



March 12, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 14: Daylight Savings - Turn your clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.

March 15: Online bookings for S/P/T open at 8:30 a.m.

March 16: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education: Information Session 3 at 7:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day - **Wear green to school!**

March 17: School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. - A link to the meeting will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email westboroparents@gmail.com

March 19: Report Cards go live at 3 p.m.



School
Interviews

Parent-Teacher Phone Interviews

March 23 and March 24, 2021 (4 - 8 p.m.)

(Booking opens Monday, March 15th at 8:30 a.m.)

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and follow these simple instruction.

Simply enter the code: **veatd**

1. Enter your details.
2. Select the teachers you wish to see.
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

If you do not receive your email immediately - **check your junk mail folder.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda March 17, 2021](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on February 17, 2021.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2021](#)

CAREGIVER SERIES: MARCH SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is offering free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom.

Topics include technology, mindfulness, understanding and supporting youth with depression, sleep, anxiety, promoting positive mental health and more. Schools are welcome to share information about the caregiver sessions on school calendars, in school newsletters and through social media. The list of [March 2021](#) sessions is now available.

INTRODUCING GARTH PRINCE!

Westboro is excited to welcome Garth Prince to our school for a virtual residency March 16-25. All students will be working with Garth participating in African drumming, dance and musical activities. As a native of Namibia with years of promoting African culture and community building through song, dance and instruments, Garth will actively engage all students in a unique learning opportunity. His goal is to encourage cultural diversity in an environment of work and play that appeals to students of all ages and abilities. Want to have a taste of the type of activity students will be involved in? Try this [Drumming and Movement break](#) at home together and have fun! Special thanks goes to the [Alberta Foundation for the Arts](#) for helping to support this upcoming residency.

FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has planned a three-part series—Developing Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories and contemporary contexts—designed for all EIPS parents and families who are curious to learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives and histories. The sessions are designed as entry points to understanding as we work toward learning our collective truth on the path of reconciliation. [Join the session.](#)

Session 3: March 16; 7-7:30 p.m.

- Language of this land: The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationship to land through language; what exploration of Indigenous languages can look like in schools

ALBERTA CHAMPIONS' ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST

The 12th annual [Alberta Champion](#) story contest (grades 4-6) and essay and poetry contest (grades 7-9) is now underway. Students can write about any past Albertan (posthumous) of their choice whose lifetime accomplishments are an inspiration to the student. The full [contest rules and judging rubric](#) are available online, as well as the full list of prizes available to be won. With ties to English Language Arts and Social Studies—stories, histories, peoples of Alberta and citizenship—the contest is suitable for teachers to use as a whole-class activity or as enrichment for specific students. The entry deadline is **April 22.**

Strathcona County Information

CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

The Government of Alberta announced [limited changes to their restrictions](#) effective March 1. For more information, click [here](#).

STRATHCONA COUNTY RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE

Outdoor and virtual Spring Break programs are here, register today! Find the full course details and register with Recreation Online here:

<https://reconline.strathcona.ca/.../PROGSPECIALX920SPRNGBRK>

All programs have been created to meet the provincial guidelines in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

CONFIDENT KIDS

Our wish for children is for them to grow into confidence and develop their social skills. These skills are important to your child's sense of safety and security in the world. This brief, interactive program will create space for your young person to meet with other kids online and learn new skills in a fun way! Children are welcome to join one session or attend them all! Parents will also receive some tools and updates to continue fostering confidence and social skills at home.

FOR: Children in Grades 1 to 6

WHEN: March 15th (Parent Night), March 16th to April 6th (Weekly - Grades 1 - 3), March 18th to April 11th (Weekly - Grades 4 - 6)

REGISTER: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../children-and.../parent-link/>

SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP PROGRAM

We are now accepting applications for our annual Spring Roadside Cleanup program. Help keep Strathcona County looking great while raising money for your non-profit group or charity.

For program information and application form, visit: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../spring-roadside-cleanup/> Apply before March 31.