

September 2018

Elk Island Public Schools



THE WESTBORO REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Westboro staff, students and parents! Welcome back for another amazing year of learning at Westboro Elementary. The staff have been working hard getting ready for another great year of learning filled with fun and adventures!

Over the last week, it has been very exciting to get to see so many great students, parents and teachers. I continue to be very impressed by the sense of community that is here at Westboro and I am very much looking forward to working with everyone to support the learning that takes place every day here.

This year at Westboro, we will be working on three very exciting initiatives. As we have done in the past, we will continue also to have a focus on literacy and numeracy at Westboro School. I believe that the foundational skills our students learn as a part of our literacy and numeracy programs, such as reading, are the key building blocks to all other learning. This year, our students will be challenged to start thinking about how they want to be positively contributing members of our society. To assist our students, our students will be making use of a program called "All About Me" where student will be able to explore career options, set goals, identify their strengths, share samples of their learning and therefore be able to track their growth.

We are all looking forward to this new focus and a great year of learning.

WELCOME BACK EVENING

Mr. Lastiwka & Mrs. Werner and the entire Westboro staff hope you enjoy the Westboro **Welcome Back Evening** on September 13th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Westboro on the East playground. Thank you to Nottingham Sobey's for their support for our barbeque.



SEPTEMBER

- 7 Newsletter out
- 11 Logos Meeting
Westboro 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Welcome Back BBQ
- 14 Terry Fox Run
- 17 Photos KL 1:00
- 17/18 PHOTO DAY!
- 24 Emergency Bus Evacuation DRILL 9 a.m.
- 26 School Council Meeting 6:30PM
- 27 Logos Chapel 1 p.m.
- 29 Hot Lunch & Orange Shirt Day

OCTOBER

- 3 Early Dismissal
- 4 Newsletter out
- 5 No School – PD Days
- 8 No School - Thanks giving

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BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

MEET THE STAFF

OFFICE:

Principal:	Mr. Mike Lastiwka	Secretary:	Mrs. Berube
Assistant Principal:	Mrs. Chantel Werner	Secretary:	Mrs. Mephram
Counsellor:	Mrs. Dianna Graziano	Librarian:	Mrs. White

CLASS	NUMBER	TEACHER	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS
KL	26	Mrs. Becigneul	(EA – Mrs. Murthy and Mrs. Mostat)
KR	26	Mrs. Becigneul	(EA – Mrs. Murthy)
1L	22	Mrs. Gilmore	
1R	22	Mrs. King	
2L	25	Mrs. Christenson	
2R	23	Mrs. Gottstein	
3L	24	Mrs. Bouwers / Mrs. Hay	
3R	23	Mrs. Canning	
4L	21	Mrs. Cameron	
4R	25	Ms. Lee	
5L	26	Mrs. Witzke	
5R	21	Mr. Stetzenko	
6L	19	Mrs. Desautels	
6R	21	Mr. Hay	



Educational Assistants	Mrs. Bolski	Mr. Fujii
	Mrs. Janzen	Mrs. Oak

Music	Mrs. Richard
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Literacy Consultant (Mornings)	Mrs. Tomkins
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STEPS	Mrs. Komant	
	Mrs. Stocks	Ms. Johnson
	Mrs. Guyda	Ms. Teranishi

