



January 21, 2024



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**January 24:** Grade 5 Coding Club at lunch

**January 26:** Hot Lunch - Hot Dog Day

**January 26:** Zoo to You - STEPS and PLACE

**January 26:** Track Team Pep Rally

**January 27:** Harriers Race

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year on Feb. 1, 2024. 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.

<https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten>

### RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: 2024-25

Returning student registration for the 2024-25 school year will take place Feb. 8-21, 2024.

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 2024-25 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.

[Your Guide To Registration 2024-25](#)

## HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION RECENTLY CHANGED?

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed? Westboro Elementary encourages families to review the information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the **Student Information Update** available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school and Division have the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important as the Division prepares for 2024-25 registration processes beginning in the new year.

**NOTE:** Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving later this school year, you'll submit the necessary updates to your information through the Student Information Update after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or any trouble with your Parent Portal account, contact the school office.

## REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence or lateness directly to [general.wbo@eips.ca](mailto:general.wbo@eips.ca) or click the [STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#) link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the School Office staff. You can also call the office at 780-467-7751. If we are unable to answer the phone, please leave a voicemail. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your information will not be received by the Office Staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for students throughout the day.

## CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

The January/February Community Education Series is here!

"At CES, we're committed to providing evidence-based information that is accurate, reliable, and trustworthy. We're honored to have the opportunity to provide you with valuable information on child and adolescent health and mental health topics."

Find the full list of workshops:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1lhYBHtBRERkYSjPOYtw9c.../view>

# QUEEN OF HEARTS THANK YOU

Westboro thanks local business,

*Queen of Hearts*

who chose our school to be the recipient of a kind donation resulting from their recent fundraising efforts at several Christmas markets in the Sherwood Park area. If you attended and supported one of the markets hosted by Carly and Kelly, our thanks to you as well!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the winter season here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, email, SMS, alerts posted on [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. Information: 780-417-8151

# Strathcona County Information

## FREE SATURDAY SWIM - EMERALD HILLS JANUARY 20

Splash around with a **FREE** Saturday swim at Emerald Hills Leisure Centre this Saturday, January 20, 4-8 p.m. View the Emerald Hills Leisure Centre drop-in calendar: <http://bit.ly/3Hkczlz>

## WORLD SNOW DAY

Join us this weekend to celebrate World Snow Day!

**Activities include:** snow painting, colour ice gems/totems, snow angels, snow forts, scavenger hunts and hot cocoa.

- **Saturday only:** Listen as a citizen scientist from the U of A shares their knowledge about snow and climate systems.
- Participate in the Everybody Gets to Play™ Play Day featuring snow play activity.
- **Sunday only:** Para-Nordic Try-it season

<https://www.facebook.com/events/901067405017602>

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family and Community Services (FCS) is here to support people of all ages and stages along their journey through life. FCS provides help with achieving your goals, compassionate support for all of life's challenges and educational programming and support for families.

Call in to **780-464-4044** or walk in to **Second floor, East Wing, Community Centre - 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park**

[Learn more here.](#)

## WINTER PROGRAMS

The Family Resource Network's winter programs are out now. Join us for Move Your Mood, an 8-week fun and educational program for kids in grades 5 and 6. Learn fun ways to move and fuel your body, expand your mind, practice mindfulness and build positive coping strategies. This research-based program promotes physical activity and healthy lifestyle practices to improve youth's mental and physical well-being.

- Tuesdays - Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 and Mar 5
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Millennium Place

Register today, spaces are limited: <https://ow.ly/14vx50QphzZ>