

June 2017

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PLANNING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

We have had an exciting year at Westboro Elementary School, and we're looking forward to welcoming new and returning students for 2017-2018. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

If your child is currently enrolled at Westboro Elementary and will be attending next year, there is nothing for you to do.

If your child is currently enrolled and ***will not be attending*** in the 2017 - 2018 school year, please contact our office at 780-467-7751 and inform us of this change.

Thank you for helping us plan for the next school year!

Westboro School will close for the summer on June 30th but will re-open again on August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Please visit the school any time between 9 - 3 p.m. on or after August 23rd to complete the registration process for your child and take a tour of the school.

Browse through our school website for registration, calendar, program, and other information to help you plan for next year. For general information about back to school throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), visit the division website at www.eips.ca in August.

Lost and Found items have now been collected and donated to Good Will, after having been displayed in the school for the students throughout the month of June.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Grades 1-6 classes resume on **Wednesday, August 30th, before the long weekend.**

This week of school will be a staggered start for our Kindergarten Orientation classes and had been previously booked in June. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office after August 23rd for your start date. Full-day Regular and Logos Kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 6th, depending whether you child is in the Monday-Wednesday (Regular) or Tuesday-Thursday (Logos) program.

AUGUST

- 23 School Open
9:00 a.m.
- 28 Tools for Schools
delivery
- 30 First day of school
(Staggered start for
ECS)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 No School - Labour
Day
- 6 First full day of school
for all ECS students
- 6 Early Dismissal
- 7 Welcome Back Assem
bly 9:10 a.m.
- 7 **Welcome Back
Barbeque 5 - 7 pm**
- 8 Newsletter
- 15 Terry Fox Run
- 18/19 Photo Day
- 20 School Council Mtg
6:30 p.m.
- 21 Logos Chapel
1:00 p.m.
- 29 **Orange Shirt Day**

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SCHOOL NEWS

2017 - 2018 TENTATIVE CLASS STRUCTURE

Westboro School staff is dedicated to providing the best educational experiences, programs and services for all students. We are planning the following configurations:

OFFICE:

Principal:	Mr. Mike Lastiwka	Secretary:	Mrs. Berube
Assistant Principal:	Mr. Matheson	Secretary:	Mrs. Mepham
Counsellor:	Mr. Cooper	Librarian:	Mrs. White

CLASS	NUMBER	TEACHER	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS
KL	25	Mrs. Becigneul	(EA – Mrs. Murthy and Mrs. Mostat)
KR	24	Mrs. Becigneul	(EA – Mrs. Murthy and Mrs. Bilaway)
1L	22	Mrs. Gilmore	
1R	21	Mrs. King	(EA—Mrs. Janzen)
2L	24	Mrs. Christenson	
2R	24	Mrs. Gottstein	(EA – Mr. Fujii)
3L	23	Mrs. Bouwers	
3R	25	Mrs. Canning	(EA - Mrs. Oak)
4L	23	Mrs. Cameron	
4R	26	Ms. Lee	
5L	26	Mrs. Witzke	
5R	19	Mr. Stetzenko	
6L	18	Mrs. Desautels	
6R	24	Mr. Hay	(EA - Mrs. Bloski)
Music		Mrs. Richard	
Literacy Consultant (Mornings)		Mrs. Schroeder	
STEPS		Mrs. Komant	
		Mrs. Stocks	Ms. Johnson
		Mrs. Guyda	Ms. Hoang
PLACE		Mrs. Perotta	
		Mrs. Aabak	Mrs. Norton
		Mr. Poss	
PLACE		Ms. Young	
		Mrs. Dahms	Ms. Tomashewsky
		Mrs. Antoniuk	

AGENDAS

Over the past several months we have had numerous discussions with members of our school community, including parents and staff, about what the best course of action is regarding moving forward with student agendas; should we continue to charge for agendas at all grade levels, should they be required at only some levels, or should they be eliminated entirely? There are passionate voices on many sides of this issue, and as a school, we have listened to them all.

Another contributing factor to the decision making process is Bill 1. There was some initial confusion about what schools could and could not charge for as a fee. Initially the school was asked to hold off on continuing to have agendas as one of our fees; recently, as clarification around the bill has emerged, we have been instructed by Elk Island Public Schools that:

“For 2017-2018, schools can charge for agendas however they have to be clearly identified as “optional”. Parents should have the choice of providing their own agenda or purchasing one from the school. If schools require students to have the school agenda then it needs to be provided at no cost.”

With all this in mind, and in an effort to do what is best for our students, next year at Westboro we will be doing things differently than in the past.

In grades 1-4, student agendas will be organized by the school, specifically by the homeroom teacher. Teachers will determine the style of agenda they will be using, will photocopy the pages, and they will be fastened in a duotang or something similar. The school will provide the pages throughout the year, and will use the supplies provided at the beginning of the year. Teachers may copy agenda pages one month at a time, and remove the pages at the end of a month in order to keep the size of the agenda manageable.

The expectation is that every student in grades 1-4 will consistently use their agenda. This is something that will be reinforced through daily routines in the classroom, and should be supported at home through regularly checking the agenda for important information, teacher notes, etc.

In grades 5-6, students will be given the option of using a method they prefer to stay organized. They will have had many opportunities to use a variety of different methods from grades 1-4, and they should choose the option that works best for them. This may include an electronic organizer (Google calendar, homework app, etc.) or some kind of more traditional paper agenda or organizer. In any case, whatever the option chosen, parents will be asked to provide it. These may be free or require some cost; that is up to the parents.

It is our hope that this decision will provide our students with an opportunity to grow in responsibility and accountability, while at the same time providing parents with choice as to how this is accomplished.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school to speak to either Mr. Lastiwka or Mr. Matheson. Thank you.

EIPS DIVISION NEWS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Throughout the summer break, Westboro Elementary will be closed and will reopen on August 23rd at 9:00 a.m.. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this time, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School - the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

Open: Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed	Monday, July 3rd	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 7th	Heritage Day



NOTE: Student Transportation is also open during the summer months and operates during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2017 - 2018 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services have received their tentative route schedules and invoices. If you haven't, contact Student Transportation. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017. After that date, a late fee will be applied.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

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LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURES: REGISTRATION



Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for ***first-time school bus riders***.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then adventure out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for ***first-time school bus riders*** entering the 2017-18 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 22	5:00 p.m.
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EIPS Central Office	August 24	5:00 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	September 1	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 23	6:00 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/cqYb15mBLAspUJ1W2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/

CASL

ATTENTION Parents/Guardians:

If you haven't already subscribed for routine emails from Westboro, please go to the link below. Parents who don't subscribe will not receive important updates about school events and activities.

<http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice>

Thank you in advanced for your prompt attention to this matter.

*Happy
Summer One
and All!*