



October 8, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 11: Thanksgiving Day - No School for Students and Staff

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS: OCTOBER

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be rolling into our library on Monday, October 25 until November 1. We will have both an in person and virtual book fair this year.

Classes will come to the book fair during their library time and can purchase items or they can browse the book fair and make a list of items they are interested in to share at home. Parents can browse and purchase from the virtual book fair. The virtual link for our school will be shared with parents closer to October 25.

Students shopping in person will be able to take their purchases home that day. Virtual orders will be shipped free of charge to the school and delivered to each student. Book Fair flyers have been sent home to browse prior to the book fair.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. White.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK POSTER CONTEST

The Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is sponsoring a provincial poster contest for students in kindergarten to Grade 6 to promote School Bus Safety Week, October 17-23. This year's theme is "Bus Rules Rock!" The entry deadline is November 6. [Learn more](#)

CONFIDENT KIDS SAFETY COURSES

Click on the images below for more information.



CK Confident Kids Safety Courses

BABYSITTER TRAINING

Open to kids age 12 (or turning 12 within 6 months)

Gain the skills needed to take care of others.

Learn to care for babies, handle behavior, structure activities and respond to emergencies.

In-Person
Mon, Nov 8: 9-4pm
Heartland Alliance Church
Sherwood Park
Cost - \$70

Online courses are scheduled as needed.

Register online: cksafetycourses.com



CK Confident Kids Safety Courses

HOME ALONE SAFETY

Designed for kids age 9+ new to staying home alone.

Think through unexpected situations, work through fears and handle emergencies.

<u>Online</u> Sat, Oct 23 Oct 25 & 27 (2 day) Nov 22 & 29 (2 day) Sat, Dec 11	<u>In-Person</u> Tues, Nov 9: 9-11:45am Sherwood Park
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Cost \$60

Register online: cksafetycourses.com

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or debit card—when available from your financial institution.

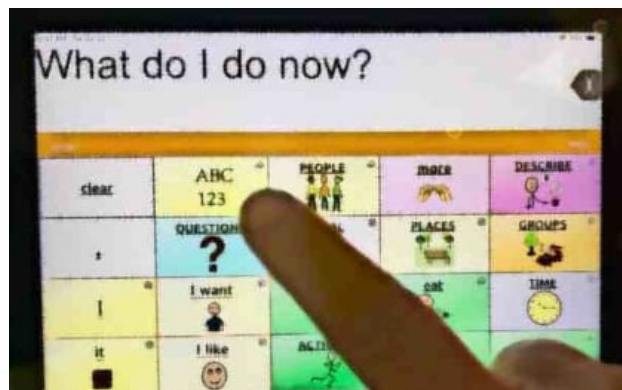
Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021.

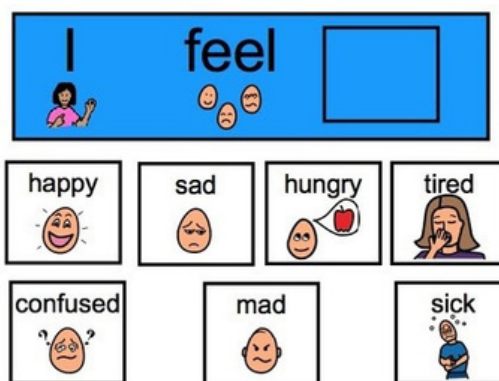
For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Billie Jean Mephram, Business Manager at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

AAC AWARENESS MONTH

October is AAC awareness month. Around the world people raise awareness and celebrate the use of augmentative and alternative communication. Some of our Westboro Warriors use AAC devices to help them to communicate because they are unable to use verbal speech. Complex AAC devices can be seen on I pads that students carry with them. Some less complex forms of communication are picture boards, gestures, facial expressions, drawing and writing. Help us to spread awareness by starting a dinner table discussion with your Westboro Warrior about it. Afterwards, have your family communicate with each other by using only non-verbal ways such as writing, drawing, gestures or facial expressions. Thanks for helping us to raise awareness.



TouchChat on Ipad



Communication Board

ABSENCES, LATES, LEAVING EARLY

If your child will be absent, late or leaving school early, **please notify the office**. If your teacher is away for the day, your message to them may not make it to the office. If your child arrives late to school and does not walk in with their class, they must go through the front doors and check in with the office before going to class. A call or email to the office ensures that your message will be received. **Please call us at 780-467-7751 or email the office at general.wbo@eips.ca.**

Additionally, if your student is absent, a reason for absence is necessary. **If the reason is illness, we do need to know the specific symptoms as there are different protocols for different symptoms.** Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT WESTBORO ELEMENTARY



Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting October 6, private outdoor gatherings are limited to 20 people and 2m distancing. 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. 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. Learn more [here](#).

MY COUNTY MY VOTE MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

The next municipal election is Monday, October 18, 2021. Strathcona County electors will elect 1 Mayor and 8 Ward Councillors. [Learn more](#).

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. Learn what to do when you hear the alarm! <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../fire.../fire-prevention-week>

NEWCOMER CONNECTOR

New to Canada or Strathcona County? Join us virtually to connect with other newcomers, learn about programs and services available, and discuss topics that interest you!

Virtual sessions:

October 21, 1:30 p.m.

November 18, 1:30 p.m.

December 9, 1:30 p.m.

Join us in person on November 27 at 1:00 p.m.

To register, visit <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../communi.../newcomer-connector/>

INCLUSIVE PARENTING

Not sure where to begin when talking to your children about current events or social issues? Join us for Inclusive Parenting to learn tips and ways your family can adopt new practices, foster community inclusion, and explore age-appropriate conversations.

Topic: All About Identity

Wednesday October 20 at 6:00 p.m. (virtual)

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