



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #4 December 2, 2016

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From the Principal's Desk...

The first term is over and parent teacher conferences were a well-attended success. Thank-you to the many, many people who came to the conferences! Thank-you also to the many volunteers for the book fair and babysitting during Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences. When one distills the essence of school, we arrive at the fundamentals of what we're about: teaching and learning. And this is happening very well! Recently released PAT (Provincial Achievement Test) results show that Woodbridge Farms students are learning well and making good progress. They, along with school staff and parents, are to be commended for their hard work! Monthly assemblies are continuing and we recognize students' success in three categories: academics, leadership and diligence.

Earlier this week, School Council Vice-Chair Jaimie Ethier, ESL/LLI/First Nations, Metis and Inuit Lead Teacher Anita Sisson, Linda Watt and I attended the Trustee Results Review. This year, we were grouped with Wes Hosford and Uncas Elementary Schools. Trustees had questions prepared and we were able to highlight many examples of the excellent work happening day in/day out at Woodbridge Farms.

If you don't know what our School Education Plan (SEP) includes, please take a look at it on our website. Essentially, our goals relate to assessment, literacy/numeracy and a safe and caring school culture (citizenship). We will be reviewing our goals in the late spring as our SEP with revisions is due in early October. Spring is also when planning for next year begins in earnest.

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to fill out the report card survey: bit.ly/CSL16-17 Please take a moment to complete the five-minute survey. Your feedback will help the Division as it moves forward with the implementation of the new CLS elementary report card. The survey closes Jan. 8, 2016.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony was well attended, and Elder Bert Auger and Corporal Naomi Reinheimer- Hein spoke at the assembly. In what is a first for me, Corporal Reinheimer-Hein even took some questions during her speech to students! After preparing for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, students turned their attention to getting ready for the Christmas Concert. This year, our Christmas Concert will be December 21st, again at Salisbury High School.

Your School Council and Parent Association have been hard at work! From fundraisers (Entertainment Books, Stawnichy's, Poinsettias) to volunteering (Book Fair, Wee Wonderland, P/S/T Conferences, hot lunches) and planning fun events like the highly successful Family Dance, these amazing people deserve our thanks and gratitude!

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Concert!

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2017!
Sven Danzinger
Principal



DECEMBER 2016

- Dec 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 430-730
Dec 2 Newsletter
Dec 5 - 7 Wee Wonderland in the gym
Dec 6 Stawnichy sausage pick-up 4-630 PM
Dec 7 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
Dec 8 Grade 6 DARE Graduation 2 PM
Dec 9 EIPS Jr Honour Choir
M/W Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Dec 13 Assembly 9 AM
Dec 16 Kindergarten Christmas Concert 945 AM in Gym
M/W & T/Th & Morning Kindergarten classes
Dec 21 Christmas Concert at SAL 7 PM
Dec 22 Sing-a-long/caroling 9 AM
Dec 23 Last Day before Christmas Break
M/W Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Sing-a-long/caroling 9 AM
Hot Lunch – I Dream of Pizza
(note: cycle 1 order required)

Dec 26-Jan 9 Christmas Break

JANUARY 2017

- Jan 9 School Resumes
Jan 11 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
Alberta Opera *Hansel & Gretel* 930 AM
Jan 13 Newsletter
T/Th Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Jan 16 Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018
starts at 8 AM NEW DATE
Jan 17 Assembly 1 PM **new day/time**
Jan 18 Family Math Night – Library 630 PM
Jan 20 M/W Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Jan 25 WBF School Council/Parent Association 630
Jan 27 Hot Lunch – Culinary Delights
(note: cycle 1 order required)
Jan 30 – Feb 3 Evergreen Theatre artist in residence

FEBRUARY 2017

- Feb 1 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
Boundary Exemption process starts
Feb 3 Newsletter
M/W Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Feb 9 & 10 Teachers' Convention – no school
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Concrete Theatre 9 AM
Feb 15 100th Day of School
Feb 16 Assembly 2 PM **new day/time**
Feb 17 Professional Learning Day – no school
Feb 20 Family Day - no school
Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day
Ryan Laird – bigger than that anti-bullying tour (AM)
Feb 23 Div 2 Ski Trip
T/Th Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
Feb 25 Young Author's Conference



SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2016 2017 MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 630 PM in the
Library

December No Meeting
Wednesday January 25
Thursday February 23
March No Meeting
Tuesday April 25
Wednesday May 31

SPECIAL EVENTS

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE BOTH
FOR PARENTS ONLY**

Math evening:

Wednesday January 18
630 PM in the Library

Blanket Exercise:

Tuesday March 7
630 PM in the Library



Parents and
grand-parents
are *always* welcome at
our assemblies!

