



December 17, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 20: Logos Society Event

December 21: PJ Day and Pancake Breakfast

December 21: Last Day of School before Christmas Break

January 5: Classes Resume

January 5: Early Dismissal

LOGOS SOCIETY EVENT

Our Logos Society will also be hosting a special event over Google Meet on Monday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. for all families. Join us for a time of fellowship as you connect with other families in the Logos program, meet our Logos Society president, sing some Christmas carols, and listen to the Christmas story. All families are invited to attend over Google Meet using the following code (you must have a gmail address to join in): meet.google.com/siw-nvdp-iwj

CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND PJ DAY

Our pancake breakfast and will take place next **Tuesday, December 21**. The pancakes will be pre-packaged and provided by McDonalds.

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

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

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

As the Christmas break approaches, we wish to remind you of federal public health regulations related to when students are permitted to return to school after travelling outside of Canada. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated 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 or partially vaccinated, these students are subject to the Government of Canada's required 14-day quarantine, regardless of whether they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who qualifies as a fully vaccinated traveller.

Additional information on travel restrictions and public health regulations can be found at the Government of Canada's [website](#). Any questions or concerns about these restrictions should be directed to the Government of Canada, through their www.travel.gc.ca website.

Thank you,

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.

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT
WESTBORO ELEMENTARY



*Merry
Christmas*



Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

NEW! Youth 12-17 may need to show proof of vaccination beginning December 15. All Albertans 5+ can now get vaccinated. Proof of completed vaccination series with personal QR code, negative test or medical exemption is required for all non-essential services. View the Strathcona County COVID-19 case count. [Learn more.](#)

OUTDOOR SKATING

Cold weather means time for outdoor skating!

But please don't take a chance on those stormwater facilities. Stormwater facilities look like natural ponds, but they're very different! You can't judge the strength of ice by appearance alone. Ice conditions are unknown, unpredictable, and dangerous.

<http://www.strathcona.ca/.../news/2021/12/16/ice-safety21/>

Head out to one of Strathcona County's many outdoor skating options! We've got boarded rinks, snow banked rinks, and skating pathways. Select outdoor rinks opened yesterday. They operate when temperatures are between +5 C and -20 C.

https://www.strathcona.ca/recreation-events/activities/outdoor-skating/?fbclid=IwAR2xCA9cIZ_ljIuiV2fZDTYcKOCKUxeI59RLtJivPA5IJsVqStdSaTboBU

SANTA CONVOY

Santa and friends will be visiting Strathcona County neighbourhoods from a distance this year during the Santa Convoy.

The convoy will parade Santa through Sherwood Park on December 18th and rural county towns on December 19th. Wave to Santa and his helpers from the comfort and safety of your driveway to wish them a happy holiday season on their journey.

- Saturday, December 18: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, December 19: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (rural Strathcona County route)

Learn more about the Santa convoy, including planned route maps and schedules:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../festi.../winter-activities/...>

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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.

Fire safety risks increase during the holiday season. 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. [Learn more.](#)