



November 26, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 1: Early Dismissal

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We've been busy filming to prepare for our upcoming virtual concert. We want to remind families this will be held on Friday, December 10 live at 6:30 p.m. - link to come 😊 Each family this year will receive prime, front-row seats as you relax and enjoy the performances from the comfort of your own homes.

We will be wrapping up our filming in the upcoming week. It was brought up at our Council meeting tonight that it would be helpful for these schedules to be shared. This is our first year going virtual and we're learning as we go; my apologies this was not provided earlier.

Please see below as to when classes will be filmed.

- **Monday, November 29:** KL (wear jammies), PLACE 2 (no special dress required), 4L and 4R (Christmas fancy wear if desired)
- **Tuesday, November 30:** KR (wear jammies), 3L and 3R (no special dress required)
- **Wednesday, December 1:** 3L and 3R (Christmas fancy wear if desired), 4L and 4R (no special dress required)
- **Thursday, December 2:** 5L and 5R (Christmas fancy wear if desired), 1L and 1R (Christmas fancy wear if desired), possibly 4L and 4R (no special dress required)
- **Friday, December 3:** 1L and 1R (wear dark colours - NO white, working with black light), 2L and 2R (Christmas colours and clothing they can move in, fun and funky if desired), 6L (wear all black)

NOTE: 6R is not listed. They have been filming since October. 6L has also already filmed and were given advance notice of their filming times. STEPS and PLACE 1 filming schedule will be as suited to classroom activities.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available for parents/guardians to view on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on **Friday, November, 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

IMPORTANT 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.

WINTER BREAK

Westboro Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 23, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022

Open January 4; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2022-23 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2022-23 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2022-23 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2022.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2022.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.

FEE WAIVER DEADLINE

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

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 or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

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 and more.

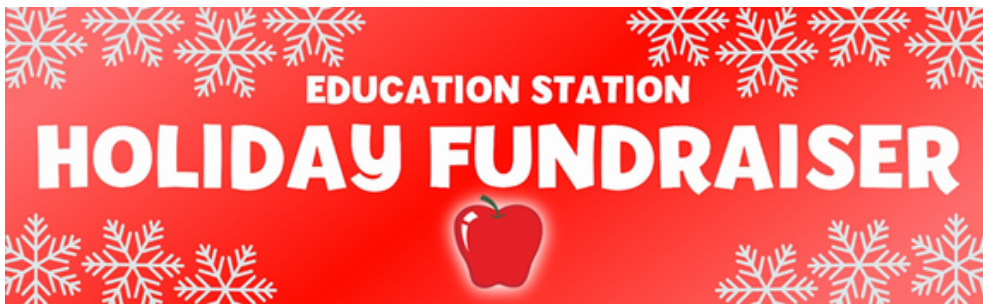
For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Billie Jean Mepham at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751.

LEARNING DISRUPTION FUNDING FOR GRADES 2-3

At the end of last school year, the Government of Alberta announced 2021-22 funding for school divisions to help address learning disruptions for grades 1 to 3 students caused by the pandemic. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has received \$791,840 in learning disruption funding to support students in grades 2 and 3, a portion of which has been allocated to Westboro Elementary.

The funding will provide targeted programming for specific students identified as requiring additional support in literacy and numeracy. At Westboro Elementary, all grades 2 and 3 students participated in the Star Reading assessment and the Numeracy Assessment Screener earlier this year to assess students' literacy and numeracy levels. Those below the 25th percentile were identified as needing additional supports and eligible for funding. The Government of Alberta learning disruption funding received—at a per-student funding rate of \$490—will support targeted intervention programming for these students.

If your child was identified as needing additional supports, you'll receive more information directly from the school. Intervention programming for identified students will begin in January. If you have questions about the intervention programming, contact the school office at 780-467-7751.



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

NEW! All Albertans 5+ can now get vaccinated. 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. 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.](#)

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Winter program registration is almost here:

December 7: all programs (except swimming)

December 14: swimming programs

Registration starts at 7 a.m. on both days. All winter programs are now available for viewing if you can't bear waiting until registration day: _

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../activi.../recreation-programs/>

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEARTLAND

Come out for food, festivities and an incredible fireworks display at Moyer Rec Centre between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Learn more about the fireworks or all the events happening over two days as a part of Christmas in the Heartland: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../fes.../rural-county-christmas/>

TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday December 7 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. (virtual)

Struggling with your child's behaviour? Learn how to turn challenges into opportunities for success. Join us online for ideas to reduce the stress of parenting and to strengthen family relationships. This course is designed to help you:

- Develop positive strategies for dealing with misbehaviour.
- Feel more comfortable with your parenting skills.
- Gain a better understanding of what you can expect for your child's age and stage.
- Plan ahead for difficult situations.

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