



March 23, 2023



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

*Weekly Newsletter*

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- March 24 - April 2:** Spring Break
- April 3:** Classes Resume
- April 5:** Grade 1 Field Trip to Pediatric Dental 9:00 a.m.
- April 5:** Early Dismissal
- April 6:** Easter Chapel 2:10 - 3:10 p.m.
- April 7:** Good Friday - No school for staff or students
- April 10:** Easter Monday - No school for staff or students

## ADJUSTED ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY: CAMBRIAN CROSSING

The Board approved the adjusted regular program attendance boundary for the Cambrian Crossing area structure plan, made up of two new neighbourhoods in Strathcona County—Cambrian and Hearthstone. The adjusted attendance boundary for regular programming for Cambrian effective immediately is Westboro Elementary.

We look forward to welcoming students from the Cambrian neighbourhood to the Westboro Community!



# 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.

## 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.

## MATH HOMEWORK SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Looking to support your child in their math learning? The [Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society](#) (CALLS) is here to help! A CALLS instructor can walk you through kindergarten to Grade 6 math homework online so that you can feel confident in fostering your child's math skills. Support sessions take place virtually every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Simply call or text 780-667-8441 for a Zoom meeting link.

## EIPS ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

### April Spotlight: Student Growth and Success

- [Early Learning](#): Ensuring early learners reach developmental milestones
- [Culture of Literacy](#): Dive deep into the data and learn how students are developing strong literacy skills
- [Math Matters](#): Enhancing reasoning, understanding and achievement through numeracy-rich classrooms
- [Boosting Educational Outcomes](#): Discover how EIPS supports the growth and achievement of students who self-identified First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- [Beyond high school](#): Supports and strategies that are creating real-life career pathways for learners

### RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

# Strathcona County Information

## SPRING BREAK DROP-IN FUN

Hanging around for Spring Break?

We have lots of extra fun planned in our facilities from March 24 to April 2! Enjoy SportZone, skating, swimming and more!

Check out the RecCalendar to see all the fun

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../drop-in-recreation-calendar/>

## PAINT AND SKATE

This free event is sponsored by the MacMillan Team and Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society\*

Paint the ice from 1 - 2 p.m.

- Free hot chocolate (while supplies last)
- Closed-toe shoes required for painting
- Grippers or non-slip shoes recommended

Recreational skating from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- Helmet recommended

The Ardrossan Recreation & Agricultural Society is also running a farmer's market (featuring the Easter Bunny) before the event from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. if you'd like to start your day a bit earlier!

[Paint and Skate](#)

## OUTDOOR RINKS AND SKATING PATHS NOW CLOSED

Our outdoor rinks and skating paths are now closed for the season. We loved seeing so many of you join us on our outdoor skating spaces this year! The good news is that our amazing outdoor crews are now hard at work getting prepared for spring and summer.