An Attitude of Gratitude!

Woodbridge Farms Elementary is a great place to be, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people. In this section of the newsletter we try to recognize the work done on behalf of the students. *Thank-you* to:

- ✓ The **Hot Lunch** group for organizing and distributing Press'd hot lunch
- ✓ **Wee Wonderland** organizers, planners, set-up crew, student shopping assistants, and paper / bags / wrapping donations
- ✓ **Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews Child Care support:** Robyn Morgan, Theresa Bladon, Sherri Hartley, Jenny Rolph, Catherine Makepeace, Meg Fortier
- ✓ **Book fair volunteers:** Delaine Kistenkas, Jeanne Abbott, Karlie Wells, Kelly Michaud, Stacy Nanninga
- ✓ **Elder Bert Auger** and **Corporal Naomi Reinheimer- Hein** for speaking at our Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ✓ **WBF Parent Association** for sponsoring our Math Evening



In and around the School

WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

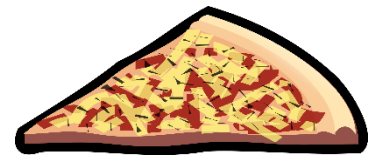
Thank-you to all the volunteers and helpers who help in so many ways in and around the school.

Upcoming Meetings

All parents are invited to attend our next Parent Association and School Council meetings. This is a fantastic way to find out what is going on in the school or share any concerns you may have. The next meeting is in the school library on **Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30 PM**. Childcare is available at no cost. A great way to stay up-to-date with School Council and Parent Association happenings is <http://wbfp.a.weebly.com/>

Hot Lunch

The next hot lunch is December 23 from I Dream of Pizza. Ordering for cycle 1 finished in early October. Information for the next cycle will likely be sent out fairly early in the New Year. Volunteers are always appreciated and needed to help distribute food to students.



Hot lunch Cycle 2 ordering will begin in January. There will be about 3 weeks to place orders. Information will be sent home after school resumes.

Wee Wonderland

Do you have extra gift bags, wrapping/tissue paper, labels, bows, ribbons, etc?

Please consider donating them to Wee Wonderland! Send them to school with your child or pop in and drop them off in the box by the front office. Wee Wonderland is on December 5 – 7!

Stawnichy's Fundraiser Winners

Three students, one from KA, one from 2D and one from 5AJ, will each receive a \$15 Cineplex gift card. Thank-you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!

Christmas Gift Basket raffle

There will be **raffle baskets** at both the Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 Concerts. Raffle ticket prices are: One ticket for \$3, two tickets for \$5, and ten tickets for \$20.

Come and learn
some fun and
engaging ways
to help with
Math at home!

MATH PARENT EVENING – JANUARY 18 @ 630 PM

Thanks to sponsorship from your WBF Parent Association, we're delighted to present an informative and interactive math evening for parents. In a fun and interactive session presented by Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks. For students this is a fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills. Parents will receive some free math manipulatives to take home. The cost of these is sponsored by WBF PA!

For Parents:

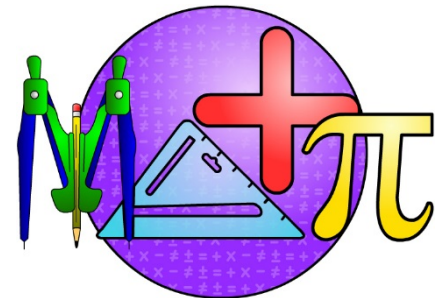
- Motivating, simple and economical homework support
- Children who feel secure in their math skills, have greater self-esteem and greater success in math
- Fun new hands-on games with dice and cards to help your child with math!

Parents get a free
math gift to take
home!

