



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #1b September 8, 2017

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From the Principal's Desk...

The next newsletter will be sent home in early October. In the meanwhile there a few updates to let you know about. Each newsletter has a calendar section, where important dates for the current and next two months will be listed. Please check this monthly for additions and/or adjustments. In this issue:

1. Allergy Alert Reminder & Allergy/Anaphylaxis/Asthma/Medical Concerns
2. Visitor Tags Available at Office
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4. A Note from your School Counselor
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Happy Learning!
Sven Danzinger
Principal

ALLERGIES ALERT REMINDER!

“No nuts” often refers to peanuts, as that is a common allergen that could lead to dangerous/life-threatening anaphylaxis. Please remember that students could experience severe reactions to any products that contain any type of nut. This includes products such as Nutella, which is made from hazelnuts. Please do not send foods containing any type of nut to school. To be completely sure that products are safe/nut free, many food products have the “no nuts” symbol on them. This will be especially important for late October when Halloween approaches.



ALLERGY/ANAPHYLAXIS/ASTHMA / MEDICAL CONCERNS

If your child requires an epi-pen for severe allergies/anaphylaxis, if they have asthma, or if they have other medical concerns, please inform the office and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) as soon as possible. Parents/guardians need to fill out a current **Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan** and **Child/Student Medication Management Plan** and return it to the school. It will be a parental decision as to whether students wear a fanny pack or not. Please note that due to a recall ALLERJECT epinephrine dispensers are no longer approved and should not be brought to school.

VISITOR TAGS AVAILABLE AT OFFICE

All visitors are asked to please remember to sign in and get a visitor tag at the office. This helps us know who is in the building and is important information in the event of an emergency.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept 8	2 nd Newsletter
Sept 11	Fire Drill #1 (approx. 930 AM)
Sept 14	Meet the Staff BBQ 5 - 7 PM
Sept 15	Dot Day
Sept 18	Annual Fire Safety Inspection 1:00 PM
Sept 20	Bus Evacuation Drill (AM)
Sept 22	School Spirit Day: <i>Mismatch</i>
Sept 25	Safety Presentations
Sept 26	WBF Parent Association & School Council 630 PM Fire Drill #2 this week
Sept 28	Terry Fox Run 2:00 PM
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 2-6	Read in Week: <i>I'm a READER. I read for ME!</i>
Oct 2	Assembly 9am
Oct 4	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM Newsletter School Spirit Day: <i>Jersey Day “Jeans ‘n Jerseys” – Oilers first game of regular season</i>
Oct 5	World Teachers’ Day Professional Learning Day – no school
Oct 6	Professional Learning Day – no school
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Oct 16	Civic Election – gym used for election
Oct 16-22	Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive
Oct 18	Photo Retakes
Oct 27	Family Dance
Oct 31	Halloween (PM activities)

NOVEMBER 2017

TBD	Book Fair Delivered
TBD	Trustee’s Results Review
Nov 1	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM
Nov 3	Newsletter
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 AM School Spirit Day: <i>Dress your best for Remembrance Day Ceremony</i> Interview bookings open https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/
Nov 10	School Closure Day
Nov 11-19	Fall Break - No School
Nov 13-19	National Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 20-24	EIPS Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 20	Assembly 9:00 AM
Nov 27	Report Cards Issued – electronic only
Nov 28	Alberta Opera 9:30 <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>
Nov 29-30	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30



SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2017 2018 MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 6:30 PM in the Library

Tuesday September 26
Wednesday October 25
Thursday November 23
December No Meeting
Tuesday January 23
Wednesday February 21
March No Meeting
Thursday April 26
Tuesday May 29 AGM



**WOODBIDGE FARMS SCHOOL
COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION
FIRST MEETING: TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26 AT 630 PM IN
THE LIBRARY**

**Each year Woodbridge Farms
Parent Council does many things to
enhance learning opportunities for
all students in the school. There are
many important things happening,
and this is an excellent way to be
involved in the life of the school.**

In and around the School

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! My name is Michelle Smith and I am thrilled to be joining the Woodbridge Farms team as the School Counsellor. I have been employed with Elk Island Public Schools since 1999 as a teacher in Grades 1, 2, 4 and 6. In 2011, I completed a Masters degree in Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta, with a specialization in School Counselling, and I am currently a Registered Psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists. My role at the school is to support student learning by helping students to thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. I work collaboratively with administrators, teachers, parents and students to establish a safe and caring school environment in which children can learn to the best of their ability. I also oversee the programming for students with diverse needs, and support parents and families by providing resources and referrals to community supports and agencies as needed. This year, I will be at Woodbridge Farms on Tuesdays, Fridays and alternating Wednesdays. You may contact me by calling the school office at (780) 464-3330 or emailing me at michelle.smith@eips.ca. I look forward to meeting you!

