



December 3, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 10: Virtual Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to our generous Westboro Warriors! Together, we raised \$540 in gift cards to support the charity, "**Christmas Campaign for Families in Need**". These gift cards will be used to purchase food and other necessities for local, struggling families this year. May it warm our hearts and theirs that people at Westboro School care for them and are willing to help. God bless each of you in this special and blessed season. You are all so appreciated and kind.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Stacey Bouwers and Tracey Prouse

CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND PJ DAY

Thank you to our wonderful parents Carla Diduck, Janel Park, and Tracy and Jeff Dickie, along with the financial support of our wonderful School Council, we are pleased to bring back our annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, December 21**. The pancakes will be pre-packaged and provided by McDonalds.

McDonalds cannot guarantee that there is no peanut cross contamination in their food, so if your student has a severe peanut allergy and you would **not** like your student to participate in the breakfast, please let the school office know and we will find an alternative. If your student has a gluten intolerance we will work on an alternative for that as well.

We are asking families to donate \$2 to help support the cost of the pancake breakfast.

Don't forget to wear your pj's to school that day as well!!

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.

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.

PARENT REMINDERS

- Please remember to send your child to school **wearing a mask** along with extras in their backpack. We have 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.

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.



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 COUNTRY

Enjoy refreshments at **5 p.m.** at South Cooking Lake Hall followed by spectacular fireworks starting at **6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.**

Take in all the events happening throughout the day at Christmas in the Country, including holiday markets and fun family activities.

Learn more: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../fes.../rural-county-christmas/>

CELEBRATE SAFELY

Festive celebrations, flickering lights and winter greens are hallmarks of the holiday season, but they also present fire risks that can quickly turn this festive time of year into a devastating one. Special care and attention must be taken in our homes. That starts with checking smoke alarms to make sure they work. Simply press the test button on the bottom of the smoke alarm, if it sounds, your smoke alarm is working.

Get fire safety tips on Christmas trees, lights, cooking, fireworks and more on the website. Keep your family safe this holiday season!

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../holiday-season-safety-tips/>