



March 10, 2024



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

## Weekly Newsletter

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- March 11:** Online Bookings for S/P/T Open 8:00 a.m.
- March 11:** Grade 5 - Telus World of Science 9:00 a.m.
- March 11 - 15:** Substitute Appreciation Week
- March 11 - 15:** Week of Inspirational Math
- March 12:** Grade 2B Field Trip - Clay Hut 8:40 a.m.
- March 13:** School Council and Parent's Society Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Library
- March 13:** Grade 1G Field Trip Clay Hut 8:45 a.m.
- March 15:** Hot Lunch Panago Pizza
- March 15:** Report Cards go live on the PowerSchool Parent Portal 3:00 p.m.
- March 15:** Sing for Spring Oil Kings game at 7:00 p.m.
- March 15:** EIPS Round Dance 6:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please see the agenda for the upcoming School Council meeting.

[Westboro School Council Agenda March 13, 2024](#)

[Westboro Parent's Society Agenda March 13, 2024](#)

Please see the meeting minutes from the School Council meeting held on January 17, 2024.

[Westboro School Council Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024](#)

[Westboro Parent's Society Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024](#)

### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available to view on your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any issues logging into your PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact the school.

# SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

**March 19 and 20, 2024 (4 - 7 p.m.)**

**(Bookings open Monday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. and close Monday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m.)**

## **Please note the following exceptions:**

Kindergarten conferences take place **only on Tuesday, March 19** 4-7 p.m.

Mrs. Becigneul and Ms. Reivonen are available on both March 19 and 20 from 4 to **6 p.m.**

Mr. Ghuman, Mrs. Graziano and Mrs. Richard are available **only on March 19**, 4-7 p.m.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code> and follow these simple instruction.

1. Enter code: **gfn8q**
2. Enter your details.
3. Select the teachers you wish to see.
4. Select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

If you do not receive your email immediately - **check your junk mail folder.**



# PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Dear Westboro Families,

We hope this message finds you well. It has come to our attention that concerns have been raised by some of our families and students regarding the presence of dogs during school pick-up and drop-off times. While we understand and appreciate the joy and companionship pets bring to our lives, we also recognize the importance of ensuring a comfortable and safe environment for all members of our school community.

We have observed that some of our students and parents are uneasy or fearful around dogs. These feelings can create anxiety and discomfort, impacting their ability to navigate school entrances and exits confidently. In light of these concerns, we kindly request all parents and caregivers to be mindful and respectful of others' spaces when bringing dogs to school.

Our primary goal is to create a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment for all students, families, and community members. By working together and showing mutual respect and understanding, we can ensure that pick-up and drop-off times are smooth and comfortable for everyone.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding on this matter. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us. Let's continue to support one another in fostering a community that values safety, respect, and kindness.

Warm regards,

Westboro Elementary School

## SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK

EIPS is celebrating Substitute Appreciation Week from March 11-15, 2024. Annually, EIPS officially recognizes the professional service our substitute teachers and non-teaching staff provide throughout the Division each day. We encourage schools, boards, families and community members to take a moment this week to tell your valued teaching and non-teaching substitute colleagues how thankful you are for the exceptional services they bring to our school community.

From all of EIPS, thank you for all that you do!

## WEEK OF INSPIRATIONAL MATH

EIPS schools will explore all things mathematics during the Week of Inspirational Math. Students will take part in a variety of inspiring and creative math activities and explore real-world applications of mathematics in a number of professions.

## EIPS ROUND DANCE

F.R. Haythorne Junior High staff and students and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team will host the second EIPS Round Dance. The pipe ceremony will begin at 6 p.m., with the Round Dance to begin at around 7 p.m., following proper protocol offered during the ceremony.

**NOTE:** Everyone is welcome to attend. The Division asks that no cameras or video are used during the pipe ceremony. Before and after the event—with the permission of the Elders and Knowledge Holders—media is allowed. For direction, contact the school.

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** F.R. Haythorne Junior High

# Strathcona County Information

## SPRING PROGRAMS AND SUMMER CAMPS ARE HERE!

Registration opens at 7 a.m.

- March 19 – swimming programs
- March 21 – all other programs and summer camps

[Spring program and Summer camp registration](#)

Registration for [Spring Break programs](#) is on now!

## TRIPLE P TEEN: RUDENESS AND DISRESPECT – FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YOUTH AGES 12 TO 18

As a teenager's transition from childhood to adulthood happens, parents and teenagers may not see eye to eye. Sometimes this behavior is labeled as "rudeness" or "disrespect" and may lead to conflict and upset feelings. Join us in a discussion with other parents experiencing similar challenges. We will provide you with suggestions on how to manage this behavior and develop a positive relationship with your teenager.

**When:** Thursday, March 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** [Strathcona County Family and Community Services](#)

**Cost:** Free

**For more information email:** [FamilyResourceNetwork@strathcona.ca](mailto:FamilyResourceNetwork@strathcona.ca)

[Triple P Teen: Rudeness and Disrespect – For Parents/Caregivers of Youth ages 12 to 18, Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:30 – 8pm – Family and parenting supports | Strathcona County](#)

## JUNIOR HIGH JOURNEY – FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVER WITH CHILDREN ENTERING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Transitioning from elementary to junior high school is exciting and can be stressful. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning from grade 6 to 7.

**When:** Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 6 – 7 p.m.

**Location:** Online

**Cost:** Free

**Contact Information:** For more information email: [FamilyResourceNetwork@strathcona.ca](mailto:FamilyResourceNetwork@strathcona.ca)

[Sign Up Here](#)

# HATE CRIME AWARENESS

## Virtual Information Session

Strathcona County: Mar. 14, 2024, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Online - MS Teams

### TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

➤ **Understanding hate motivated crime**

*Definitions, laws, victim and community impact, barriers to and importance of reporting*

➤ **Enhancing personal safety**

*Community safety tips, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)*

➤ **Victim and Community Resources**

*Available resources, language services, referrals, how-to's*

**ARE YOU A VICTIM AND NEED HELP?**

Contact your nearest RCMP Detachment or Victim Services Unit

[www.alberta.ca/victim-services-units.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/victim-services-units.aspx)

### SEE IT. HEAR IT. REPORT IT.

**How to report a Hate Crime:**  
For emergencies **phone 911.**

Contact your nearest RCMP Detachment  
[www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/ind/AB](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/ind/AB)

For anonymous reporting, contact **CrimeStoppers** at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com), or by using the "P3Tips" app.

**Hate motivated incidents** can be reported online at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta>



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