



April 7, 2024



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 8:** Parent Engagement with Dr. Kate Randall 6:30- 8:30 p.m.
- April 10:** Class 2/3 C and 3K to Salisbury Composite High School 12:45 p.m.
- April 10:** Book Club at lunch recess in the Literacy Room
- April 11:** Cloverbar Junior High Post Open House visit
- April 11:** Christian Club at lunch recess
- April 12:** Grade 6 Immunizations 9:00 a.m.
- April 12:** Games Club at lunch recess in the Math/Art Room
- April 12:** Transition to Junior High Grades 5 and 6, 1:00 p.m.
- April 13:** Young Authors' Conference

PATROLLERS OF THE MONTH!

A very big shoutout and THANK YOU to our four patrollers of the month for March! Kadence, Alanna, Ruby and Jordyn are reliable and responsible, and the kind of Westboro Warriors we so appreciate on our team!



RUN WILD RACE MAY 4, 2024

The Run Wild Team sponsored by Leading Edge Physiotherapy was out to our school this week to promote the upcoming race on May 4, 2024. Westboro families who are interested in participating are encouraged to register using the information above or on the pamphlet sent home.



REQUEST FOR SUPPLIES

Mrs. Richard is looking for glass jars for an upcoming spring project that all students will be taking part in.

- Small to medium in size (pasta jar is a bit too big)
- Please clean and remove the label
- Jars need to be smooth glass with no bumps or designs in the glass
- Any shape will do

Thank you!



YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS,
BUT YOU CAN BUY A
YEARBOOK

and that's kinda the same thing...



Westboro Yearbook - \$25.00



Scan the QR code or go to
<https://YBPay.lifetouch.ca>

Yearbook ID Code **14397224**

Orders due by June 14, 2024

ADHD and Anxiety in Children

Join us on Monday, April 8th for an informative session to learn more about ADHD and anxiety in children. Additional information on topics such as regulation, study skills/routines, organization, time management, and screen time effects on children will also be touched on.

ADHD

Learn how an ADHD brain works differently and how you can support your child.

Anxiety

What is the difference between anxiety and worry? How can I support my child?

Getting a Diagnosis and Post-Diagnosis

What are some of the options available to parents?

Not just for the Neurodiverse Child

How can we best support ALL children? Information shared could be of value to all parents.

Now What?

Information shared can be used as a springboard with resources provided to direct you where you can learn more.



With

Dr. Kate Randall
Ph.D., R.Psych



Westboro Elementary
Gymnasium



Invite a friend or bring
other interested family
members.



6:30-8:30



Time for questions will
be provided.

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE

Each year over 400 selected students in grades 4 to 9 from both Elk Island Public Schools and Elk Island Catholic Schools are invited to spend the day with a variety of well-known children and young adult authors, illustrators and graphic artists—working with them and learning the tricks of the trade.

Students who show special interest or aptitude in the areas of writing and illustration are **invited by their teacher** to attend the conference. Attendance is teacher selected and there is no open registration, however, every attempt is made to give opportunities to those students who would value most from this experience.

Three virtual sessions are being provided for at home viewers. Simply click on one of the links below to watch and learn from home!

1. Session 1 - *Heroes Assembled: Create your own superhero and adventure story* with Marty Chan
2. Session 2 - *Bringing Comic Books to Life* with David A Robertson
3. Session 3 - *Hear These Words - How Stories Become Songs* - with Kris Marks

****Links will be live on the day of the event - Click [here](#) for the links and more information.**

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.

COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS ONLINE STARTING MAY 1, 2024.

The 2024 municipal census begins May 1. Watch your mail in late April for your personalized PIN number. We strongly encourage residents to use the online platform for its efficiency, convenience, and security.

Starting May 13, our dedicated census workers will conduct door-to-door collection for households that have not yet participated, while the online option remains open throughout this period.

Visit Strathcona.ca/census for more information.

GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend Westboro Elementary's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. You'll get to:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.

Kindergarten Information Night 2024:

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Location: Westboro Elementary, 1078 Strathcona Drive, Sherwood Park

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program is available on the school website. www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten

JUNIOR HIGH INFORMATION NIGHTS: RUNNING APRIL AND MAY

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place in April and May. Make sure to attend to learn everything you need to know about the junior high programs at your child's school. Those who attend will also have a chance to:

- meet the teachers;
- tour the school and classrooms;
- learn about the upcoming curriculum; and
- ask questions.

For specific dates and times, see: [EIPS Junior High Information Sessions 2024](#)

EIPS ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: enhancing public education through effective engagement

- [Rules of Engagement](#): Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success
- [Driving change](#): Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta Reserves are accumulated surplus funds that may be designated to a school, department or priority. The Board of Trustees approves the transfer of funds to and from reserves and has a yearly plan on how those reserves are used—to the benefit of students. EIPS identifies high-demand areas and uses its operating reserves for initiatives like student learning, new curriculum work, consultant support, mental health initiatives, technology upgrades, public-health best practices and other one-time projects. Operating reserves are also used to furnish and equip new schools and classrooms. With its capital reserves, EIPS replaces ageing equipment, purchases technology, modernizes and expands student learning spaces, and funds emergent capital needs.

Learn more:

- [Board Policy 2: Role of Board](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 501: Financial Management](#)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING AT EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations. Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2020 or 2021, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

DO MORE THIS SUMMER! EIPS SUMMER SCHOOL: REGISTER NOW

Registration for EIPS Summer School is now open. The program, organized through Next Step, offers more than 40 senior high courses. Students can earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10 to 12 next fall, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Mathematics 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 20-3, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10, 14, 24 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Traditional Land-based Learning 25
- Aboriginal Studies 10, 20, and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

Plus, choose from a variety of complementary courses—offered online.

Learn more about [EIPS Summer School 2024](#)—including 2024 course offerings, registration, important dates and more.

Strathcona County Information

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

[Sign Up Here](#)

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Did you know.... Family and Community Services has additional resources and support for families in need. If you are in urgent need of diapers or formula, come visit our free pantry, supplied by the Food Bank, on the second floor of the Community Centre or call 780-464-4044 for more information. Life is complicated, we can help.

Visit us in person here:

Second floor, East Wing Community Centre, 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park

Learn more: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-and-community-services/>

CALMING SPACES

Learn the power of creating a calming space in your home. A space where kids can self-regulate and develop positive coping skills.

Wednesday May 8, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Strathcona County Community Centre Rooms 3 and 4

Click here to register: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/...>

TRIPLE P TEEN - DIGITAL WELL-BEING: FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YOUTH AGES 12 - 18 YEARS

Learn research-based ways to help your teen through the social and technological pressures of today's world.

Date: Thursday April 18, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Click here to register: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../family-resource-network/...>