



June 23, 2024



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

June 24: Grade 1 field trip Strathcona County Library 10:00 a.m.

June 24: PLACE walking field trip to 7/11, 11:00 a.m.

June 25: Fun in the Sun!

June 26: Last instructional day

June 26: PLACE Family lunch in the courtyard 11:30 a.m.

June 26: Grade 6 and school farewell 1:00 p.m.

June 27: Last operational day

August 22: Westboro office reopens at 8:00 a.m.

August 29: Classes resume

August 29: Staggered start kindergarten

September 3: Staggered start kindergarten

September 5: First full day for kindergarten

YEAR END CELEBRATION AND GRADE 6 FAREWELL

Parents are invited to join students and staff at Westboro Elementary School at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 in the school gymnasium for our Year End Celebration and Grade 6 Farewell.

LOST AND FOUND

We will have the lost and found items on tables inside the school main doors until Tuesday, June 25. Any items remaining after that time will be donated.

FINAL MESSAGE FROM MR. LASTIWKA, PRINCIPAL

Dear Westboro Family!

I can't believe I'm writing my final message for the newsletter as principal. It's been an amazing journey since 2017, and I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you who have made it so special.

Parents, you've been such a key part of our success. Some of my favorite memories were those pancake breakfasts and Fun in the Sun days, bringing us all together like one big family.

Students, your energy and excitement have been the heart of Westboro. From the playground to Oil Kings games, it's been a blast hanging out with you all. I'll never forget the memories we've made.

And to the staff, your dedication has been the driving force behind everything we've achieved. The relationships we've built have made Westboro a supportive and nurturing place to learn. I'm so grateful for all of you.

As we wrap up another great year, I hope you have an amazing summer full of fun and relaxation. I wish each and every one of you all the best in whatever comes next. Keep learning, growing, and being happy!

Thank you for letting me be your principal. I'll always treasure the memories we've shared and all the great things to come for Westboro.

Take care,

Mike Lastiwka

WESTBORO PARENTS' SOCIETY

save on foods

Wye Road Location only

Save your grocery receipts & **send them in** to the school anytime, we'll take care of the rest!

In the 2023-24 school year, we received \$1,200 from Save On Foods!



<https://app.skipthedepot.com/westborops>

Got Bottles?



Download the app and donate to us today!

 **SKIPTHEDEPOT**



Westboro
Parents' Society
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Fundraisers

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FUNDRAISING



Support Our Fundraiser!



Search for:
Westboro Parents' Society (Sherwood Park)

Scan me!

Or go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com, choose our organization from the list, and shop to support our fundraiser

COBS BREAD

Wye Road
Location



Let the cashier know you're with **Westboro Elementary** when you check out!

[Skip the Depot Westboro](#)

[Mabel's Labels Westboro](#)

SUMMER HOURS AT ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer Hours:

July 1 to August 16

Monday to Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

EIPS offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, July 1
- Monday, August 5
- Monday, September 2

Student Transportation Office Hours:

Open Monday to Friday

School days: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Non-school days (including July and August):

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elk Island Public Schools

Central Administration Building

683 Wye Road

Sherwood Park, Alberta

T8B 1N2

Phone: 780-464-EIPS (3477)

Fax: 780-417-8181

Toll Free: 1-800-905-3477

SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the 2023-24 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2023 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2024

NOT RETURNING TO WESTBORO FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR?

If you are not planning to have your student(s) return to Westboro for the 2024-25 school year and you haven't already informed the school, please do so at your earliest convenience. Knowing our enrollment as accurately as possible helps us plan better for the Fall. Thank you.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES FOR 2024-25

Grades 1 - 6 classes resume on Thursday, August 29.

This week of school will be a staggered start for our kindergarten classes which was previously scheduled. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office on or after August 22 for your start date. Full-day kindergarten classes begin on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

More information regarding staggered start for STEPS students will also be forwarded to parents once determined.

FRIENDS CLUB OUT OF SCHOOL DAY CARE

The accredited and licensed Friends Club Daycare and Out of School Care, housed inside Westboro Elementary School is now accepting registration for children 3 to 5 years old, Kindergarten children and grade 1 to 6 students.

We offer a breakfast program and afternoon snacks, indoor sports in our school gymnasium, outdoor play, soccer club, baking/cooking club, fun projects, field trips, arts, crafts and games.

Full time child care spaces are available and subsidized as available.