PLACE	Mrs. Perrotta	
	Mrs. Aabak	Mrs. Norton
	Mrs. Biloway	

PLACE	Ms. Young	
	Mrs. Dahms	Ms. Tomashewsky
	Mrs. Antoniuk	

BELL SCHEDULE

Regular Day		Early Dismissal	
Warning Bell	8:32	Warning Bell	8:32
Period 1	8:37 - 9:09	Period 1	8:37 - 9:10
Period 2	9:09 - 9:41	Period 2	9:10 - 9:42
Period 3	9:41 - 10:13	Period 3	9:42 - 10:14
Recess	10:13 - 10:28	Recess	10:14 - 10:29
Period 4	10:30 - 11:02	Period 4	10:31 - 11:03
Period 5	11:02 - 11:34	Period 5	11:03 - 11:36
Period 6	11:34 - 12:06	Lunch	11:36 - 12:33
Lunch	12:06 - 12:51	Period 6	12:33 - 1:06
Period 7	12:51 - 1:23	Period 7	1:06 - 1:39
Period 8	1:23 - 1:53	Period 8	1:39 - 2:12
Recess	1:53 - 2:08		
Period 9	2:08 - 2:40		
Period 10	2:40 - 3:12		

Note that early dismissal occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month.

ATTENDANCE CHECK & LATE SLIPS

Students arriving late to school need to stop at the office, sign in and get a late slip. There will be a binder located just outside the office for students to sign their name and this will give us a better way to track and monitor these arrivals.

Because attendance is taken electronically, absences are recorded at the office immediately, and cannot be changed by teachers in the classroom. As well, office staff need to know your student has arrived so they do not begin making phone calls to verify your child's whereabouts. In the event your child/ren will be absent for a portion or all of the day, please call the school office 780-467-7751 or go to our website and click on the "Report a Student Absence" button on the left hand side to report the absence. Our voice mail is always on for your convenience, and messages are checked regularly. Generally, if the school has not heard from a parent by 9:00 a.m. we will call you at home or work to verify your child's whereabouts.



MILK PROGRAM

White and chocolate milk is available for purchase at Westboro. Tickets for milk can be purchased from the office for **\$1.00 each**. Please feel free to use your tickets from last year until they are gone! They may also be purchased for groups of 10 or 20. At lunch time, the students can then exchange this ticket for milk in their classroom. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Mepham in the school office.



COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HOME & SCHOOL

Communications about what is happening at school by checking in regularly on the school website www.westboroelementary.ca and the eteacher pages on the website will assist with keeping up with all the happenings at the school.

Phone calls and emails home will also be used to inform you of important information and updates.



To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, “Communication Protocol for Schools.” Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The “Communication Protocol for Schools” is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981.

STAY CONNECTED: SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWS

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference - all email subscriptions are being transferred so there is no need to re-subscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

Just because you're in a hurry

Doesn't mean it's okay to park
within 5 metres of a crosswalk



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WESTBORO NEWS! COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I am very excited to be joining the staff at Westboro Elementary School as your Guidance Counsellor. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office on Tuesdays or Thursdays and alternating Fridays. The beginning of the school year brings so many transitions for our students: for some, it is the beginning of a new school, new teachers, and becoming familiar with classroom routines. My role as your school counsellor is to support the intellectual, emotional, and social development of all students. Should a crisis or a family transition occur, please do not hesitate to contact me. I strongly believe in advocating between the family and school to ensure the success for your children. School is a time of learning, developing personal strengths, overcoming weaknesses, having fun, feeling safe, and most importantly learning from our mistakes.

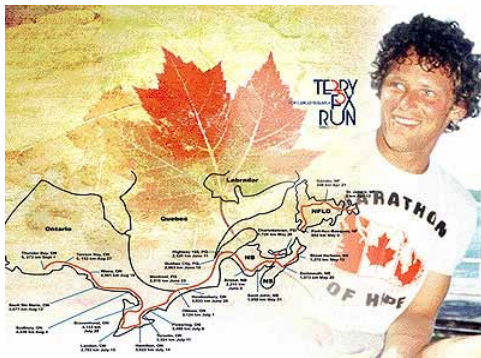
Take Care.

Dianna Graziano, M.Ed.

Guidance Counsellor

Uncas/Westboro Elementary School

TERRY FOX "TOONIE" RUN



In a recent survey, Terry Fox, whose Marathon of Hope more than 20 years ago, inspired Canadians from coast to coast, was voted as a top Canadian hero. Terry ran more than 5,370 km. across Canada in a bid to raise money for cancer research. To honor Terry Fox, our students will again attend our Terry Fox Assembly and participate in our Terry Fox "Toonie" Run on **Friday, September 14th**.

