



September 24, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- September 27:** Chapel 1:00 p.m.
- September 27:** Practice Bus Evacuation
- September 27:** Little Elk Island Adventures
- September 29:** EIPS recognizes National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- September 29:** Orange Shirt Day at Westboro
- September 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day - **School Closure Day**

CHAPEL

We are having our first Chapel of the year on **Monday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.** Please note the date and time change for this Chapel due to other activities students will be taking part in on September 29. All families are invited to attend our first Logos Chapel of the year using this

Google Meet code: meet.google.com/own-qcky-htr

Please Note: In order to join the meeting you will need to have a Google account.

We look forward to seeing you there!

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION ORANGE SHIRT DAY

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day are on Thursday, September 30, 2021. As you may be aware, the government recently passed legislation to make **September 30th** a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Like all Canadians, this day provides an opportunity for each public servant to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. All EIPS schools and offices will be closed on September 30, therefore, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day will be recognized by EIPS and Westboro Elementary on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Westboro welcomes artist Crystal Driedger!

Many of you will remember our Artist in Residence project with Garth Prince in the 2020/2021 school year. We are excited to take part in another Artist in Residence project in the next two weeks with artist Crystal Driedger. A huge thank you to our Westboro School Council for providing the funding to make this possible!

Students in grades 1-6 will be focusing on the theme of gratitude and will begin a gratitude journal using art/drawing as their primary means of expression. There are many advantages to regularly practicing gratitude, some of which you can read about in this short article. Students in kindergarten, STEPS, and PLACE will be working on a seasonal piece of art which they will be able to proudly display in their homes. Each class will have a 60-120 minute session (depending on the grade) to learn from this talented Canadian artist who resides right here in Sherwood Park! More about Crystal and her work can be found on her website. Any questions about the residency can be directed to Mrs. Richard (courtney.richard@eips.ca).

COVID-19 INFORMATION : DAILY CHECKLISTS

Please see the updated [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklists](#) for children under 18 and for adults 18 years and older. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities.

CORRECTION AND VERIFICATION FORM

To ensure we have the most accurate information possible for the 2021-22 school year, please review and submit the Correction and Verification form that was due on Wednesday, September 22. The form is available near the top of the left-hand menu in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

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.

Filling out the form is easy and takes only a few minutes to complete. Simply, review the form and each of its sections, make revisions where required, and then select "Sign & Submit" for school office staff to review. **Even if you don't have any changes to make, when you "Sign & Submit," the Division has a record that you've reviewed the data, and we know we still have the most up-to-date information on file for your child.**

The form provides families with the opportunity to review and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details, parent consents and other related information.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your Parent Portal account, contact the school directly.

2021-22 SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are now posted. Field trips will be charged as they occur. Please log into your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account to view your fees and make payments.

WBO PRACTICE BUS EVACUATION - SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

In keeping with the safe transportation of Elk Island Public Schools students, the Transportation Department has, in conjunction with Westboro Elementary, coordinated a "rear emergency door" school bus evacuation for Monday, September 27, 2021.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances where students need to evacuate a school bus, it is important that they practice the correct procedures. The objective of a school bus evacuation is getting the students off the bus safely and in the shortest time possible in an orderly fashion.

In addition, the bus operators will be reviewing school bus rules and expectations with the students.

Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

The combined effort of all parties involved with the bus evacuations will ensure the safest possible ride to and from school for your child.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE - SEPTEMBER 27 /28, 2021

Elk Island Public Schools' Student Transportation has a program for First Time Bus Riders and called the Little Elk Island Adventure.

This program will take place at the school on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28.

Students 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

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

[Proof of vaccinations required](#) to access non-essential County services, effective September 20. [Masks and physical distancing are mandatory province-wide](#) in all indoor public spaces, workplaces and public vehicles. [Additional provincial 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](#).

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day; a day to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day Tool Kits are available for people who are interested. Please call the Family and Community Services call line at 780-464-4044 or email familyresourcenetwork@strathcona.ca for more information on how to pick up your kit.

The Strathcona Wilderness Centre is hosting a free day of learning, sharing and building relationships. Events include an Indigenous Elder welcome and blessing, nature scavenger hunts, Indigenous performances and family-friendly activities.

The Strathcona County Library Bookmobile will also be on site with Felice Gladue and the Métis on the Move exhibit. Clear [here](#) for more information.

EMOTION COACHING

Our emotions are with us wherever we go and impact all that we do in life. Learning how to recognize, understand and manage our feelings is an important life skill. Join us online to learn some helpful tips for coaching children and youth of all ages to build their emotional competence. We will explore the basics of Emotion Coaching together and then split into age-specific groups to discuss developmentally appropriate ways to use Emotion Coaching.

Emotion Coaching – For Parents and caregivers of children ages 0 to 18 years

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (online)

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