



November 20, 2020



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- November 23-27:** Anti-Bullying Awareness Week
- November 25:** Chapel 1:00 p.m.
- November 25:** School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- November 26:** Report Cards Out at 3:00 p.m.
- November 26:** Caps on for kindness! Students can wear their favourite hat all day.

VIDEO UPDATE

We have created a video to help parents/guardians understand what daily life is like at Westboro Elementary. Click [here](#) to view the video.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

The School Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** A link to the virtual meeting will be emailed out prior to the meeting and will also be posted on the [school website homepage](#). For more information please email westboroparents@gmail.com. Please see the links below for the meeting agendas:

[Westboro School Council Agenda November 25](#)

[Westboro Parents Group Agenda November 25](#)

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available for parents/guardians to view on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on **Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

SCHOOL FEES

Quarter 2 fees are now posted and payment is due within 14 days. If any credits were present on the account, they have been applied and any outstanding balance will show as due. Please log into your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account to see credits, fees, and make payment. If you wish to transfer credits between siblings, please call the school to make this request.

STUDENT PICK UPS

Students are expected to bring a **lunch**, a **water bottle** and **at least 2 masks** to school everyday. We understand that these items can sometimes be forgotten and in that case we ask that parents/guardians please call the office to arrange drop off. An office staff member will meet you at the front doors to get the item and bring it to the student. If it is necessary for you to have someone other than yourself deliver lunch, please let the person know that he/she needs to call the school upon arrival and we will meet them at the front doors. With the intention of keeping everyone safe, we are trying to limit the amount of people that enter the school so we appreciate your co operation.

LATE STUDENT ARRIVALS

If your student will be arriving to school late, we ask that they go straight to his/her classroom and not come to the office. The teacher will then inform the office of the student's arrival.

PARKING, PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Thank you to the many parents who continue to respect the rules around drop off and pick up for our students at Westboro Elementary!! Please note that the west end of our bus lane is for handicapped parking only. Also we have posted signs around entrances and exits regarding areas for stopping. Please respect these signs. Parking in these areas can inhibit vision, making our students and other vehicles hard to see and potentially causing accidents.

At Westboro Elementary 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 this lot, facing the businesses themselves, as this can detract from business and also impede employees from arriving for work. Thank you for respecting our kind neighbours!

Did you know that...?

...It is illegal to park within 5 m of an entrance, driveway or crosswalk?

...The speed limit in specifically marked school zones is 30 km/h. A school zone is in effect on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.?

...The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is \$575?

...The fine for stopping in a zone marked as busing, handicapped or no stopping is \$275?

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 23-27

R U OK?

Bullying Awareness Week
November 23-27

If you know someone who is being bullied, show them #WhereToTurn

Bullying Helpline 1-888-456-2323
alberta.ca/BullyingChat
Follow us @AlbertaCSS #WhereToTurn

alberta.ca/bullying

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Click on the image for more information

Please see the UPDATED STAY AT HOME GUIDE: When do I keep my child home?

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Use this guide to determine when to keep your child home from school and when it's safe to return to school. Complete the [COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#) with your child every day. The questionnaire will help determine if it's safe to send your child to school. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questionnaire questions, DO NOT send your child to school. Stay home and see the instructions below. If the answer is "No" to all the questions, your child can attend school. Always follow the advice of Alberta Health Services.

MY CHILD IS SICK WITH:

Primary COVID-19 Symptoms	Secondary COVID-19 Symptoms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fever• cough• shortness of breath• loss of smell or taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chills• sore throat• painful swallowing• runny nose• conjunctivitis• headache• muscle or joint aches• feeling unwell, fatigue• nausea, vomiting, diarrhea• loss of appetite• pink eye

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete the online COVID-19 self-assessment tool or call Health Link B.C.2. Isolate your child for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer—a legal requirement.3. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Book an appointment through the COVID-19 self-assessment tool.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If the child has ONE symptom stay home and monitor symptoms for 24 hours. Only return to school if symptoms improve after 24 hours.2. If the child has TWO or more symptoms, or if the one symptom worsens, stay home and complete the online COVID-19 self-assessment tool or call Health Link B.C. Do not send your child to school until symptoms resolve.3. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Book an appointment through the COVID-19 self-assessment tool.
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WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the 10-day isolation is complete, and symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. OR• After receiving a negative COVID-19 test result—and your child has no known exposure to the virus—and symptoms resolve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After symptoms resolve and your child is feeling better.
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WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS BECAUSE OF A PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION?

