



November 19, 2021



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

*Weekly Newsletter*

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**November 24:** Chapel 1:00 p.m. Google Meets meeting code: [meet.google.com/foc-bxpj-omj](https://meet.google.com/foc-bxpj-omj)

**November 24:** Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. A link to the Google Meet will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com)

**November 26:** Report Cards go live at 3:00 p.m. and will be available to view on your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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## JOIN US FOR CHAPEL

Grade 2L will be hosting our November Chapel on Wednesday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend over Google Meet using the following code (you must have a gmail address to join in): [meet.google.com/foc-bxpj-omj](https://meet.google.com/foc-bxpj-omj)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 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](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com).

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda November 24, 2021](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on October 20, 2021.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes AGM October 20, 2021 DRAFT](#)

## PARENT REMINDERS

- Please remember to send your child to school wearing a mask and also make sure your child has spare masks, reusable or disposable, with them at school every day. We have had many students arriving at school with no mask as well as students who require extras throughout day.
- Please send your child to school with a water bottle and utensils to eat their lunch. Lately we have had many students requesting these items.
- Now that the colder weather has arrived, please send your child to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing. This includes a warm jacket, snow pants, warm footwear, mitts and a hat. Students will be outside for recess and will need to be dressed appropriately.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE!

While COVID has prevented us from being able to host a live Christmas concert this year, our Fine Arts teachers Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Watson have been hard at work planning a virtual event for families.

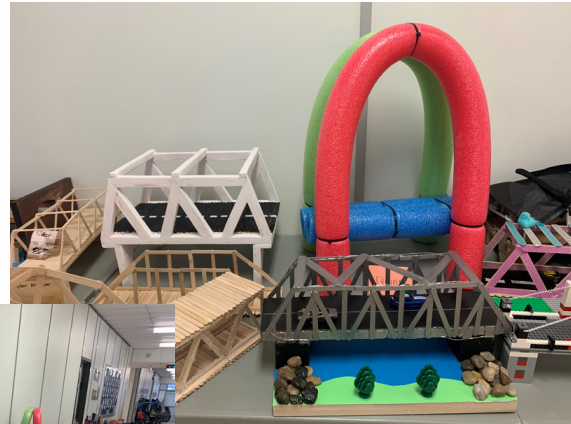
We are excited to present some unique performances only possible because of this format! On **Friday, December 10**, make some hot cocoa, snuggle up in your Christmas jammies, and enjoy watching "**Christmas Together**" live at **6:30 p.m.** Students will also get to watch an encore of the concert in school on Monday, December 20.

Check upcoming school newsletters for further details. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Richard at [courtney.richard@eips.ca](mailto:courtney.richard@eips.ca).

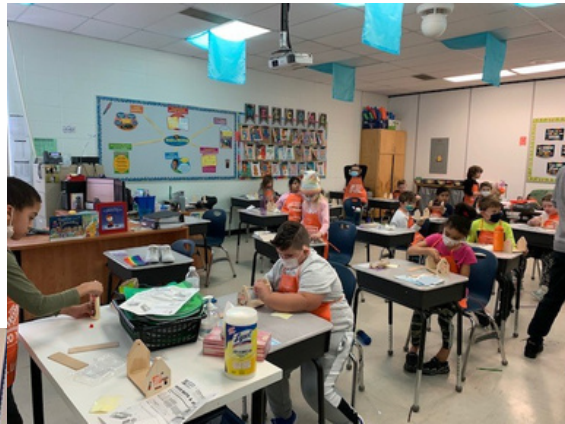
## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available for parents/guardians to view on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on **Friday, November, 26, 2021**.

# GRADE 3 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION



# GRADE 3 BUILDING PROJECTS



## 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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# Strathcona County Information

## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of November 15, proof of completed vaccination series with personal QR code is the only accepted vaccination proof for all non-essential services. Negative test or medical exemptions are accepted. Private outdoor gatherings are limited to 20 people and 2m distancing. 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.](#)

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Strathcona County's holiday season is set to kick off with a merry ensemble of lights, songs, games and a visit from the jolly man up north. Celebration of Lights takes place outdoors at Festival Place on November 20 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., featuring an afternoon full of holiday cheer and various family-friendly events. Residents will witness the LED tree light up at Festival Place and Broadmoor Lake Park light up at 5 p.m., an appearance from Santa, his reindeer and holiday carolers. Several holiday-themed activities such as campfire cooking, pony rides, a scavenger hunt and selfies with Santa will also be available. Read the full news release, including details on food bank donations, directions and parking <https://bit.ly/3CoJlhd>

## PARENT TO PARENT: FINDING DIGITAL BALANCE

Want to know more about how to support your youth with their time online? Come out as a family to learn from others and end the afternoon together with some pizza and bonding time! Join us to learn information about popular websites, games and apps being used by children and youth. We will discuss legal consequences and potential dangers online, as well as share some helpful tips to start conversations with children and youth.

**Saturday, November 27 from 2:00 - 4:00pm**

**Location: TBD (in Sherwood Park)**

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

## WINTER DRIVING REMINDERS

- Slow down - The posted speed limits are for ideal conditions
- Give yourself extra time - Your daily commute could take twice as long
- Leave space - Don't follow too close to the vehicle in front of you
- Be prepared - Make sure you have adequate fuel, an emergency kit and extra winter clothing

Don't forget to sign up for SC Alerts to get notified if a snow route parking ban is declared:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/transportation-roads/winter-roads/>