



May 5, 2022



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 6: No School for Students - Professional Learning Day

May 11: School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. A link will be emailed out prior to the meeting. For more information please email westboroparents@gmail.com.

May 13: PLACE Swimming Lessons 12:40 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda May 11, 2022](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on April 13, 2022.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022](#)

KIMOCHIS AND BIG FEELINGS

Parents will be given printable Kimochis feelings and resources so they can help kids learn the names of feelings and they will be given simple and effective communication tools to help their kids manage feelings.

These tools are the helpful response to challenging behavior as the parent can give the child a positive tool to replace challenging behaviors such as hitting and yelling.
In partnership with Parkland School Division.

This workshop is for parents/caregivers with children aged 3 - 12 years old.

[Register Here](#)

Date and time

Wednesday May 18, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. MDT

Location

Online event

KINDERGARTEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Further to our announcement regarding kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Becigneul will be leaving us at the end of this school year. We thank her for her time with us and wish her well.

We will be announcing the successful candidate for the position once it has been filled. Thank you.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2022-23 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

CAREGIVER SERIES: MAY SESSIONS

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Topics include structure and routines, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, mindfulness, understanding depression, technology, body image, sleep and more. The list of [May 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

AHS ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: MAY EDITION

The [May edition of the AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter](#) is a special edition in recognition of Mental Health Week.

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN SERIES

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

The full list and schedule of sessions are available online:

[Preparing for Kindergarten Series: Sessions and Schedule](#)

NOTE: Links to register were sent to all families with children registered to start kindergarten in 2022-23. Presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.

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

CENSUS 2022

My household counts!



Can we count on you to complete your census online?

- Starting May 1, go to strathcona.ca/census to complete your census
- Use the unique PIN your household received in the mail
- OR call the Census Office at 780-400-3800

Thank you for your participation!

strathcona.ca/census

 STRATHCONA
COUNTY

You're invited!

Join us on May 27th for a Westboro
Parent Paint Night with Métis
knowledge keeper Connie Kulhavy

6:00-8:30

(Parents only)



Connie will be teaching us to paint a birch bark tree scene using acrylic paint on canvas. No previous painting experience required. All materials will be provided.

Please RSVP to courtney.richard@eips.ca

30 spots available **spots will go to first to respond.*

We look forward to giving our parents a chance to meet, learn, and create together!



Logos Gazette

Spread the Word!

If you haven't heard by now, you probably will soon. Recruitment into the Logos Alternative Program has been steadily declining over the last decade. Although smaller class sizes are not a bad thing, too small becomes a financial issue in putting the program and staffing together to continue the program.

These declines have seen less classes in the Logos Alternative Program in Sherwood Heights JHS, split classes at Brentwood Elementary, and now no Logos specific kindergarten program at either elementary school.

We need your help before this trend leaves the Logos Alternative Program with insufficient resources to carry on.

While it is true that kinder-

garten numbers are down this year across the board, it does point out the problem in a real way and gives us time to act!

COVID has certainly not helped as many families have transitioned to home schooling or kept their children out of the earlier grades while our community figures out how to live post-covid.



How can you help!?! I'm glad you asked.

- 1) Help raise awareness. If you're on social media,

like/follow/subscribe to our posts.

- 2) Get involved! The Society has positions open and we need many perspectives as we try to figure out the future of Logos.

- 3) Pray! Most of all, pray for wisdom and God's hand as we navigate the waters of the next few years.

I've always seen troubles as opportunities to change and grow, and I believe this is a great opportunity to further define and become whatever Logos needs to be for the next decade or more!

Michael Schnell
President, EILS

Many Positions Available on the EILS Board

We are looking for a few good members on the EILS Executive!

You can see the current needs at: elkislandlogos.ca/exec

If you don't see a title there that makes you think "I'd like to do that", don't worry, they're not set in stone. What we do need is a good

selection of people with a variety of viewpoints to help us come up with strategies and ideas to make the Logos Alternative Christian Program better and stronger.

If you have thoughts and ideas and think Logos is a great program to have in our public schools, please prayerfully consider joining us!

For more information please contact:

president@elkislandlogos.ca

You can also take a look at the *job descriptions* at:

elkislandlogos.ca/eilsjobs

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The Logos Alternative Christian Program:

- Currently in our 26th year of operation!
- The first Alternative Christian Program approved by the Elk Island Public School Board
- Covering K-9 in two Elementary and one Junior High Schools
- Read more about Alternative Programs: <https://alberta.ca/alternative-education-programs.aspx>

Elk Island Logos Society

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EILS On Social Media

facebook.com/elkislandlogos
instagram.com/elkislandlogos
elkislandlogos.ca/youtube

please like or follow or
subscribe to our pages to
help increase our presence!

▶ Please spread the word!

Christian Education in our
Public Schools

Elk Island
Logos
Society

As a society, we meet, plan, pray, fundraise and serve in order to support the teachers as they develop their classroom environment to fit the distinctive of our alternative program. We want to have classrooms that nurture spiritual formation and growth based on Christian principles.

As a Christian Alternative Program, we value being integrated into our community schools, we believe in being an everyday light in our neighborhoods' schools. We value the diversity that comes from the many Christian traditions that are represented in our staff and students. We also value the ability having an "Alternative Program" allows us to be wholistic in our classroom education, nurturing body, mind and spirit!

Annual General Meeting—June 14th

The Elk Island Logos Society's 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Since the initial COVID restrictions, all of our meetings have been online. With an abundance of caution in this sixth wave, we are going to reserve the decision on whether to have an in person meeting until later in May.



The AGM is the place next year's budget will be discussed as well as any board positions will be appointed or voted upon.

Anyone is welcome to be part of the AGM, but only Elk Island Logos Society members can vote. Anyone who wants to support the purpose and prin-

ciples of the Logos Alternative Christian Program can be a member, so if you'd like to sign up, please visit our membership page at:

elkislandlogos.ca/members



We will also be looking for any ideas for fundraising or even direction of the Society in the coming years.

If you have any items you would like added to the agenda, please let me know by emailing:

president@elkislandlogos.ca

We really do want your input and your involvement in the coming year!

Even if you can't be part of this year's AGM, please keep looking at our meetings page:

elkislandlogos.ca/meetings

To know when and where they are being held.

If we don't see you there, may God give you a rejuvenating summer and we'll see you next year!



Your Future in MIND

Strathcona County Information

COVID 19 INFORMATION

Please click [here](#) for the latest COVID 19 information.

NEW TO WINDOWS?

New to Windows? We'll cover the basics in this two-session in-person class: navigating the desktop, connecting to the internet and downloading apps. You can register at <https://bit.ly/3v5fOqQ> and please bring a fully-charged Windows laptop or tablet with you.

TECH TUTOR

Need some help learning how to work with with your devices? Our technology helper can give you a call for some remote 1-on-1 assistance. Register at sclibrary.ca/calendar or call us at (780) 410-8600 to set up an appointment.

SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMP

Make the most of your day off school! Meet new friends, play games and splash in the pool while exploring Millennium Place.

This full-day camp is for ages 8Y-12Y and runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Camp includes 30 minutes of pre and post-care.

Friday, May 6: <https://bit.ly/3EYILID>

Friday, May 20: <https://bit.ly/3MDRfYi>

Please bring a bathing suit, towel, change for a locker and indoor running shoes. All snacks and lunches must be nut-free.