For more information about our programs and services, please call us at 780-707-4481 or email:kspa2006@gmail.com. We are happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Our center provides a quality preschool and kindergarten program that enhances the overall development of children through the creation of a positive self-concept, encouraging a love of learning and developing the skills to play, and interacting cooperatively in a group setting. These objectives are fulfilled through a "learn through play" environment with an emphasis on the social, emotional, physical, creative and intellectual development of each child. By providing a "learn through play" environment, each child can learn to develop at an individual pace while within an environment that is safe, friendly and stimulating; the children are provided with "free play" time. The child may choose his or her own area to play with toys, puzzles or games, the activity centers, participate in a craft or select a quiet area for reading or just being alone. During circle time, the children sing, participate in group discussions and stories that enable them to learn about themselves and the world.

In addition, all special occasions and holidays such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day etc. will be celebrated with parties or special activities. Outside play is also an important part of the curriculum.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2024-25 [Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. While the school supplies included may not exactly match your school's supply list, they're a great start.

Requesting Support

If you're a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, contact your child's school or [submit an order](#) to EIPS Central Services directly. We'll respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Contact your child's school to inquire about available backpacks and supplies.

Call 780-464-3477, or 1-800-905-3477, to inquire about available supplies.

Making a Donation

It's easy. EIPS is also collecting donations of new, unopened supplies. Simply pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school this summer. Then, drop them off at EIPS Central Services.

The United Way also accepts [monetary donations](#), and donors can designate the funds directly to the Tools for School program.

For more information about the EIPS Tools for School program, contact Communication Services through the [online contact form](#) or call 780-464-3477 or toll free at 1-800-905-3477.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd. in Sherwood Park.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE 2024

Elk Island Public Schools' Student Transportation has a program for First Time Bus Riders and their parents called the Little Elk Island Adventure. Students and parents will learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

The session includes an opportunity for parents and their student to take a short ride on a school bus.

In Sherwood Park, parents and students will have the enhanced opportunity to learn about and visit the SAL transfer site.

Session Dates and Times

EIPS Central Services, Sherwood Park

- August 12 at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- August 14 at 2 p.m.*
- August 14 at 5 p.m.
- August 16 at 2 p.m. or 5 p.m.
- August 19 at 2 p.m. or 5 p.m.
- August 21 at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

SouthPointe School, Fort Saskatchewan

Only for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan

- August 13 at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- August 20 at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
- August 22 at 5 p.m.*

A.L. Horton Elementary, Vegreville

Only for students attending schools in Vegreville and surrounding area

- August 15 at 5 p.m.**

**Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.*

***This session is a combined session for regular busing students and Special Education students for PALS and Project Unit Funding students.*

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

If you have any questions, email steeps.ca or call 780-417-8151.

2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

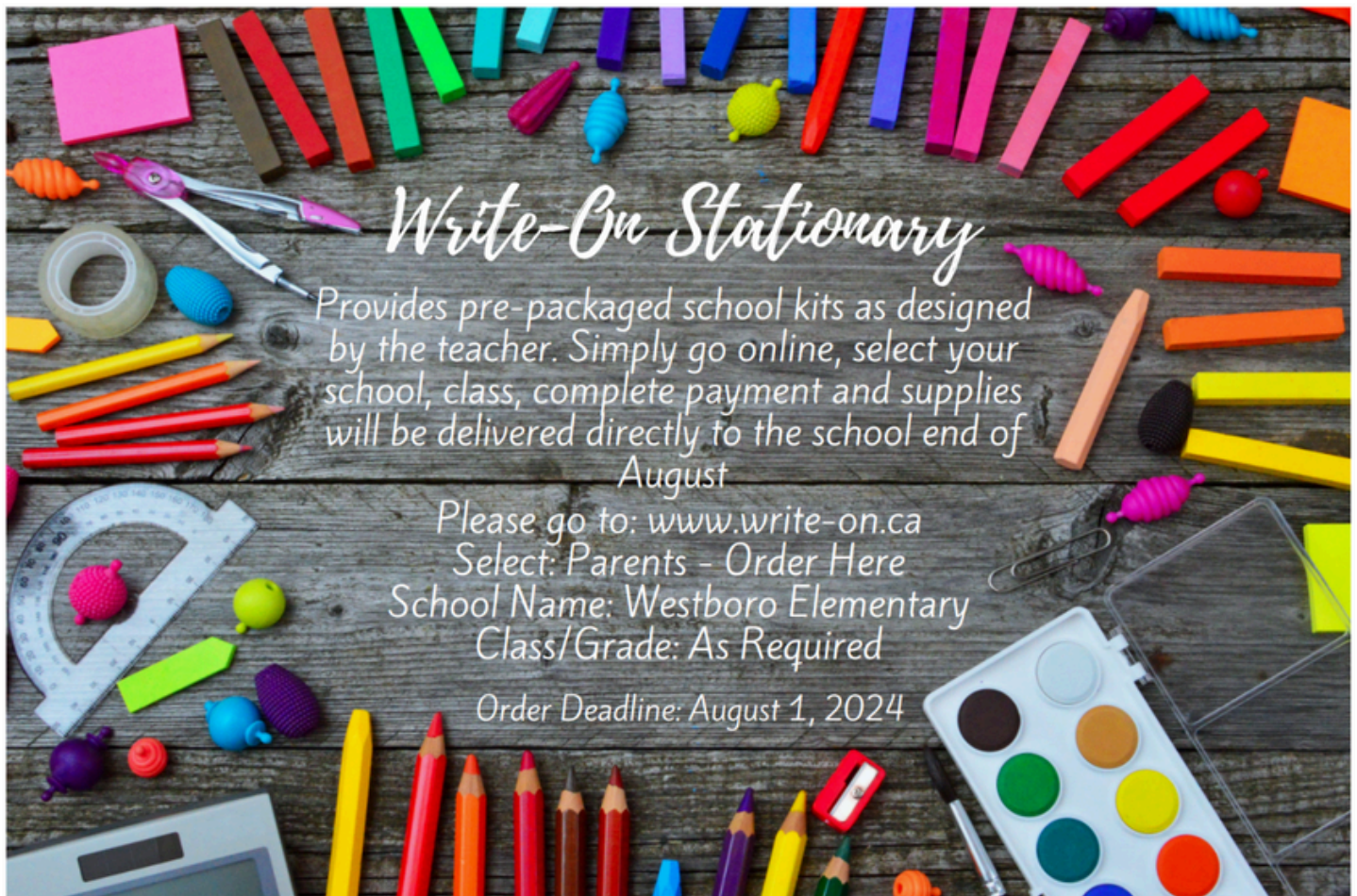
At Westboro we have two different options for school supplies to suit your needs:

Option One, Write-On Stationery, provides pre-packaged school kits as designed by the teacher; you simply go online select your grade, complete payment and the supplies will be delivered directly to the school the end of August.

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to <https://www.write-on.ca/>
- School Name: Westboro Elementary School - SHERWOOD PARK
- Choose your grade and place your order
- Complete your order by clicking "PLACE ORDER"
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- Write-On accepts VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac Online.

Option two is to take the supply list on the back and purchase the items at your store of choice and send the supplies to school with your student on the first day! View the Westboro school supply lists here: <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/supply-list>



Write-On Stationery

Provides pre-packaged school kits as designed by the teacher. Simply go online, select your school, class, complete payment and supplies will be delivered directly to the school end of August

Please go to: www.write-on.ca
Select: Parents - Order Here
School Name: Westboro Elementary
Class/Grade: As Required
Order Deadline: August 1, 2024

Strathcona County Information

SUMMER 2024 RECREATION GUIDE

Registration for summer swimming lessons, adult wellness, visual arts and outdoor programs starts June 18. <https://www.strathcona.ca/>

[Summer camp](#) registration began on March 21.

FAMILY FUN EVENT: INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY (DROP-IN): FOR ADULTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children love getting messy with mud. In addition to being fun, playing with mud helps develop fine motor skills and contributes to the healthy development of the sensory system. Join us for Mud Day, where children and adults alike can create, imagine, and get dirty together. More information [here](#).

CANADA DAY FESTIVAL

Strathcona County's largest annual festival is back! This year's Canada Day celebration at Broadmoor Lake Park features indoor and outdoor activities for all ages, as well as live entertainment throughout the day. The festival kicks off Monday, July 1 at 9 a.m. with the RE/MAX Elite pancake breakfast and stage show in the Community Centre Agora. Activities begin at 10 a.m. at Broadmoor Lake Park and the celebration will end with the Alberta Broadband and Primus fireworks display at 11 p.m.

Visit www.strathcona.ca/CanadaDay for more event information and a listing of all free and ticketed activities.

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our FREE summer program schedule from the Family Resource Network (FRN) is here! Connect with other parents and caregivers, learn new skills and support your child's healthy development.

- Drop-in parented programs for infants aged 0 to 18 months
- Drop-in parented programs for kids 0 to 6 years old
- Registered programs for kids in grades 1 to 3 and grades 4 to 6
- Registered parenting skill-building sessions for a variety of age groups
- Special events for families and children of all ages

Register for programs and learn more about Strathcona County's Family Resource Network here: <https://ow.ly/A66y50QzlrJ>