



February 4, 2024



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 7: EIPS Ribbon Skirt-Shirt Day

February 7: Early Dismissal - Students are dismissed one hour early at 2:12 p.m.

February 8: Returning student registration 2024-25 opens at 9 a.m.

February 8: North Central Teachers' Convention: **No school for students**

February 9: North Central Teachers' Convention: **No school for students**

HOCKEY HOOKEY DAY AT THE CRUSADERS!!!

In the spirit of fostering school unity and community engagement, we are excited to announce our attendance at the upcoming hockey hooky game to support the Sherwood Park Crusaders on February 13!

The game starts at 12:00 p.m. and concludes at approximately 2:30 p.m. Students will have an early lunch at 11:10 a.m. to ensure everyone is ready for the game. We will leave the school promptly at 11:35 a.m. returning to the school after the game roughly at 2:30 p.m. Place and STEPS will return at 2:10 p.m.

The Crusaders have waived the \$5 ticket fee but donations would be greatly appreciated to help offset their costs. Donations will be collected by your student's teacher.



CEREAL DRIVE



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Cereal Drive

For the month of February, Westboro will be collecting boxes of cereal.

We hope to bring in enough to set up cereal box dominoes through the halls of our school on March 7th, National Cereal Day!

All boxes will then be donated to the Strathcona County Food Bank.

Let's fill Westboro halls with cereal together!

ADHD AND ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Save the Date!

**ADHD and Anxiety in Children
with Dr. Kate Randall
Ph.D., R.Psych.**

**Monday, April 8, 2024
Westboro Elementary Gym**

6:30-8:30



This session is for all parents and family members who want to learn more about ADHD or anxiety in children, whether or not your child has a diagnosis at this time.

Other topics like regulation, screen time, organization and time-management skills will also be touched upon with resources provided if you want to learn more.



FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH

Online ordering for Hot Lunch is now open!!

We are excited to offer **Nitza's Pasta on Friday, Feb 16th!!**

Ordering for this menu runs from Monday, Jan 29 and **closes Friday, Feb 9 at midnight!!!**

No late orders will be accepted.

When entering your hot lunch orders, enter ALL your children's orders for ALL of the lunch order dates. Once you have entered ALL the hot lunch orders for ALL of your children then make ONE payment.

We will only be accepting e-transfer to the following email address:

westboropg2022@gmail.com

When submitting your payment, you will need to generate a question with an answer in order for us to accept your payment.

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR ALL E-TRANSFERS...

WHO IS OUR SCHOOL MASCOT?

ANSWER - Webster

Please document the student(s) name in your etransfer (example - memo line, notes, etc...). Please ensure you submit your payment by the closing date for that month's ordering so that lunch orders can be processed on time. If not received, the orders will be deleted.

All unpaid orders will be cancelled!!!

Don't forget to select..."able to assist as a volunteer on this hot lunch day" if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteers will receive a \$1.00 credit towards future Hot Lunch purchases.

Thank you for your support!!!

Please go to <http://westboro.hotlunches.net> to place your orders. If you have any questions email us at westborohotlunch@gmail.com.

Or contact Allison Usher at [\(780\)907-1130](tel:(780)907-1130).

Westboro Hot Lunch Committee

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL™



A quick catch up on patroller news! Our team has done a great job of getting us through what was hopefully the worst of the Winter season! We are proud to say that the AMA patrol supervisor was out to observe and provide feedback for Westboro patrols and also rewarded us with a special offer on Oil Kings tickets game. More recently, the AMA also filmed a new promotional and training video ON LOCATION at Westboro school and featuring some of our awesome team members!

Way to go Patroller Team. You are so appreciated!

Congratulations and thank you to our Patrollers of the Month for December Quinn, Mya and Jordyn (missing).

And our team for January Molly and Katie Anne!



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](#)

SCHOOL FEES

Did you know?

School fees go to cover your child attending field trips in and out of the school, as well as providing extra supervision over lunchbreaks in the classroom as well as the playground. These fees give your kids great opportunities to experience other educational experiences outside the classroom. Did you also know you can make a partial payment? We know families have a lot going on and life is expensive. We appreciate any efforts made to have accounts paid in full by the end of the year so we can continue to provide these great experiences for the kids!

How to make a partial payment:

- Log into your Parent Portal to make a payment.
- Select "View Cart" to ensure that you are paying what you want.
- Select "Partial Payment" and you can adjust amounts if necessary.

EIPS RIBBON SKIRT-SHIRT DAY

Indigenous staff and students are encouraged to wear their ribbon shirts and skirts proudly to school on February 7. For allies that have been gifted ribbon shirts or skirts, it's an opportunity for them to show their solidarity as well.

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/.../11hIYBHtBRERkYSjPQYtw9c.../view>

Strathcona County Information

FREE EARLY DISMISSAL SWIM

It's the first Wednesday of the month which means another **FREE** after school recreational swim, sponsored by Pasta Pantry!

Kinsmen Leisure Centre

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

3:15 - 5:45 p.m.

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.](#)

EMOTION COACHING - FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 9 YEARS

Our emotions are with us wherever we go and impact all that we do in life. Learning how to recognize, understand and manage our feelings is an important life skill. Join us in person to learn some helpful tips for coaching children and youth of all ages to build their emotional competence.

When: Saturday, February 24, 2024, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Millennium Place

Cost: Free

For more information email: FamilyResourceNetwork@strathcona.ca

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[Community Education Service February Newsletter](#)

We encourage you to catch up on our [CES AHS YouTube Channel](#), where you can find 70+ past presentations.