On the day of the run, we encourage students to bring a donation to support cancer research.

MEDICATIONS & ALLERGIES

If medication is to be administered to your child at school a form must be completed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be brought to school in the original container. Please request a Medication Administration form from the office. **Forms must be completed on a yearly basis.**

Westboro School is a **Nut Aware school**. Please remember to be cautious when choosing the food items your child will bring to school. There are a number of students who have severe allergies and we wish to provide a safe environment for each child. In addition, we ask students not to share their food and ask parents to refrain from sending in any nut products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

PICTURE DAY



Individual student photographs will be taken on **September 18th**. Kindergarten **Logos** pictures will be taken on September **17th** at approximately 1 p.m. These photographs are offered on a proof basis. Each student will have two personal portraits taken and proofs will be sent home for viewing. An order form and instructions will accompany the proofs.

PARKING & SAFETY

Our school zone is a very busy place before and after school. Ensuring our students safety is our first priority. Parents are reminded of the speed zone in the area in front of the school, as well as be reminded that there are no U-turns allowed anywhere within the school boundaries.

Please note that there is **no parking or stopping** in front of the school during drop off and pick-up times. That area is designated for buses only. There is also **no parking in the STAFF PARKING lots** on the east and west sides of the school. The staff parking stalls are ALL spoken for and any quick drop offs or pick ups can cause great disruptions for our staff. There is parking available in the mall parking lot across from the school, **in the middle and outer** (closest to Broadmoor Blvd.) **rows ONLY**. Please obey all the cross walk markings during the busy times in the mornings and afternoons. Students will continue patrolling the crosswalk areas, please respect their requests as they assist Mr. Lastiwka and Mrs. Werner in supervising the arrival and departure of our students.

LOGOS SOCIETY NEWS - MRS. JANEEN BIELBY - LOGOS REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome back Westboro families!

We, at the Logos Society, hope you enjoyed your summer. Our meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, September 11 WESTBORO

Tuesday, October 9 SHERWOOD HEIGHTS

Tuesday, January 8 BRENTWOOD

Tuesday, March 12 WESTBORO

Tuesday, May 14 SHERWOOD HEIGHTS

Tuesday, June 11 BRENTWOOD *Annual General Meeting.

The meetings start at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to help with Logos activities please contact Brooke Hartum at brooke.hartum@gmail.com or (780)887-9357.

Our fall fundraiser is upon us! Bright pink order forms came home this week, and are due Wednesday, September 12.

There are extra forms outside the office or you can order online at <https://www.elkislandlogos.ca/>

The Davidson Orchard apples are in 15 pound boxes, same as previous years. Pick up is Wednesday, September 26.

Looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Janeen Bielby

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious spirit led me forward on a firm footing. PSALM 143:10



AMA SCHOOL PATROL NEWS

School is in session and the Westboro School Safety Patrol will be back at work. The patrollers make the crosswalks safe for all of our students. These young people voluntarily contribute their time to make our school a safe and better place. Please give them your support, cooperation and recognition.

New Patrollers:

If you are a student in Grade 5 or 6 and interested in becoming a school patroller there will be a meeting on Friday, September 28 with a representative from AMA.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome back to another great year at Westboro. I wanted to share a bit about school council and parent group and how they operate at Westboro. School Council is mandated through legislation and provide support and input to the school. Parents group is our fundraising society. While legally separate groups, we run them very closely with the meetings on the same night. We try to keep our fundraising focus low. We host three major events *Shop til ya Drop* in October as well as in April, where we host a variety of businesses who sell their products and donate a portion to us and the *Family Dance* and *Silent Auction* in April.

