



November 5, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 7: Daylight Saving Time Ends - at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned backward 1 hour

November 8-12: Fall Break

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 15: Classes Resume

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES PLANNING TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTRY

As November break approaches, we have received a number of inquiries asking when students are able to return to school after travelling outside of Canada.

Unvaccinated students under 12 years of age travelling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians cannot return to school or daycare for 14 days following their return to Canada, and must follow the [mandatory requirements](#) under the Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order.

Fully vaccinated students 12 years and older who travelled out of the country can return to school without delay so long as they are asymptomatic. If unvaccinated, these students are subject to the Government of Canada's required 14-day quarantine, whether or not they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who qualifies as a fully vaccinated traveller.

Additional information on travel restrictions and public health requirements can be found at the Government of Canada's [website](#).

POWERSCHOOL STUDENT PORTAL: LOGINS CHANGING TO LDAP

On November 3 beginning at approximately 3 p.m., Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will be updating the login credentials students will use to access the [PowerSchool Student Portal](#). Once updates are complete, students will use their EIPS network credentials to log in to the PowerSchool Student Portal and the PowerSchool mobile app. Student access to the portal and app may be intermittently unavailable while updates are taking place throughout the afternoon and evening of November 3.

Effective November 4, students will use their EIPS network credentials to access the portal or app. Students who use the mobile app will be required to log out and back in after the updates are complete. This update does not affect the login process for parents or guardians on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

EIPS recognizes many elementary students likely don't use the PowerSchool Student Portal yet but wanted to ensure your family has the information about login processes for future years when students may use this platform more often.

For students who regularly access the PowerSchool Student Portal or app and have any trouble logging in after the change, they can contact their teacher or a school office staff member for assistance.

CYBERWORLD: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUTH PRESS SEND?

In this presentation, we provide parents and caregivers with information on the popular websites, games, and apps that are being used by children and youth. We discuss legal consequences and potential dangers online. We share helpful tips on starting conversations with their children and youth.

Topic: Saffron VOC Week Cyberworld

Time: November 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83961771681?pwd=dHRDSUUySWpFTG0lWjZRTytlcnZJUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6177 1681

Passcode: 852617

Scholastic Book Fairs

Thank you!

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was a success! Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable **Rewards** that can be redeemed for new books for our school library.

We can't wait to hear all about the new stories you have added to your home libraries!

Books purchased from the virtual book fair will be delivered to classrooms as soon as they arrive. If your purchase was a gift and you do not wish the items to be delivered to your student, please contact Mrs. White to make other arrangements.

Thank you for participating in our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

Happy reading!



Hello Westboro Families!

Welcome to a new school year! We are hoping to run another Christmas giving campaign this year for families in need. This has been a tough year for many but an even more difficult one for some. Two years ago, we were able to collect specific items for specific families in and around Edmonton. This year, because of Covid 19, purchasing, handling and delivering these items is not recommended. In light of that, we are hoping we can purchase gift cards to be distributed to the same charitable group that we supported last year.

Gift cards for the following are requested:

***Superstore**

***Walmart**

***We have requests for extra hampers this year and we will need gift cards to these stores to fulfill these hampers.**

We are asking that you begin thinking of what you may contribute toward many families in need (please know this is optional). Perhaps next time you are at a till, or even shopping online, we ask that you consider buying a gift card from that store for someone else. We would like to drop these off to the organization earlier in December so that they may be put in the right hands before Christmas. With this in mind, please have all gift cards handed in to your homeroom teacher on or before **Tuesday, November 30, 2021.**

Cards collected will be donated to the organization we supported last year. This group is called "Hearts Thrift Store" or "The Christmas Campaign for Families in Need" (see both on Facebook). We will not be adopting a family per se but will give these cards to Teresa Roque who heads up these groups and they will be distributed as needed. If you are a family in need, please reach out to this organization. Every year, more and more families seek her help for necessities and everyday things. It is sad to hear, but we are happy to help, even in a small way!

Thank you for your generosity, your kindness and your empathy. We are a strong school full of warriors with very big hearts! Take good care everyone. Stay healthy and happy and may you be blessed by this giving as much as we and others are! Please feel free to contact either or us if you have any questions.

Stacey Bouwers and Tracey Prouse





Dear Fundraising Participants:

We are excited to offer you this great opportunity to support your School while you shop locally for quality educational toys, games and a lot more. With the Holiday season in mind, Education Station is partnering with your School/Organization and inviting your families and friends to shop with this custom link <https://educationstation.ca/catalogue/ranges/holiday-fundraiser-2021/> which will take you to a specially curated list of products for children ages 1-12. You can also shop anywhere on the Education Station website, between Nov. 1, 2021-Dec. 7, 2021 (some exceptions apply). Just enter this code **WESTBORO** in the **fundraising code** field at the checkout, on the final page, right before you hit Place Order, and Education Station will donate 15% of your purchase directly to your School/Organization. It's that easy!

At check-out you can choose the free in-store/curbside pickup options for either location or have your item shipped/delivered to your house for 10% (min \$10). Please feel free to share this link and the fundraising code **WESTBORO** with family and friends.

