



February 25, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 28: Returning Student Registration for 2022-23 closes

Mar 2: Early Dismissal

Mar 4: Professional Development Day - No school for students

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS DUE FEB 28

The Returning Student Registration forms are due Monday, February 28, 2022. The sooner we know who we're welcoming back in September, the better we can prepare!

So far we have received 79% of forms. Let's push for 100%!

www.eips.ca/registration/returning-students

If you're having any trouble accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal or completing the form, give us a call at the school and we will be happy to help you out.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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 westboroelementary.ca.

Westboro Warrior's Knee Slapper Contest!

All student's are welcome to participate in our Westboro Warrior's Knee Slapper Contest! Our student leadership team will choose 1 winning joke from each grade on Monday, March 7th. Jokes can be placed in our Knee Slapper Joke Box located in front of the office starting Friday, February 25th. All jokes must have a spring theme to them in order to be considered. Each winning joke will be used in our new Spring Forward with Laughter theme that will be used to decorate our courtyard windows for all staff and students to see and share in the laughter together.



BALL HOGZ BALL HOCKEY

Hello Ball Hockey Players and Parents,

Ball Hogz Ball Hockey it is specifically for persons with special needs. Although these are uncertain times, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to run our Spring League this season. All precautions and guidelines will be followed accordingly and to the best of our ability to ensure the safety and well-being of our members.

Early-bird registration is now OPEN for the 2022 Spring Season

To register - [click here](#)

Early-bird fees in effect until February 28, 2022.

Registration closes on March 13, 2022.

CHALLENGER BASEBALL

Sherwood Park Minor Baseball is excited to share that we will be having the Challengers Baseball Program back in full swing this upcoming season. Registration is now open and can be located here: <https://www.spmba.ca/challenger-program/>

My name is Heather Verhoeven and I will be the Coordinator this season. I am an RN, Mom of two, and for the past two years have called Sherwood Park home . I am new to the Challenger Baseball Program however, I am very excited to get onto the diamonds.

If you have any questions please reach out and I look forward to meeting you all very soon!!!!

CLASS 1L CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!



CLASS 2L CELEBRATING TWOSDAY!



MEASURING SUCCESS: COMPLETE THIS YEAR'S ALBERTA EDUCATION ASSURANCE SURVEY

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

Throughout March, Grade 4 students and teachers at Westboro Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 25, 2022.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

WATCH FOR THIN ICE

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars! Spring registration is just around the corner:

March 8: All programs (except swimming)

March 22: Swimming programs

Registration starts at 7 a.m. on both days. All spring programs (except swimming) are now available for advance viewing.

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

FREE ACTIVITIES IN STRATHCONA COUNTY

There are many free recreation opportunities within Strathcona County! This includes both indoor and outdoor activities. More info [here](#).

Please note: Many of the opportunities listed in the calendar require pre-registration to participate. Click on the event link for more information.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Join RCMP and Enforcement Services for a virtual town hall and Q&A on Thursday, March 3 from 7-8 p.m.

Policing and municipal enforcement priorities helps members focus on issues our community identifies as important.

Community collaboration helps RCMP and Enforcement Services support community safety, resiliency, well-being and reducing crime and harmful social impacts.

Join live on Teams through the link at: <https://bit.ly/34USxO9>

More info: <https://bit.ly/3le7jxU>