Our first meeting will be on September 26 at 6:30pm in the library. I invite each parent to attend and have input into the school and the activities we plan. I promise that you won't be made to join any committees or commit to anything more than you want! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to email us at WestboroParents@gmail.com and if you haven't joined our Facebook group, check us out at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/WestboroParents/>

HOT LUNCH

Welcome back for the 2018-2019 school year!

We are so excited to start off this new year for Hot Lunch! As the system is reset over the summer you will have to register for a new login. Please go to www.westboro.hotlunches.net and follow the instructions to register your account.



We will be opening the online ordering for September and October on September 7, 2018 until September 17, 2018. Please remember there are no late orders accepted. As always we could not run this program without the help of all of the volunteers so please make sure to sign up if you are able to volunteer on the day of to hand out orders.

If you have any questions please email westborohotlunches@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to a great year!"

Thank you!!!!

INDIGENOUS STUDIES: SEPTEMBER 2018

We are excited that we will be continuing to explore Indigenous Studies at Westboro this year. Mrs. Richard will once again be acting as lead teacher in this area. You may notice a change in name from Aboriginal Studies to Indigenous Studies. “Indigenous” has now become the more widely accepted term; this is explained in this short youtube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEziA5RoLv0>

This year we will strive to:

“Grow together as learners to develop understandings that help us view others in a way that promotes kindness, respect and trust amongst all people in our community.”

How will we begin our journey this year?

Participating in Orange Shirt Day (<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>) on September 28th. Any orange shirt can be worn, but if you would like to order this year’s Orange Shirt Day t-shirt for anyone in your family (both youth and adult sizes are available), it can be done at the following website: <https://orangeshirtday.mybusinesssolutions.ca/>

Grade 5 students will participate in the blanket exercise (<https://www.eips.ca/first-nations-metis-inuit/the-blanket-exercise>) on October 10th. Please watch for more information coming home with your child on this.

What is to come?

More lessons and resources with Indigenous content for all students.

Continuation of Project of Heart (<http://projectofheart.ca/>). If you haven’t yet seen the music video for our song “Stand As One” created last school year, we encourage you to watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvGvjSYcmJs&t=12s> .

If you have any questions or would like more information on Indigenous Studies at Westboro for 2018-2019, please contact Mrs. Richard at the school.

BE A WEE READ VOLUNTEER!

Elk Island is pleased to announce that we are expanding an exciting program called **wee read** into more of our elementary schools this year. This eight-week program was designed by Alberta Reads (www.albertareadsnetwork.com) to help Kindergarten and Grade One children strengthen the foundations for reading and school success, and help children develop a love for books.

We are looking for volunteers who can come to Westboro for about 30 minutes, once a week, for eight consecutive weeks to read with two children, talk about books, and play games that support literacy skills.

If you are interested in being part of this fun and meaningful opportunity, or know of someone who might be, please email or call Chantel Werner (assistant principal) at chantel.werner@eips.ca or 780-467-7751. We hope that you will consider partnering with us on this. If you have any questions please contact heather.balog@eips.ca.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

In order to help our students to become ethical users of technology, we have formalized the use of electronics in our school. Please make note of the following. This can also be found in our school handbook.

1. Student use of personal electronic devices at lunch and recess is not allowed.
2. Students are allowed to have personal electronic devices with them in school, but they need to be kept out of sight (in a pocket, backpack, etc.).
3. Students are allowed to use personal electronic devices during indoor recess to view school-appropriate content.
4. Students can use personal electronic devices in the classroom when the classroom teacher says it's ok.
5. Students with devices that have cameras and/or video cameras should not use them to take photos or video of other students or staff during school hours or during school activities. Also, students should not post school photos or videos online or to social media.
6. When a personally owned electronic device is brought to school, students and their families accept that school authorities may inspect the device and what's on it to ensure that EIPS policies and guidelines, including the Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement are followed.
7. When a student brings a personally owned electronic device to school, students and their families accept that the student is responsible for the device and its care, and agree that the school is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of the device.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? Just visit <http://westboroelementary.ca/school-calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, simply follow the instructions that appear on your computer screen or mobile device. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of **Westboro Elementary** important dates including holidays, school-closure dates, school activities and events, and more.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Student Transportation is committed to ensuring that our students are safely and efficiently transported to and from school each day. Extra items such as sports equipment, band instruments or science projects often cannot be safely transported on our school buses. Please share the following information regarding the safe transportation of cargo (which includes musical instruments and sports equipment) on the school buses with your teachers. I have found that it is important for Phys. Ed and Music teachers to know these guidelines early in the school year.