Other guidelines to note:

1. The **Fundraising code** can be used to purchase any item in the link as well as other items on our website. Note some items are exempt from this promotion including sale/clearance items, furniture, carpets and other large items.
2. The Fundraising code **WESTBORO** MUST be present on the web order as an identifier so the School/Organization will get credit for the sale and rebate.
3. There will be a 'no return' policy on all items purchased with a **Fundraising Code** because the School/Organization will receive the 15% rebate.
4. The **Fundraising Code** will not be valid on our website after midnight Dec. 7, 2021.
5. Depending on the response of Schools/Organizations to this opportunity, items may sell out and be removed from the list or replaced with a new item as stock allows. Education Station will adjust items at their discretion and if an item is ordered that is out of stock they will contact you directly to see if you would like a substitution or removed from your order.
6. This is a website Fundraiser only and will not be valid for in-store shopping.
7. At check-out you can choose in store or curbside pick-up for either store location, or for a small charge you can have your order shipped directly to your home.

Don't Forget to enter the fundraising code **WESTBORO at the CHECKOUT to ensure our school/organization gets credit for your purchase.**

Thank you,



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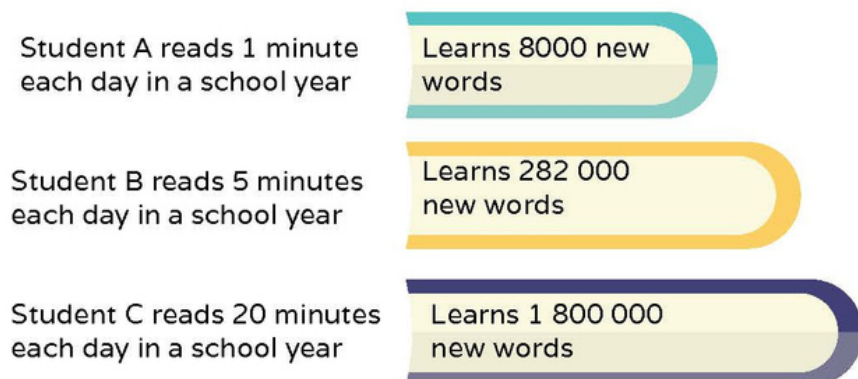
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LITERACY AT HOME

Literacy at Home: The Importance of Vocabulary

Parents often ask for tips on working with their children at home to build literacy skills. Daniel Willingham, a psychology professor at the University of Virginia who writes about the science behind reading comprehension, explained that whether or not readers understand a text has a lot to do with how much background knowledge and vocabulary they have relating to the topic. That's because writers leave out a lot of information that they assume readers will know.

In fact, a study by Nagy & Herman showed the following results:



You can see that the difference is significant!

So, what can you do at home? Here are some ideas:

- Read with and to your child for 20 minutes each day.
- Have conversations with your child and try to include “big words” and new words.
- Tell stories to your child and encourage them to ask questions.
- Involve your child in the activities you do -- cooking, fixing the car, etc. Use terms specific to the activity to build vocabulary.

*Sources: Iowa Reading Research Centre, Nagy, William and Herman, Patricia: Breadth and Depth of Vocabulary Knowledge: Implications for Acquisition and Instruction, Willingham, Dan: The Reading Mind

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting October 6, private outdoor gatherings are limited to 20 people and 2m distancing. Proof of completed vaccination series, negative test or medical exemption required to access non-essential County services, effective October 25. Masks and physical distancing are mandatory province-wide in all indoor public spaces, workplaces and public vehicles. Albertans 12+ can get vaccinated. Isolation is mandatory if you have COVID-19 or core COVID-19 symptoms.

Learn more [here](#).

FALL BREAK SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Stroke improvement classes are Monday-Friday (omit Thursday, November 11) for ages 5Y+:

Red Cross Swim Kids levels 3-5: <https://bit.ly/3pD0eAu>

Red Cross Swim Kids levels 6-7: <https://bit.ly/3Eks88u>

Red Cross Swim Kids levels 8-10: <https://bit.ly/3mg1WG5>

Reminder: Strathcona County is participating in the Restriction Exemption Program. Please read our know before you go swimming tips before arriving for your class:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../recrea.../aquatic-programs/...>

FALL BREAK PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

This fall break, embrace your inner artist and performer. From November 8-12, we have an exciting lineup of performing arts programs for those aged 5Y - 12Y:

Just Imagine each day has a playful new theme to entice the creation of dramatic characters through storytelling, dance movements and music. **Register now (5Y - 12Y):** <https://bit.ly/3ptbGij>

Best of Both (performing & visual arts combo). Come and explore with us and see how both art forms can be creatively connected. Participants will become both a visual artist and a performer.

Register now (6Y - 12Y): <https://bit.ly/3jtk8tP>

Performing arts aren't your jam? We also have several other opportunities available during fall break, you can check them out here <https://reconline.strathcona.ca/.../browse/PROGFALLBREAK>

NOVEMBER IS FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Learn about healthy relationships, resources and supports available to end family violence as part of the County's month-long Reach Out Speak Out initiative. [#WhereToTurn](#)

<http://ow.ly/6ocA50GEK7n>