.A., R.P.C., M.P.C.C., C.T. of Tacit Knowledge in Beaumont. Kim is a registered Master Practitioner of Clinical Counselling through the Canadian Professional Counsellors Association. She is also a registered Counselling Therapist with the Association of Counselling Therapy of Alberta with 30 years of experience!

- ▶ **Dates:** Tuesdays, April 18, 25, May 2 and 9
- ▶ **Time:** 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** online via Zoom
- ▶ **Technology needed:** internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- ▶ **Register:** register online at www.leduc-county.com/supporting-mental-wellness or contact Sara at **780-955-6424** or sara@leduc-county.com.

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](#)

NEWCOMER MORNINGS

Are you new to Canada? Do you want to connect with other newcomers and learn about community resources? We will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Thursdays in the Maple Room of the Strathcona County Library.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../communi.../newcomer-connector/>

CALLS will also be hosting a Conversation Circle in the Maple Room right before us from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Please come to one or both!

<https://www.whatdidyoulearntoday.ca/>

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!