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

For inquiries about the Out of School Care Program, please contact The Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County at 7801.416.1500. Look for exciting news about this program in the near future! For information about the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County please visit <http://www.scbgc.com/>.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of [*Phyllis' story*](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

For more information about Orange Shirt Day please visit: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

For a link to Phyllis' story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll1pUrK29MM&feature=youtu.be>

On September 29th, students and staff will be encouraged to wear an orange shirt (clothes). Students will be given a t-shirt outline on orange paper and write something they can do to help others feel like they matter. We will send home information about ordering orange shirts early next week. Please note that to ensure shirts arrive in time, there will be a very short turn-around for this. In the meanwhile, if you would like to order a shirt on your own, please visit: [Ordering Orange Shirts](#).

TERRY FOX RUN

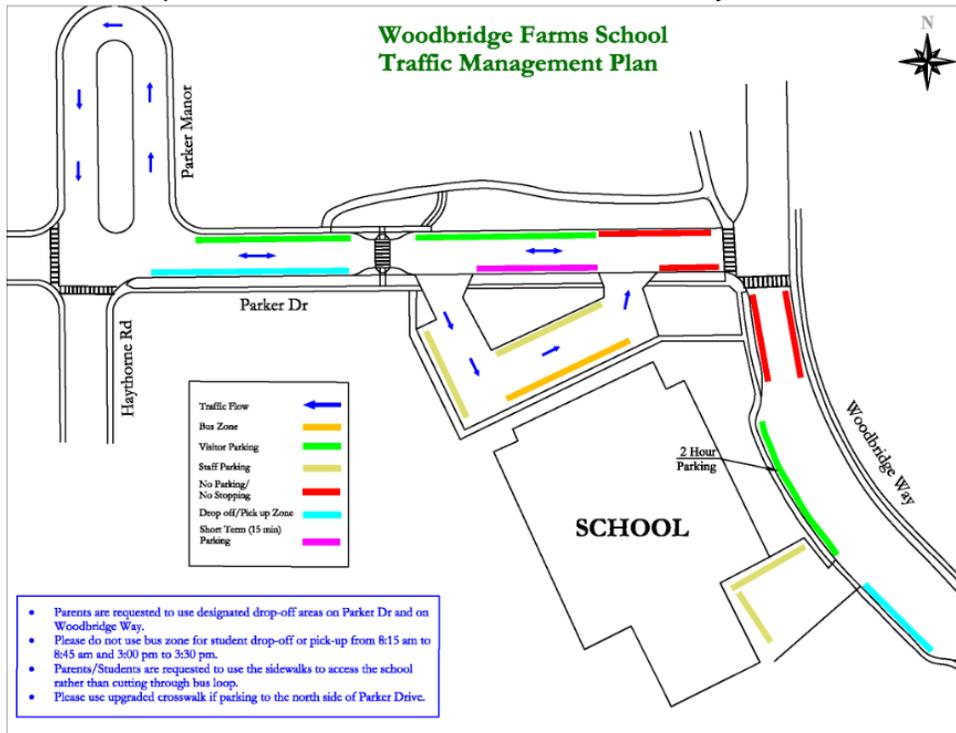
Woodbridge Farms will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run, held this year on Thursday, Sept. 28. We will be starting off with an assembly at 2 PM before our run. Students will be encouraged to bring "Toonies for Terry".



PARKING AREAS

Last year Strathcona County Transportation and Agriculture Services completed a traffic safety assessment of the school zone at Woodbridge Farms School. A revised map is posted on our website. Bylaw Services may visit from time to time and enforce the signage.

Please remember that during morning arrival (8:15 – 8:45 AM) and afternoon dismissal (2:50 – 3:30 PM) the bus loop in front of the school is for busses only.



FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

On Monday, September 25, as part of the annual Fire Prevention activities, Strathcona County Emergency Services is presenting fire prevention education to all elementary schools within the county. This is part of their annual Fire Prevention activities. Woodbridge Farms students will participate in the following programming:

1. Sparky/Fire Prevention message - Kindergarten
2. When to call 9-1-1 - Grade 1
3. Home Hazards and Fire Escape - Grade 3
4. Home Alone Program - Grade 5

SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? Just <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal



NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, simply follow the instructions that appear on your computer screen or mobile device. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Woodbridge Farms Elementary important dates including holidays, school-closure dates, school activities and events, and more.

In and around the District

STAY CONNECTED: SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWS

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice. As soon as you sign up and confirm, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important

ENHANCING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again planning to administer two assessment tools during the 2017-18 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR 360 exam in October. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in

grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. They simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.

WOODBRIAGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:

*Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard,
Finish Strong, Be You!*

