



January 28, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 31: Professional Learning Day - **No school for students**

February 1: Kindergarten and Grades 1-12 New Student Registration opens

February 1: Returning Student Registration opens

February 2: Early Dismissal

WBO PARENT FEE SURVEY

We are seeking feedback into parent preferences as to how they want to pay school fees. Please complete the survey [here](#).

EIPS 2022-23 DIVISION CALENDAR: NOW AVAILABLE!

The official 2022-23 EIPS calendar is now available. The calendar includes important dates during the 2022-23 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more.

Highlights from the 2022-23 EIPS calendar include:

- first day of school - Aug. 30, 2022
- November break - November 7-11
- Christmas break - December 21 to January 3
- second semester starts - January 31
- Teachers' Convention - February 9-10
- spring break - March 24-31
- last day of classes - June 27, 2023

To view the 2022-23 calendar, visit eips.ca.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.



Fundraising Announcement!

Westboro Elementary Parents' Group is raising money for a scooter rack and a new book bin for the library!

Kids will be selling Little Caesars® Pizza Kits for the month of February and Delivery will be the week of March 14 – Just in time for Spring Break!

Next week our order forms will be going home with the kids! Our goal is to sell 1000 items!

If we reach our goal, the school will have a **crazy hair day!**

You can order by filling out the form and paying by Cash or Cheque to "Westboro Parents Group" or ONLINE!

Go to PizzaKit.ca
Click on *Products*, then *Shop*
Select *Ship My Order to the Group*
Enter the Fundraiser ID#, 404029!

There will be prizes for participating and the top seller will win a **brand new scooter** courtesy of MUD SWEAT AND GEARS Sherwood Park! (It's on display in the office right now!)

More information to come!

PARENTS GROUP WILL ALSO REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS TO: Help count, sort, and distribute orders to make sure everyone is taking the correct order home! Please consider assisting if you can!

For more information please contact WestboroParentGroup@gmail.com or you can reach us on Facebook – "Westboro Parents"

COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process is now open. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. 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. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2022.**

To access the Returning Student Registration Form, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you do need to set one up. For help see: [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#).

For more information contact the school directly.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed boundaries 2022-23](#)

[Find my designated school](#)

[Applying to a non-designated school](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 1

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten>.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more.

Visit [Caregiver Education for the Edmonton Zone](#) for more information and session dates.

EIPS WEBPAGE TRACKING CLASS TRANSITIONS

Over the last week, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) heard from several families asking for information about reported COVID-19 cases in schools and the impact on in-school learning. As such, EIPS now reports classes or grade groups that transition to temporary online learning. Some school divisions also report student and staff absences related to COVID-19 or illness. EIPS has not followed that practice because the data cannot be confirmed through PCR testing or through investigation by Alberta Health Services and is ultimately based on incomplete anecdotal reporting.

Since there is no way to accurately report the cases, all EIPS schools follow a process to manage student and staff absences. When a school has a significant number of absences—because of student illness in a class or grade cohort, or because staff or substitute coverage isn't possible—it submits report to EIPS. Next, a Division-level investigation occurs. If deemed appropriate, the class or grade cohort may transition to temporary online learning for a set number of days—similar to how students learned online last year, using Brightspace.

When this occurs:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes will remain home for a total of five school days.
- Junior and senior high classes will remain home for a total of five calendar days.

The difference between the approach for elementary students, and those in junior and senior high, reflect immunization rates. In Alberta, only 8.4 per cent students aged 5 to 11 years are fully vaccinated, while those aged 12 to 14, and 15 to 19, are at 80 and 81.9 per cent respectively.

Families whose children will be transitioned to temporary online learning are notified by the school and sent detailed information outlining duration, scheduling, important links and resources.

We thank EIPS families for sharing their feedback and concerns about reporting on illness in schools. We are hopeful access to this information will provide insight into the current situation in EIPS schools and classrooms.

To view the number of classes or grade groups that have or currently transitioned to temporary online learning, visit:

[Classes Shifted to Temporary Online Learning](#)

EIPS updates the information at the end of each school day.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

For latest COVID-19 information click [here](#).

PD DAY CAMPS

Make the most of your day off from school by registering for the School's Out Day Camps (6Y-12Y).

- January 31
- February 10 and 11
- March 4

[Register now!](#)

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Crisp trails await at The Broadmoor Public Golf Course! Come visit us for a ski on our [Leading Edge Physiotherapy trail](#)! Walking, tobogganing and snowshoeing are also available on the course.

Trail conditions: <https://www.thebroadmoor.ca/xcskiing/>

BRIGHTEN YOUR NIGHT WITH A MOONLIT STROLL

Trees throughout Broadmoor Lake Park are lit up each evening until February 22.

Feeling extra adventurous? Pack up your skates and take a few laps around the Sin Bin Skate Track, located in Broadmoor Lake Park Field

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

The Family & Community Services winter program guide is now available. Check out the guide to learn about upcoming free and low-cost programs and services for seniors, youth, families and individuals, whether or not you have children.

View the online program guide: <ow.ly/UNBE50Hv4QY>