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WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

June 2: Early Dismissal

June 3: Mental Wellness Day for Schools

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2021-2022

Write-on-Stationery Supplies are now available for ordering. The deadline to order is **July 15, 2021** and delivery to the school will be at the end of **August**.

Please note this is **OPTIONAL**. If you choose not to order, please use the lists on our school website as a guide. Click [here](#) to view the school supply lists for **2021-2022**.

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on **"PARENTS - Order Here"**
- School Name: **Westboro Elementary School - SHERWOOD PARK**
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'.
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm that your order has been received.
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac on-line.

CONSTRUCTION ON STRATHCONA DRIVE

Please be aware that construction will take place on Strathcona Drive from Broadmoor Boulevard to Keith Road beginning June 1 - August 31st. Please watch for signs, and obey the posted speed limit. For safety, speed fines are doubled when workers are present.

Check the CountyWorks interactive map to see the locations of all urban and rural road construction projects for 2021. <https://www.strathcona.ca/trans.../construction/countyworks/>

2020-21 EIPS PARENT SURVEY: RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: Westboro Elementary](#)

CORRECTION AND VERIFICATION FORM

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there is any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at **780-467-7751**.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE 2021

Elk Island Public Schools' Student Transportation has a program for First Time Bus Riders and their parents called the Little Elk Island Adventure. Students and parents will learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Click here for [here](#) for more information including dates and times.

Register now by calling 780-417-5181 or emailing st@eips.ca. **Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

MENTAL WELLNESS DAY FOR SCHOOLS

On Thursday, June 3, the Government of Alberta is hosting a virtual [Mental Wellness Day for Schools](#) across Alberta to support and recognize the resilience of students, parents, teachers and staff. All students, parents, teachers and education staff are invited to take part in free, online sessions on mental health and wellness. Activities include:

- inspirational messages by public figures such as country singer Brett Kissel and former NHL player and advocate Sheldon Kennedy;
- engaging sessions by Alberta Health Services, Ever Active Schools, Jack.org and the College of Alberta School Superintendents; and
- key learnings from speakers such as Dr. Jody Carrington and Dr. Michael Ungar.

Online events, of about one hour each, have been designed for specific audiences: kindergarten to Grade 3; grades 4 to 6; grades 7 to 12; school staff; administrators; and parents. There'll also be a live kick-off session in the morning for everyone. To accommodate busy end-of-year school schedules, most sessions will be recorded and available to view online afterwards for up to two weeks.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Westboro Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Westboro Elementary or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2021-22 REGISTRATION

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—**fees are due June 30, 2021.**

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS: MAY

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and SEEDS Drop-In Groups are outlined in the [May Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#).

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta announced the [Open for Summer](#) plan based on vaccination thresholds and hospitalizations. The Province is [rolling out their vaccination program to eligible Albertans](#). Mask wearing continues to be mandatory. [Mental health](#) and [business supports](#) are available.

TRIPLE P SEMINAR: POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Join us on Saturday June 5th at 10:30 a.m. for Triple P: Power of Positive Parenting. Together we will learn about how we can support our child's opportunities for growth and success.

To register, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/>

CONFIDENT ON MY OWN

Sign up for Confident On My Own to learn about everything it takes to prepare your youngster for being home alone! For Parents and caregivers and their children ages 10 and older.

Wednesday June 2nd, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

To register, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/>

JUNIOR HIGH JOURNEY

This is a free session hosted by Strathcona County Family and Community Services. Transitioning from elementary to junior high school is exciting and can be stressful. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

For: Parents/Caregivers of tweens transitioning from Elementary School to Junior High School

When: Tuesday June 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: virtual

[Register](#)

LEADERS IN TRAINING

Registration is on now for the Leaders in Training (LIT) program. This is a perfect opportunity for your 12 to 17 year old to assist with Strathcona County half-day, week long summer programs and gain valuable leadership skills.

LIT participants must have reliable transportation to and from the program site and be able to commit to a minimum of two weeks between July 5 and August 27. Register today!

<https://reonline.strathcona.ca/.../category/browse/PROGSP>