Student Transportation is limited on what may be transported on our school buses as per the Alberta Traffic Safety Act (see below). The new EIPS Student Transportation Code of Conduct also cover this in the Student Responsibilities section (see below).

Province of Alberta *TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT Vehicle Equipment Regulation* (AR 122/2009) regarding transportation of goods, a bus shall not be operated unless the luggage, cargo, goods, equipment and tools that are carried on the bus are carried in an adequate place provided for the carrying of those items.

- the place provided for carrying luggage, cargo, goods, equipment or tools must not interfere with free access to the exits of the bus;
- be constructed so as to prevent the luggage, cargo, goods, equipment or tools from falling on or against a passenger;
- in the case of passenger luggage, protect the luggage from dust and moisture.

<http://www.eips.ca/transportation/bus-rules>

Students shall: Only bring items that can be held on their lap while enclosed inside a standard student backpack.

This means is that musical instruments may be transported if they fit inside the student's backpack (e.g. flute, clarinet). Students may not hold the cases in their lap or on the seat beside them. Sports equipment like skis or hockey and lacrosse sticks may not be transported on the school bus. Balls, skates etc. may only be transported if they can be secured in the student's backpack. Large or fragile projects also may not be safely transported on the bus.

Questions or concerns? Please contact Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SCHOOLS CONDUCT TRAINING AND DRILLS to help better prepare students and staff for possible emergency situations. When a school is confronted with an emergency, staff will assess the situation and then decide on a course of action. Schools conduct drills throughout the year to rehearse emergency procedures. These exercises prepare students and staff to act quickly and help to minimize a child's fear during a real emergency. In addition to the procedures described below, schools also practice protocols such as "Drop-Cover-Hold," a method of protecting vital body parts during some natural disasters, and conduct fire drills. All staff and students are required to participate in these drills. We attempt to run our drills during warm weather so that students do not need to go outside in sub-zero temperatures.

Lock-Down : Lock-Downs are usually used in response to acts or threats of violence to students and/or staff directly impacting the school. During a Lock-Down all doors to and within the school are locked. No one is permitted in or out of any area once it has been locked. Students and staff must respond very quickly to a Lock-Down command to get to a safe location before doors are locked. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Lock-Down is over.

Hold and Secure: Hold and Secure is used in response to security threats or criminal activity outside the school. During a Hold and Secure, all entrance doors to the school are locked, with no one permitted in or out of the building. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Hold and Secure has been cleared.

Shelter-in Place: Generally, Shelter-in-Place is used during an environmental emergency, such as severe storms or chemical spills. During a Shelter-in-Place, students and staff retreat to safe zones to seek shelter. This includes having students or staff who are outdoors come back into the school. Each school's emergency response plan identifies the safest location for its occupants and how to seal a room from hazardous conditions. Students will not be released or dismissed until the situation has been resolved.

Evacuation: An Evacuation requires all students and staff to leave the school and go to an alternate location. This may mean only going outside and away from the building until it is safe to re-enter the school. In other cases, students and staff may need to go to an evacuation center. Parents will be informed of the alternate location through the school's Crisis Notification Network.

Teachers will talk to students about these drills throughout the year. Please take some time to review them with your own child. For more information, please visit the Elk Island Public Schools website, (www.eips.ca) speak to your classroom teacher or feel free to contact the school.