Games Reinforce:

- Counting & Number Recognition
- Problem Solving
- Basic Facts: + , - , x , ÷
- Place Value

Please sign up by using the following link. [Parent Math Night](#)

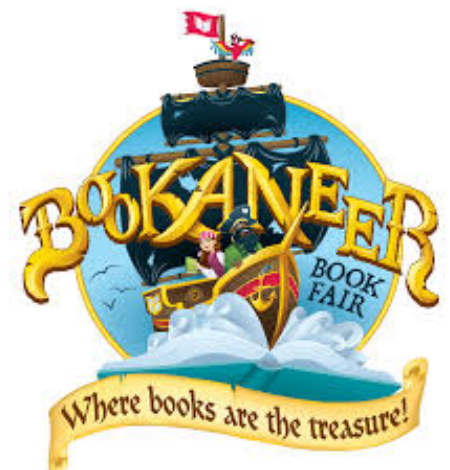


SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank-you to Mrs. Sargeant for organizing another successful book fair. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped set up, run and take down the book fair! Thank-you to book fair volunteers Delaine Kistenkas, Jeanne Abbott, Karlie Wells, Kelly Michaud, Stacy Nanninga!

[USED] CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR GRADE 4

Each year, the grade 4s do a Christmas card art project that uses 20 Christmas cards per student. This year, it is nearly 1200 cards for all our classes. Therefore, Ms. Nadema is always happy to receive donations of old Christmas cards. Cards accepted all year long – please consider sending cards to school instead of recycling them after Christmas.



STONE SOUP VIDEO

Students may have told you about the amazing Stone Soup video spearheaded by Mrs. Berg. Here's a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/mg6ej-ECpZA>

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

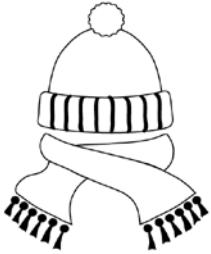
Attention WBF Families! The Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County has evening programs to keep your kids active and entertained. We have:

- Monday: Girls' Night
- Tuesday: Art Night
- Wednesday: Youth Night
- Thursday: Sports Night

Please come check us out. Program runs from 630 PM to 8 PM. First visit is free. Punch passes are available for \$75 for 10 punch pass, \$50 for 5 punch pass. Please visit <http://www.scbgc.com/> for more information.



Boys & Girls Club of
Strathcona County



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Once again Woodbridge Farms will be supporting the Sherwood Park and area community. The **We Act Team** met and decided to collect warm clothing for those in need. Winter in Sherwood Park can be cold! Let's help those in need. Watch for a newsletter for further information. Thank you for continuing to be a caring school

community.



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In and around the District

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

With 2016 now winding down and the winter break just around the corner, I want to take this time to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families. On behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees, we hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season with happiness that follows you throughout the New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 9, 2016.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook
EIPS Board Chair

BOUNDARY EXEMPTION REQUEST PROCESS

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form—available as of Jan. 9, 2017—and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries.

NOTE: Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're planning to register for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan. The school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding Woodbridge Farms Elementary Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/programs/kindergarten>

NOTE: To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.



ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES: NEW SCHOOL IN SHERWOOD PARK

Thank you to all the parents, students, staff and community members who took the time to complete the online survey concerning the first phase of the boundary-update process for northeast Sherwood Park. The Division is currently reviewing the information collected to help inform its process as it develops attendance-boundary options for the new school in Davidson Creek and surrounding area. In the new year, the Division will again ask for your feedback regarding the proposed boundary options. Stay tuned to www.eips.ca for updates.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS: REPORT CARD SURVEY

Elk Island Public Schools is asking all of our families to complete a brief survey regarding the new CSL elementary report cards currently being piloted at our school. The Division wants to fully understand:

- how well the achievement-level categories are defined in the report card
- if users find the digital report card easy to access and navigate
- what aspects of the report card users like
- what aspects of the report card can be improved

Please take a moment to complete the five-minute survey. Your feedback will help the Division as it moves forward with the implementation of the new CLS elementary report card. **The survey closes Jan. 8, 2016.**

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

WINTER BREAK

Woodbridge Farms Elementary will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 23, 2016 and will reopen on Jan. 9, 2017.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Office will be open January 3-6. If you have any school-related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Central Office during the below office hours.

EIPS Central Office Winter Break Hours

Closed	December 26 to January 2
Open	January 3-6 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

WOODBIDGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:
*Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard,
Finish Strong, Be You!*



Your Future in **MIND**