



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #9 May 4, 2018
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From the Principal's Desk...

I think of spring as a hopeful time because it is a time of renewal and growth. Especially this year there will be much in terms of renewal at "the Farm" as we will have a very different looking school next year. At this point there are approximately 130 students who will be going to different schools, most will go to Lakeland Ridge and several to the brand new Davidson Creek Elementary.

Lakeland Ridge recently held its Open House for parents (and students). We are planning transition days on May 30/31 where students going to Lakeland Ridge next year will be able to go to the school during the day, meet the Lakeland Ridge staff, and get a tour of the school. We do not have many details yet, but will let you know in plenty of time prior to the field trip. For students going to Davidson Creek, have you driven by the school yet? It looks impressive with huge window walls.

There are a number of staffing changes that we already know about. Mrs. Sawatsky (Educational Assistant) is doing well and is expected to return next year. We already know that Mrs. Massel (Grade 3) is on a medical leave prior to maternity leave. When Mrs. Massel returns from her maternity leave, she will be at Adrossan Elementary. Mrs. Clark (Kindergarten) is going to be at the brand new Davidson Creek Elementary. Additionally, I will be at Alberta Education in September, beginning a two year Secondment. We are anticipating a number of additional staffing changes because with less students, we will have fewer staff. Since this is the "spring staffing season", staff affected by reduction are now working on getting a new work location. We will keep you informed via the newsletter about where staff are moving to once we know where they're going.

April was a busy month of teaching and learning. A definite highlight was the EIPS Speech Competition. Carter, Dylan and Owen represented the school exceptionally well. Carter made it as far as the "final 4" in the Grade 4 competition. We are proud of the work that all our students did in preparing their speeches, class presentations, school finals and then the district finals! As I mentioned during the Woodbridge Farms in-school finals, public speaking is one of the most difficult things people are asked to do. By working on and presenting speeches, students gain valuable life-experience in managing this difficult task in a supportive environment.

On our website you will soon find the results of the EIPS Parent Survey. The results were presented at the last School Council meeting and overall we're pleased with the results. One highlight that stands out is 94% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child(ren) has/have an understanding of First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture and history. Another highlight is that 87% agree/strongly agree that their child(ren) is/are being taught knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be successful in life. As always, if you have any feedback for the school, please share your thoughts with your child(ren)'s teacher or administration.

For more information please visit the school website at:
<http://woodbridgefarms.ca/>

Happy Learning!
Sven Danzinger
Principal



MAY 2018

- May 2 Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM
Hats on For Mental Health (School Spirit Day)
- May 3 Elk Island Invitational Relays 4-6 PM
- May 4 Newsletter; Arbour Day for Grade 1s
Student Hot Lunch: Booster Juice/Cobbs
Gr 6 ELA Part A 9-11 AM
- May 10 Evacuation/Fire Drill #5 this week
- May 14 Assembly 9 AM
- May 16 School Closure Days – No School
- May 17 & 18 Victoria Day – No School
- May 21 Kindergarten Open House 630 PM
- May 24 **Beach Day**
Family Dance 7 to 9 PM
- May 28 Evacuation/Fire Drill #6 this week
- May 29 Panoramic (roof top) photo 11 AM
**School Council and Parent Association
Annual General Meeting 630 PM**
- May 30/31 Students going to LLR tour of the school

JUNE 2018

- TBA Year End Talent Show
- June 1 Newsletter
Volunteer Appreciation/Coffee Drive-Through 730 AM
- June 3 Parent Association Waterpark Event
- June 4 Severe Weather drill [Shelter in Place] this week
Grade 6 Birch Bay
- June 6 Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM
- June 7 Assembly 9AM
- June 8 Sports Day
- June 13-26 Alien In-Line Skating
- June 15 Gr 6 Science Bennett Centre Review
Gr 4 to Fort Edmonton; **Twin Day**
- June 18 Grade 6 ELA Part B
- June 19 Grade 6 Math PAT Part B
- June 20 Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
- June 21 Aboriginal Day
Gr 1 to Zoo; Gr 2 & 3 to Ukrainian Village
- June 22 Grade 6 Science PAT
Round Dance 1 PM
- June 25 Grade 4s & 5s Swimming
- June 26 Grade 5s to Bennett Centre
- June 27 Gr 6 Farewell 1:15 PM
- June 28 Last Instructional Day
Year End Assembly 9 AM
Report Cards issued
- June 29 Last Operational Day

June 1 Volunteer Appreciation
Morning Coffee “drive through” from
730 AM to 845 AM.



Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests

All tests start at 9 AM

- May 10 ELA Part A
- June 18 ELA Part B
- June 19 Math Parts A & B
- June 20 Science
- June 22 Social Studies



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

SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2017 2018

All meetings are at 630 PM in the
Library

Last meeting of the school year!