DIVISION NEWS

PAY SCHOOL FEES EASILY USING POWERSCHOOL

Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by early October. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your students fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/school-fees/acorn. Alternatively, you can contact Billie Jean Mephram at Westboro Elementary (780) 467-7751.

ENHANCING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

VIDEO MONITORING ON SCHOOL BUSES

Quick Facts: EIPS buses are all equipped with video surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)*. The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Parents we would ask you to please respect our drop off and pick up times. Students are to be dropped off at the school **no earlier than 8:20 a.m. in the morning** as this is when supervision begins. Students arriving earlier than this on site are asked to wait in the front boot room until 8:20 a.m.

After school, students are to be **picked up promptly at 3:12 p.m.** We are also very fortunate to have a child care centre on site if you require child care before or after these times.

Finally, please be aware of the challenges caused by changes in students taking buses or being picked up. In order for us to be able to communicate these changes and requests to your child successfully, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you let the office know, **no later than 2:30 p.m.** Often your child's class may need to be located and the message delivered. This is nearly impossible when the call is received after 2:30. Thank you for your assistance in this matter!

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.



Parking is an ongoing concern for our school community.

At Westboro School we are fortunate to have great neighbors who allow us to access their parking lot to expand the available parking for our parents and visitors.

These businesses have kindly requested that our parents **do NOT park in any of the stalls** along the front of the lot, facing the businesses themselves, as this can detract from business and also impede employees from arriving for work.

PLEASE be a good neighbor and respect this request.

If you see parents that have forgotten this request, you could help us out by gently reminding them that these stalls are, in fact, private. Loss of this privilege would be very hurtful to our school community.

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August 9, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

Health and Education have a long history of working together to ensure that children in Alberta are healthy and protected from vaccine preventable diseases. Immunization saves lives, prevents health complications and is the most cost effective disease prevention program in health care.

Alberta Health (AH) provides overarching guidelines to Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the school immunization program through the Alberta Immunization Policy. Recent changes in the policy will necessitate school immunization program changes in the coming year. These changes are as follows:

- Shift of routine school immunization program delivery of Hepatitis B and Human Papilloma-virus (HPV) immunizations to grade 6 from grade 5
- Review of immunization records for students in grades 1 through 9; in the past immunization review has only been done in grades 1, 5 & 9

With the following changes in place the 2018-2019 School Immunization Program is as follows:

- Grades 1- 9: Review immunization records of all students, and offer relevant vaccines to all children who are not up to date according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- Grade 6: Offer Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- Grade 9: Offer Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (combined) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.

Your support to communicate these details of the school immunization program to principals and school staff who might be impacted is appreciated. In addition, I would like to highlight some of the possible impacts your school may experience:

- Our immunization program will start earlier in the school year; this will ensure our students are protected earlier, that the increased workload can be managed within the current school year and will minimize scheduling of immunizations during December and June, which are both busy times for schools.
- Offering eligible immunizations to students who are behind on their routine immunizations in grades 1 through 9 may increase the amount of time nurses will require in the schools to deliver the program in a safe and effective manner.
- Effort will be made to ensure that immunizations are bundled to minimize time impacts for both students and teachers.



- Providing a workspace that minimizes interruptions in the immunization room will support safety, efficiency, and confidentiality.

Public Health Nurses are experts on vaccines and the diseases they prevent. They will manage the increased workload to deliver a safe immunization program and continue to support the health needs of schools as they arise. Please encourage your school staff to work with their school nurse to develop school-specific plans to meet the needs of the school community and the School Health Nursing Team.

As more people are immunized, the risk of disease for everyone is reduced. For school staff to learn more information about immunity, immunization, and how to protect themselves and their family, visit www.immunizealberta.ca or call Health Link at 811.

The routine immunization programs offered by Public Health through schools have continued to expand over the years to provide better and broader protection to Alberta students. Our continued partnership is essential for success in promoting healthy students and supporting healthy school environments. Thank you for your support in helping us to deliver the best school-based immunization program possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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