If your child has primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms because of a known pre-existing medical condition, such as allergies, they must stay home if there is no record of the condition. Follow the above directions for either primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms. Alternatively, provide the school with medical documentation of the pre-existing condition and return your child to school.

NOTE: The Stay at Home Guide is based on the province's guidelines for [Student Access](#). Information contained within this guide is subject to change as additional information about COVID-19 becomes available.

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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**.

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](#)

Strathcona County Information

Community & Families

People are the most important part of this community, and together we thrive. Click [here](#) to find out more about programs and services that help engage and empower people of all ages and situations.

Free Recreation Opportunities

You might be wondering what activities are still available with the new restrictions in place. Please click [here](#) to see a list and other links to activity ideas for you and your family.

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](https://strathcona.ca/SCspeakout) 780-464-4044.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white speech bubble containing the text "REACH OUT SPEAK OUT" and the website "strathcona.ca/SCspeakout". A QR code is located in the top right corner with the text "Scan for more resources". Below the speech bubble, there are silhouettes of people and the hashtag "#WHERETOTURN". At the bottom, a white box lists "Help is available." with contact information for various services and their logos.

Do you feel unsafe or scared?
Do you ever wonder if others feel unsafe or scared around you?

#WHERETOTURN

Help is available.

A Safe Place (24hr)	780-464-7233
Family and Community Services	780-464-4044
Saffron Sexual Assault Centre	780-449-0900
Victim Services	780-449-0153

Logos include: VOLUNTEERS Strathcona, altView FOUNDATION, SAFFRON, A Safe Place, Strathcona County Victim Services, Home & Care Clear of Strathcona County, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and STRATHCONA COUNTY.

Let's build healthy relationships and end family violence

[Click on the image for a larger view](#)

Hello Westboro Families

Welcome to a new (in every way) school year! We are hoping to run another Christmas giving campaign this year for families in need. This has been a tough year for many but an even more difficult one for some. Last year we collected specific items for specific families in and around Edmonton. This year, because of Covid 19, purchasing, handling and delivering these items is not recommended. In light of that, we are hoping we can purchase gift cards to be distributed to the same charitable group that we did last year.

Gift cards suggested are for the following:

*Grocery stores

*Restaurants

*Bus passes

*Wal Mart

*Any other ones that could be beneficial to providing a good Christmas, whether it be in the form of food, travel or gifts.

We are asking that you begin thinking of what you may contribute towards many families in need (please know this is optional). Perhaps next time you are at a till, or even shopping online, we ask that you consider buying a gift card from that store for someone else. We would like to drop these off to the organization early in December so that they may be put in the right hands before Christmas. With this in mind, please have all gift cards handed in to your homeroom teacher on or before **Monday, November 30, 2020**.

Gift cards will be donated to the organization we supported last year. This group is called "Hearts Thrift Store" or "The Christmas Campaign for Families in Need" (see both on Facebook). We will not be adopting a family per se but will give these cards to Teresa Roque who heads up these groups and they will be distributed as needed. If you are a family in need, feel free to reach out to this organization. Every year, more and more families seek her help for necessities and everyday things. It is sad to hear, but we are happy to help, even in a small way!

Thank you for your generosity, your kindness and your empathy. We are a strong school full of warriors with very big hearts! Take good care everyone. Stay healthy and happy and may you be blessed by this giving as much as myself and others are!

Stacey Bouwers (on behalf of our Christmas committee: Mary Christenson, Sherry Cameron, Cheryl Reyburn and Shawna Resalat)

