





# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY Weekly Newsletter

### **IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:**

November 1: Daylight Saving Time, clocks go back 1 Hour at 2:00 a.m.

November 4: Early Dismissal

November 6: Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

### Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Remembrance Day Ceremonies will be held on Friday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held virtually and viewed by students in each classroom. A link to the ceremony will be shared with our out-of-school learners. Poppies will be handed out to each student prior to the ceremony. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn how to donate to the Poppy Fund.

### **Fall Break**

Fall Break is the week of November 9-13, 2020. There will be no school for students or staff.

# Strathcona County Christmas Bureau Referrals

If you know a family in need who might benefit from a Strathcona Christmas Bureau delivery this holiday season, submit a referral. Your name, and the names you refer, are kept in strict confidence. You can make a referral by contacting the **Hamper Co-ordinator at 780-918-2521**. The referral deadline is November 25.

### **School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest**

The Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is sponsoring a provincial poster contest for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to promote School Bus Safety Week (October 18–24). This year's theme is "My Driver, My Hero."

The entry deadline is **November 6.** 

### **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions. If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m. Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, "school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780–417–8151.

# **Alberta Health Services Information**

Refer to the links below to access resources for the school community and their families.

School Immunizations during COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions
Back to School During COVID-19

# **Caregiver Education Series**

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more.

Click here to view the November 2020 Newsletter

# **Strathcona County Information**

# Halloween in Strathcona County

Celebrate safely by following all of Alberta Health Services guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Click here for more information

# Safe. Supported. Connected.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused stress, hardships, and pressure for Strathcona County residents in ways some may have never experienced before. Trying to balance everything can feel overwhelming. Strathcona County Family and Community Services is here to support you through these challenging times. If you're stressed about finances, parenting, or just need to talk, call us at 780-464-4044.

Click here for more information.

# **Reach Out Speak Out**

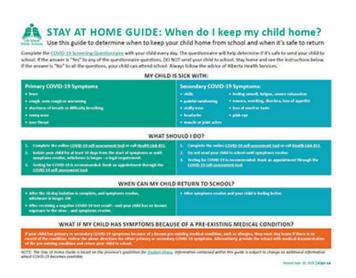
November is Family Violence Prevention
Month in Alberta. Strathcona County is
supporting the community by highlighting
#WHERETOTURN as part of a campaign
called Reach Out Speak out. Family violence
is the attempts by one person in an intimate
relationship to dominate and control the
other. Family and Community Services is here
to support - if family violence is affecting
your life, learn where to turn or how to help
someone you care about. We all have a role
to build a safe, supported and connected
community \*strathcona.ca/SCspeakout
780-464-4044.



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# STAY AT HOMEGUIDE: When do I keep my child home?

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### **Reporting Absences**

Please communicate your child's absence directly to <a href="mailto:general.wbo@eips.ca">general.wbo@eips.ca</a> or click the <a href="mailto:STUDENT ATTENDANCE">STUDENT ATTENDANCE</a> link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the school office staff. 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.

When reporting a student's absence, a reason is now necessary. If your child is ill, we will need to know what the symptoms of the illness are as part of the COVID-19 screening requirements.