Annual General Meeting:
Tuesday May 29

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:

- ✓ All the volunteers and helpers who help in so many ways in and around the school.
- ✓ **Hot Lunch group for organizing and distributing the hot lunch from Booster Juice & Cobbs:** Des, Tara, Ashlee, Michele, Tracy, Karli, Shauna, Julie, Zoe, Jaimie, Jackie, Jeanne!
- ✓ **WBF Parent Association** for paying for **both** the Division 1 and 2 field trips to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra!
- ✓ Thank-you to Cobbs on Wye Road for the donation of baked goodies for the Staff Appreciation lunch.
- ✓ Thank-you to Press'd for helping with the Staff Appreciation lunch.



From WBF School Staff:

A sincere thank-you to the Parent Association and School Council for the delicious Staff Appreciation lunch on May 2nd. Your kindness and generosity is greatly and gratefully appreciated! Your caring and support mean so much to us!

In and around the School

WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Upcoming Meetings

All parents are invited to attend our next Parent Association and School Council meeting. 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 **Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm**. Childcare is available at no cost. This will be our final meeting of the year and Annual General Meeting.



School Council & Parent Association Website

A great way to stay up-to-date with School Council and Parent Association happenings is <http://wbfpa.weebly.com/>.



Looking Ahead...

The Spring Dance will be on Friday, May 25 from 7 to 9 PM. All students must be accompanied by an adult. Students are reminded that school rules still apply. The dance will have a beach theme.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

TUESDAY, MAY 29 AT 630 PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Woodbridge Farms Parent Association Positions Descriptions:

President

The President shall have general knowledge of all activities of the Association. He/she will be an ex-officio member of all Committees as defined by Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall be copied on all Association communications and will review any communications to the parent body, school community or public prior to distribution and shall include the Vice President in same. The President will carry out other duties assigned by the Association. He/she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. The President will be the chief spokesperson for the Association, unless otherwise delegated. The President shall have a vote at any meeting. In the case of a tie, the motion is defeated. In his/her absence, the Vice-President shall preside at any such meetings. In the absence of both, a chairperson may be elected at the meeting to preside.

Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President in all Association activities. He/she will preside at meetings in the President's absence and will replace the President at various functions when asked to do so by the President. He/she will be copied on all Association communications and will review any communications to the parent body, school community or public prior to distribution and shall include the President in same. The Vice President will carry out other duties assigned by the Association, and, in the event of resignation, incapacity or extended leave of absence of the President, shall fulfill the President's responsibilities.

Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Association and of the Board, and to keep accurate minutes. In case of the absence of the Secretary, his/her duties shall be discharged by such Officer as may be appointed by the Board. The Secretary shall have charge of all the correspondence and/or documentation of the Association and be under the direction of the President and the Board. The Secretary shall also keep a Record of Members of the Association and their contact information, and shall send all Association correspondence/notices as required.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the Association and be responsible for the deposit of same in whatever Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union or Treasury Branch the Board may order. He/she shall properly account for the funds of the Association and keep such books as may be directed and disburse funds as required. He/she shall present a full detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Board whenever requested and shall prepare for submission to the Annual General Meeting a statement duly audited of the financial position of the Association and submit a copy of same to the Secretary for the records of the Association. The signing authorities of the financial accounts will be any two of the elected Officers of the Association.

Woodbridge Farms School Council Position Descriptions

Chairperson

It is expected that the School Council Chairperson will be a parent of a student attending the school. Unless otherwise delegated, the Chairperson of the School Council will:

- 1) Chair all meetings of the School Council;
- 2) Coordinate with the principal to establish meeting agendas; post proposed agendas in a prominent place.
- 3) Communicate with the principal on a regular basis;
- 4) Call regular School Council meetings;
- 5) Decide all matters relating to rules of order at the meetings;
- 6) Follow existing School Council operating procedures;
- 7) Ensure that minutes are recorded and maintained;
- 8) Have general supervision of all activities of the School Council;
- 9) Be the official spokesperson of the School Council;
- 10) Ensure there is regular communication with the school community, beyond those who attend meetings;
- 11) Stay informed about school board policy that impacts School Council;
- 12) Have signing authority, if required, on any financial accounts together with the vice-chair and/or the treasurer;
- 13) Submit an annual report in conformance with the Regulations.
- 14) Attend Committee of School Council (COSC) meetings or have representation by a designate.

