February 25, 2024



Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 26: Telus World of Science Field Trip Grades 2/3C and 3K
February 26: Grade 4 Coding Club at lunch in the library
February 28: <u>Pink Shirt Day</u>
March 1: Professional Learning Day: No school for students

WESTBORO SCHOOL FEE PARENT SURVEY 2024/25

Every year our school has worked with parents to determine what school fees will be for next year. This survey is your opportunity to share you ideas and feedback regarding school fees. Click the link below to complete the survey.

Westboro School Fee Parent Survey 2024/25

BUS LANE AND PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

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 for your cooperation

SPECIAL VISITORS IN IN PLACE AND STEPS

The PLACE class welcomed two special visitors this week. Two floor hockey players from the Strathcona County Special Olympics came to Westboro to share their experiences as Special Olympian Floor Hockey players.

PLACE students along with STEPS and Friend Squad peeps learned to keep two hands on the stick, teamwork is what is most important, and don't ever, ever, ever give up!

Good luck to them as they battle it out in Calgary this weekend for the National title. If they win, they will represent Canada in Italy next year for the 2025 Worlds! Go Strathcona County!







A BIG THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to our Parent Council for hosting Family Game Night this past Wednesday and to Mr. Ulmer for coming out and making balloon animals for our students! It was a huge success!!



RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Thank you to all families who submitted their returning student registration forms. The online process is now closed.

School staff will review the submitted forms and let you know directly if more information is required. In addition, schools will contact all families who requested attendance at a non-designated school to advise of the outcome. School staff will contact most families with this information between Feb. 26–28, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten.

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

CEREAL DRIVE



Cereal Drive

For the month of February, Westboro will be collecting boxes of cereal.

We hope to bring in enough to set up cereal box dominoes through the halls of our school on March 7th, National Cereal Day!

All boxes will then be donated to the Strathcona County Food Bank.

Let's fill Westboro halls with cereal together!

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ADHD AND ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Save the Date!

ADHD and Anxiety in Children with Dr. Kate Randall Ph.D., R.Psych.

Monday, April 8, 2024 Westboro Elementary Gym

6:30-8:30

This session is for all parents and family members who want to learn more about ADHD or anxiety in children, whether or not your child has a diagnosis at this time.

Other topics like regulation, screen time, organization and time-management skills will also be touched upon with resources provided if you want to learn more.

COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S INCREDIBLE BRAIN!

Join us for a **fun** and **informational** evening learning about the powerful role relationships and experiences have on early brain development and play the **Brain Architecture Game!**

Tuesday, February 27

Dinner 5:30 - 6:00pm Activities 6:00 - 8:00pm Woodbridge Farms Elementary School II27 Parker Drive

Go to **"WoodbridgeFarms.ca**" Click on **"Bookings**" Select **"Your Child's Incredible Brain!**"



Free childcare is offered. Please email <u>General.WBF@eips.ca</u>to register for childcare.

Strathcona County Information

SPRING BREAK PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Make the most out of spring break! We have an exciting lineup of spring break programs to keep your kids occupied during their time off school in March.

Registration for <u>spring_break programs</u> starts at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27.

- Performing Arts spring break
- <u>Visual Arts spring break</u>
- <u>Preschool spring break</u>
- Outdoor Pursuits spring break
- Child, Youth and Teen spring break
- <u>Swimming spring break</u>

YOU BELONG HERE PODCAST

Did you know... our colleagues at Family and Community Services (FCS) have a podcast series focused on building connection and wellbeing in Strathcona County?

Have a listen and provide your feedback to help shape season two here:

https://www.strathcona.ca/.../you-belong-here-podcast/

The first season of You Belong Here includes five episodes hosted by Doneka, Ashley and Brad from FCS. Each episode includes an engaging discussion and skill-building tips to help you feel more connected in the community. Topics include destigmatizing mental health, finding common ground, the art of listening, collective belonging, and connection.