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WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 31: Professional Learning Day: **No school for students**

February 1: Kindergarten Registration 2024-25 at 9:00 a.m.

February 1: New Student Registration 2024-25 at 9:00 a.m.

February 2: Popcorn Palooza

POPCORN PALOOZA!!

Do you like popcorn? The sixth-grade students are initiating a popcorn fundraiser project to raise funds for their year-end celebration at Birch Bay. They will be preparing and selling bags of popcorn to Westboro students. Popcorn sales will take place approximately twice a month, with the first sale scheduled for **Friday, February 2nd**. This delightful treat can be purchased for **\$2 per bag**. It is important to note that there will be a **limit of two bags per student** to ensure fairness.

To gain an accurate count and determine the required quantity for the sale, **students interested in purchasing popcorn must bring their payment to school on Thursday, the day before the sale**. Please be aware that only orders accompanied by payment will be accepted, and we cannot accept late orders. For information on subsequent sales, please watch for information in upcoming newsletters or refer to the [Westboro calendar](#). Thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts!



SCHOOL FEES

Did you know?

School fees go to cover your child attending field trips in and out of the school, as well as providing extra supervision over lunchbreaks in the classroom as well as the playground. These fees give your kids great opportunities to experience other educational experiences outside the classroom. Did you also know you can make a partial payment? We know families have a lot going on and life is expensive. We appreciate any efforts made to have accounts paid in full by the end of the year so we can continue to provide these great experiences for the kids!

How to make a partial payment:

- Log into your Parent Portal to make a payment.
- Select “View Cart” to ensure that you are paying what you want.
- Select “Partial Payment” and you can adjust amounts if necessary.

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.

<https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten>

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: 2024-25

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.

[Your Guide To Registration 2024-25](#)

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.

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.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence or lateness directly to general.wbo@eips.ca or click the [STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#) link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the School Office staff. You can also call the office at 780-467-7751. If we are unable to answer the phone, please leave a voicemail. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your information will not be received by the Office Staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for students throughout the day.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

The January/February 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:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1lhYBHtBRERkYSjPOYtw9c.../view>

Strathcona County Information

FREE RECREATIONAL SKATES

All ages welcome. Helmets are recommended. Skate aids available. Sticks are not to be used during recreational skate time, but please see 'Stick & Skate' for opportunities for hockey/ringette skill practice. Children under 8Y must be accompanied by someone 14Y+ at all times.

Ardrossan Recreation Complex - Sunday, January 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Glen Allan Recreation Complex - Sunday, January 28, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family and Community Services (FCS) is here to support people of all ages and stages along their journey through life. FCS provides help with achieving your goals, compassionate support for all of life's challenges and educational programming and support for families. Call in to **780-464-4044** or walk in to **Second floor, East Wing, Community Centre - 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park**

[Learn more here.](#)

TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUP - DEALING WITH DISOBEDIENCE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 10

Struggling with your child's behavior? Join us for this in person session to discuss common parenting challenges. You will have an opportunity to connect with other parents while exploring realistic expectations, setting limits, and increasing positive behaviors. Learn how to reduce your parenting related stressors and strengthen your family's relationship.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

[Learn more here.](#)

WINTER PROGRAMS

The Family Resource Network's winter programs are out now. Join us for Move Your Mood, an 8-week fun and educational program for kids in grades 5 and 6. Learn fun ways to move and fuel your body, expand your mind, practice mindfulness and build positive coping strategies. This research-based program promotes physical activity and healthy lifestyle practices to improve youth's mental and physical well-being.

- Tuesdays - Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 and Mar 5
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Millennium Place

Register today, spaces are limited: <https://ow.ly/14vx50QphzZ>