



December 10, 2023



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 14: Grades 5D and 6W Swimming field trip 10:15 a.m.

December 15: Grade 4 Muttart Conservatory Field Trip 8:45 a.m.

December 15: Hot Lunch: Wok Box

December 15: Deadline to have fees waived

BUS LANE AND PARKING

Dear Families,

A friendly reminder that we cannot have cars either stopping or parking in our bus lane in front of the school. This lane must be kept clear, as in addition to our regular buses, we have several buses who are delivering and picking up students with mobility considerations. This lane is regularly patrolled by our community peace officer, so we would also like to help you avoid being ticketed.

Thank You

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Westboro Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023. The school will reopen on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Closed Dec. 25, 2023 to Jan. 1, 2024

Open Jan. 2, 2024; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

AMA PATROLLERS OF THE MONTH!



Thank you to our Patrol Team of the Month of November,
Lincoln and Laysen!

This is a conscientious and reliable team who are doing an amazing job of helping to keep our Westboro community safe.

Pamela is also a great team member who stepped up and stepped in many times this month to replace patrollers who couldn't be here for their shift 😊

Great work team!

STRATHCONA CHRISTMAS BUREAU



Westboro is proud to support the Strathcona Christmas Bureau. We have started accepting new unwrapped gifts and toys for all ages from **November 20-December 20**. If you would like to make a monetary donation please scan this **QR code**. Your donations are sincerely appreciated!

Note: Food donations cannot be accepted.

FEE WAIVER APPLICATIONS

REMINDER: For the 2023-24 year, the deadline for receiving fee waiver applications is **Dec. 15, 2023**. The application form and more information can be found on the [EIPS website](#).

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



Westboro Entripyshops is now open for all your **Westboro Warrior spirit wear!** Explore a great selection of brands that fit every budget.

- Order before December 7th for delivery in time for the holidays
- 10% of all sales go back to your school
- Free shipping on all orders over \$119
- Shop is open 24/7, 365 days/year
- Entripyshops [Login](#)

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2024-25

Alberta Education allocates funds to school boards to fulfill their delegated responsibilities of providing education programs for students in kindergarten to Grade 12. As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) commitment to stakeholder engagement and to continue allocating resources according to local priorities, the Division conducts an annual budget planning survey to seek input from staff, families, Grade 12 students and community partners.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous and takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete. The survey questions suggest possible budget areas for EIPS to focus its resources, which align with the Division's current [Four-Year Education Plan](#). If you believe there are other areas where the Division should concentrate its resources, you can also indicate what these are. EIPS will consider all budget planning input to guide future decision-making.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

Survey closes Dec 20, 2023

Grade 12 students will complete the survey at school.

Thank you for sharing your input to help inform Division planning.

SPREAD THE WORD: EIPS IS HIRING SUBSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

Do you know someone who may be interested in part-time, flexible work as a substitute educational assistant (EA)? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hiring—spread the word!

EAs are integral to the school team, assisting teachers with instructional and non-instructional tasks in the classroom and other school activities. Whether it's working one-on-one with individual students or with a small group of students in a class or special program, EAs provide support and assistance to help students achieve success.

Substitutes are needed to fill positions at all school locations until the end of the school year. The application deadline is **December 8**. If you know someone who'd be great in this role, encourage them to [apply today](#).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year on Feb. 1, 2024. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Additional information regarding Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available at www.westboroelementary.ca.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: 2024-25

Mark your calendars! Returning student registration for the 2024-25 school year will take place Feb. 8-21, 2024.

Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2024-25 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. Watch for more details in the new year.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION RECENTLY CHANGED?

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed? Westboro Elementary encourages families to review the information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the **Student Information Update** available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Current contact information is also crucial in the event that your child becomes ill, or there is any type of emergency situation. We have recently had several incidences where we have been unable to contact a family member.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school and Division have the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important as the Division prepares for 2024-25 registration processes beginning in the new year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving later this school year, you'll submit the necessary updates to your information through the **Student Information Update** after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or any trouble with your Parent Portal account, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.

Strathcona County Information

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE

The December Community Education Series is here!

"At CES, we're committed to providing evidence-based information that is accurate, reliable, and trustworthy. We're honored to have the opportunity to provide you with valuable information on child and adolescent health and mental health topics."

Find the full list of workshops and links to recorded sessions at:

https://ces.hmhc.ca/?mailpoet_router...

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Don't paws your winter fun, embrace it!

Registration begins at **7 a.m.**:

Tuesday, December 12 for swimming programs

Thursday, December 14 for all other programs

- Preschool
- Child, Youth and Teen
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Adult / Senior Wellness
- Swimming

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

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK WINTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Our Family Resource Network winter program schedule is now available! Connect with other parents and caregivers, learn new skills and support your child's healthy development.

These **FREE** programs include:

Drop-in parented programs for infants aged 0 to 18 months

Drop-in parented programs for kids 0 to 6 years old

Registered programs for kids in grades 1 to 3 and grades 4 to 6

Registered parenting skill-building sessions for a variety of age groups

Special events for families and children of all ages

Check out the full calendar and register for programs at

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