



October 29, 2023



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 31: Halloween

November 1: Early Dismissal - Students will be dismissed at 2:12 p.m.

November 2: Christian Club meets during the lunchhour **November 3:** Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 a.m.

November 6-10: Fall Break
November 13: Classes Resume

HALLOWEEN AT WESTBORO

Halloween can be a very exciting and important event for many families in our school community. Halloween festivities will happen as follows:

- Costumes will only be worn in the afternoon.
- Costumes will need to be able to be put on over regular clothes as we have capacity limits in the washrooms. No inflatable costumes, weapons, masks, fake blood will be permitted.
- This year we will have a school wide costume parade after lunch.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

A reminder to parents/guardians to please send your child to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing as we enter into the colder months.

This includes:

- warm jacket
- snowpants
- warm footwear
- mitts
- hat

Students will be outside for recess and will need to be dressed appropriately. Thank you.

WESTBORO TRACK TEAM TRYOUTS

Dear Westoro Parents/ Guardians,

The Westboro School track team tryouts for Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will begin after Fall Break. Please note that speed, work ethic, attitude, participation effort & consistent attendance are all factors that we will consider when we create the teams for the relay races. There will also be alternate spots for races if needed. The students who make the team will participate in the Running Room Indoor Games, preliminary races in February & (if we qualify) the Running Room Indoor Games Finals in March. There is also the Elk Island Invitational Relay Races at the beginning of May.

The Grade 5 & 6 Tryouts are from 7:35-8:20 a.m.: Tuesday, Nov 14th & Thursday, Nov 16th

Grade 4s Tryouts are from 7:35-8:20 a.m.: Wednesday Nov 15 & Friday Nov. 17th

During the Track Try-outs & during regular track practices, the doors open shortly before 7:30 am. Track students are to enter the school at the front door, quickly put their backpacks away, get their running shoes on and bring a labeled waterbottle. The track team members are to wait quietly outside the gym doors for the track coaches. The track team will be running in the gym and the hallways. They will need to wear appropriate sports clothing (T-shirts, shorts, sweatpants, running shoes, deodorant...). There will be just under ten minutes for the students to change, have a quick snack or time of relaxation before classes begin.

Once the Try Outs are completed, the track practices run every Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7:35-8:20 a.m.

If your child is interested, the permission form must be signed via Permission Click prior to the first tryout date. https://permission.click/x6BZE/ca

Possible fees for the track team:

- Running Room Indoor Games Relay & bus up to a maximum of \$16
- Individual Running Room Indoor Games race up to a maximum of \$10.50
- Track team T-shirts cost is \$30 with the option to borrow one on the day of the race if need be.

The Running Room Indoor Games

Sincerely,

Marina Gilmore, Tanya Gottstein & Lindsey Stephen

CHRISTIAN CLUB

Westboro will be hosting a "Christian Club" during lunch every second Thursday. Signed permission forms from a parent or guardian are required to participate; if your child has lost their form additional copies are available at the school. At this time, grade 3 to 6 students are invited to join Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Cameron in the music room. Students will be asked to bring their lunch and together we will listen to bible stories, worship, play games, make crafts, pray, and have fun.

The schedule for the rest of the year is:

November 2

November 23

December 7

We are looking forward to seeing many smiling faces on Thursdays!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Westboro School's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in our school gymnasium. We want you to attend and be a part of this important school event.

Students who are in Cadets, Sparks, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, or Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on November 3rd. They will play a special role in our ceremony entering in with our Canadian flag.

As in previous years, we will be continuing to honour our military families with our Wall of Honour and our Westboro Family Tribute.

We Remember.

CAREGIVER SERIES: NOVEMBER SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include building executive functioning skills and supporting wellness in later years. The list of November 2023 sessions is now available.



Strathcona County Information

FREE HAUNTED HALLOWEEN SKATE

Join us at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex on **October 29** for some free spooktacular activities (don't forget to wear your costume!):

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the MacMillan Team Arena:

Free skate

12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Aspen Room:

- Free hot chocolate
- Haunted house
- Halloween-themed activities and more!

FREE EARLY DISMISSAL SWIM NOVEMBER 1

The next free early dismissal swim, sponsored by Pasta Pantry, is **November 1, 3:15 - 5:45 p.m.** Make the most of your extra time in the afternoon with a free swim at Kinsmen Leisure Centre and don't forget to pick up your Pasta Pantry voucher. <u>Learn more here.</u>

TREAT YOURSELF TO A "FA-BOO-LOUS" HALLOWEEN

Strathcona County is supporting a safe and healthy Halloween for all trick-or-treaters this year through free recreation passes to local youth, events and creating an accessible Halloween for everyone.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/3SgCDnA

GET READY FOR WINTER

- Remove your curb ramps before November 1
- Shovel your sidewalk within 48 hours of a snowfall
- Sign up for Winter Roads eNews

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