Vice Chairperson

Unless otherwise delegated, the Vice-Chairperson of the School Council will:

- 1) In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the Chairperson, fulfill the Chairperson's responsibilities;
- 2) In the absence of the Chairperson, supervise the affairs and preside at any meetings of the School Council;
- 3) Work with and support the Chairperson in agenda preparation;
- 4) Ensure the appropriate management, in compliance with PIPA, of any personal information collected on behalf of the School Council;
- 5) Assume responsibility, in consultation with the School Council, for communicating with the fundraising society or other parent groups within the School;
- 6) Promote teamwork and assist the Chairperson in the smooth running of the meetings;
- 7) Keep informed of relevant school and school board policies;
- 8) Have signing authority, if required, on any financial accounts together with the Chairperson and/or the treasurer;
- 9) Aid the Chairperson and undertake tasks assigned by the Chairperson.

Secretary

Unless otherwise delegated, the Secretary of the School Council will:

- 1) Act as a recorder at each meeting and ensure the minutes accurately reflect the directions agreed to at the School Council meeting;
- 2) Keep minutes, correspondence, records and other School Council documents;
- 3) Maintain a dated record of all the members of the School Council who have knowingly provided their contact information, in compliance with PIPA;
- 4) Distribute notices of meetings and other School Council events as required in the WBF School newsletter.
- 5) Ensure all materials relating to the School Council including resources (Alberta School Council Resource Manual), all meeting minutes and any relevant documents are available to the public in an accessible location in the School;
- 6) Be responsible for the keeping of records of minutes for the past seven (7) years. These records will be kept in the school in a location known by the Principal.
- 7) In the absence of the secretary, the School Council shall choose a recording secretary for the meeting.

STAFFING UPDATE

Returning Staff

- Welcome back Mrs. Fleck from study leave

Staff Leaving

- Mrs. Clarke will be at Davidson Creek next year
- Mrs. Massel will be at Ardrossan Elementary next year
- Mr. Danzinger will be at Alberta Education next year

GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

There are many ways that grade 6s are preparing for their achievement tests. One of these is by participating in field testing of new questions. Our Grade 6s will get to “test the tests” in various subject in the upcoming weeks, including reading, writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. This is good practice because students will be able to work on questions just like the ones they’ll be answering in June.

Grade 6 PAT Field Tests

Monday, April 30 – Language Arts Part A – 9:00-11:30
 Wednesday, May 30 – Language Arts Part B – 9:00-10:30
 Friday, June 1 – Math – Part A & B – 9:00 – 11:00
 Wednesday, June 6 – Social Studies – 9:00-10:30
 Wednesday, June 13 – Science – 9:00-10:30



EIPS AWARDS OF RECOGNITION

Every year EIPS staff provide excellent service to their schools and communities. This year the following staff are being recognized for service milestones:

- Mr. Andy Cunningham - 5 Years
- Mr. Garth Baker - 10 Years
- Mrs. Sarita D’Lima - 10 Years
- Mrs. Christina Ganert - 10 Years
- Mrs. Mona Sawatzky - 10 Years

VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

All parents and visitors entering the school during school time are asked to go to the office to get a visitor name tag prior to walking down the hallway to their child(ren)’s class(es). Visitor sign-in is a common and expected practice in schools and many businesses. Thank-you for your support and attention to this important matter. Visitor tags are not needed for parents and grandparents attending assemblies. For parents who happen to be in the school during O Canada, we invite you to stand and sing along with us.

Volunteer Recognition

We would like to recognize Woodbridge Farms Volunteers on **Friday, June 1 @ 7:30 AM** with our annual “Coffee Drive-Through” and hope you’ll be able to stop by at that time.

PLAYGROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL

Many students enjoy playing on the playgrounds and fields with friends after school. It is wonderful that students enjoy their school environment, including the playgrounds, so much that they enjoy hanging out here with their friends. Since supervision ends shortly after busses leave, we request that a responsible adult is there to supervise their children if they are staying to play after school. Students who go home, drop off their book bags/backpack and return to play at school are presumed to be here with parental consent/awareness.

In and around the District

THANK YOU! DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY IS MAY 7

Join us on May 7 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 7, we encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of Woodbridge Farms, **THANK YOU** to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

EDUCATION WEEK: APRIL 30 TO MAY 4, 2018

Education Week takes place April 30 to May 4. Throughout the week, students and staff from Woodbridge Farms, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused around the importance of education.

Today, more than ever, Woodbridge Farms, our teachers and schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools, are focused on providing students with optimal learning opportunities. As a result, students are honing a broad range of learning experiences that go beyond the core subjects of math, language arts, science and social studies. They're becoming lifelong learners and developing valuable skills such as ingenuity, creativity, critical thinking and citizenship. Education Week celebrates their learning journey. As such, Woodbridge Farms invites students to think about their journey...and create a "postcard" with "Someday I will journey to _____".



LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE: REGISTRATION

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for **first-time school bus riders**.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	10 a.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 27	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 29	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 28	6 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAoqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2018-19 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2018.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.

WOODBRIAGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:

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



Your Future **in MIND** ●●●●●●●●