



September 17, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 22: School Council Meeting. A link to the Google Meet will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email westboroparents@gmail.com

September 22: School Pictures - Entire School

September 23: School Pictures - Kindergarten Regular only

September 24: Terry Fox Run

PARENT REMINDERS

Please remember to send your student to school with at least **2 clean masks** and a **water bottle** everyday.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run will take place on **Friday, September 24, 2021**. There will be a virtual assembly starting at 9:10 a.m. and then the students will immediately head outside (weather permitting) to participate in the Terry Fox Run. Classes will be grouped together and complete their run in their designated area. Westboro students and families are encouraged to donate online only.

Westboro Elementary School Fundraising Link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/WestboroElementary>

Username: **2021AB1027**

Password: **CUREAB1745**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually and a link to the Google Meet will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email westboroparents@gmail.com.

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda September 22, 2021](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on May 19, 2021.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes AGM May 19, 2021](#)

WESTBORO

Elementary Council/Parent Group

OUR MESSAGE

Who are we? We are Parents like you that are able to make time to Volunteer out time to help make changes, run programs for fundraising, make council decisions for our school. Purchase items that are beneficial to our school and children.

We have been able to adapt to changes due to Covid and make our children's choll and the staff a great place to learn.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENTS GROUP

This school year we will be continuing to hold our meetings online until we are told differently. Our meetings run from 6:30 to 8:30pm and all parents of students at Westboro are welcome to join.

We welcome you to come online and see who we are, what goes on and meet some of the staff. Even if you have only 10 minutes or more you are welcome to join.

There is more to council and parent group than just where our fundraising dollars go. Great engaging conversations, learn things about the school that you did not know before. Ask the questions you don't know! Who or Where to ask about.

A Year of Meetings

September 22, 2021
October 20, 2021
November 17, 2021

January 19, 2022
February 16, 2022
March 16, 2022
April 13, 2022
May 11, 2022 (Annual AGM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We still have a few positions open on our Council/Parents Group. If this is something you would like to learn more about please let us know. Positions in need of help: Secretary, Vice Chair

Every month our online meeting agenda/minutes are posted to the weekly newsletter. Our Principal sends out the meeting code via email.

Chair: Kim Scott
Treasurer: Desiree Williams
Assistance: Janel Park
Email:
westboroparents@gmail.com
Check us out on
Facebook-WestboroParents

COORDINATED SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Supports for Students department is dedicated to helping every one of our learners experience success. Our multidisciplinary team helps identify, develop and share learning strategies and provide support in consultation with classroom staff. This team approach brings together diverse supports for both individual students and for the entire class. It also builds the capacity of our teachers to create the best learning environment possible for students. We offer assistance ranging from general classroom consultation and specialized assessments to parent sessions and in-services.

What kind of services are available?

EIPS employs a team of speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists and consultants to provide services in classrooms. Their work involves meeting with principals, teachers and parents to understand how best to meet the needs of students. In addition, EIPS works with outside agencies and private contractors to provide additional services on an as needed basis.

Any one of these professionals may provide general consultation to help the teacher develop student's skills, confidence and overall achievement. When this type of consultation is offered to a teacher, parental consent is not required.

Speech-Language Pathology and/or Occupational Therapy Observations and Screening

may occur throughout the school year. Through observation and discussion, the classroom team may determine that the student may benefit from more specific assessment or intervention. Parental consent for screening is not required. If there are any concerns, they will be discussed with you, and if intervention or assessment is recommended, your consent as a parent is required.

Assessment involves offering support to a child on a one-to-one basis and using informal assessment or a standardized test to understand the child's performance or ability.

Intervention occurs when the school decides that more targeted strategies would be beneficial for the student's success.

Please contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

PICTURE DAY

Individual student photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, September 22**. Kindergarten **Regular** pictures will be taken on **Thursday, September 23**. 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.

REQUIRED FORMS

The Division has also developed a series of forms all families are required to review and submit at the start of the school year to support school operations. All forms are available through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have trouble accessing your Parent Portal account, contact your child's school for assistance.

Note: Forms in PowerSchool often don't display properly in Internet Explorer. Please use a different browser to review and complete the forms for your family.

COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist Acknowledgement

- **Due: Now**
- Required for all families; one per student.
- The COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist is also linked directly within the form.
- We encourage families to print off a copy of the checklist—keeping in mind this document is subject to change—and save this link as a shortcut on your smartphone home screen so you have easy access to it each morning.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Forms tab at the top of the left-hand menu and then selecting the COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist Acknowledgement from the list.

Pre-existing Medical Conditions

- **Due: Now**
- Only required for students with pre-existing conditions.
- If your child has a known pre-existing condition, for example, allergies, please complete this form to ensure we have the necessary data on file.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Forms tab at the top of the left-hand menu and then selecting the Pre-existing Medical Conditions form from the list.

Correction and Verification Form

- **Due: Sept. 22, 2021**
- Required for all families. It's important we have correct information on file in the student record.
- This is the standard form all families review and update annually.
- Please review all information, paying particular attention to phone numbers and email addresses as well as the emergency contacts on file. If you've recently moved, this is also where you'll update your address information.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Correction and Verification Form tab in the left-hand menu.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta has declared a State of Public Health Emergency. New restrictions take effect September 16. <https://bit.ly/398UvZZ> [Masks and physical distancing are mandatory province-wide](#) in all indoor public spaces and workplaces. Masks are mandatory in public vehicles. [Additional measures](#) take effect September 20. Albertans 12+ can [get vaccinated](#). View the [current Strathcona County COVID-19 case count](#). Isolation is mandatory if you have COVID-19 or [core COVID-19 symptoms](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL ANXIETY

If you're a parent or you love a child who you have to drop off at dayhome, kindergarten or university for the first time (turns out each of these milestones evoke the same emotions, the kids are just in different sized bodies), there is a universal response in us big people that mostly includes anxiety.

Check out this great post for dealing with back to school anxiety!

<https://www.facebook.com/drjodycarrington/posts/434299231398030>

CONFIDENT KIDS

For children to develop confidence and strong social emotional skills, they need opportunities to experience peer interactions in a safe and encouraging environment. This interactive program will create space for your young person to connect with others and learn new skills in a fun way! Parents will also receive some tools and information to continue fostering confidence and social skills at home.

Wednesdays starting September 22 to October 13 at the **BGC Youth CanTeen**.

There will be separate sessions for children in grades 1-3 at 4:15 p.m. and for children in grades 4-6 at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/family-resource-network/>.

CALLING ALL SKATEBOARDERS

Wheelie, grind and ollie your way over to our new Ardrossan skate park! Located at 45 Queen Street (<https://bit.ly/3Cb7YgZ>), this park features unique graffiti art, a half-pipe, several rails, ramps and more. Special shout-out to [Trans Mountain](#) for their support in the development of the Ardrossan Skate Park. For more information visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../bike-skills-and-skateboard.../>