



## Woodbridge Farms School

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# September Newsletter

### From the Principal's Desk...

On behalf of the entire Woodbridge Farms staff, I am delighted to welcome students and their families back to school. To our new students and families, welcome to Woodbridge Farms!

Typically, there is one monthly newsletter, issued on the Friday after our early out Wednesdays. This year, assemblies will typically be at 9:00am on early out Wednesdays. We will continue with a short student-led presentation followed by student recognition.

This year Elk Island Public Schools has adopted a consistent Kindergarten schedule across the division. Kindergarten parents, please keep a close eye on your child's weekly schedule, which is available on our school website.

On Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual "Meet the Staff" BBQ! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know our staff this year. Look for the yellow form sent home with your child(ren). We hope to see everyone there.

Our first School Council and Parents' Association meeting will be in the school library at 6:30pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Attending these meetings is a great way to not only stay updated on school events, but also to get involved in enhancing your child(ren)'s school experience. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

Best wishes for a happy and successful year!

Andy Cunningham

Principal

### WE ARE ALLERGY AWARE!

There are people in our building with severe allergies, including allergy to peanuts. For the health and safety of all students, staff and visitors to the building, including parents, please do not send food containing peanuts or other nuts to school in lunches or snacks. 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 THE 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.

## UPCOMING DATES:

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Sept 3	Labour Day – No School
Sept 4	First Day of School
Sept 4-7	Staggered entry for Kindergarten
Sept 10	Annual Fire Inspection 1:00 PM Photos MTh Kindergarten 2:30 PM
Sept 11	Fall Photos
Sept 13	Meet the Staff BBQ 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Sept 25	School Council and Parents Association Meeting 6:30 PM
Sept 27	Terry Fox Assembly 2:00 PM
Sept 28	Orange Shirt Day



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

### OCTOBER 2018

Oct 1	Assembly 9am – Read-in Week Kickoff
Oct 1–6	Read in Week: <i>Bringing Stories to Life</i>
Oct 3	Staff Meeting – early out 2:13 PM Box Cars & One Eyed Jacks Family Night 6:30 PM
Oct 5	World Teachers' Day Professional Learning Day – All Staff
Oct 8	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Oct 15-19	Marty Chan Author in Residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division 1 Folk Tales</li></ul>
Oct 16	Photo Retakes
Oct 22-26	Marty Chan Author in Residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division 2 Mystery Writing</li></ul>
Oct 25-26	Academy for Tobacco Prevention Presentations
Oct 26	Family Dance
Oct 31	Halloween (PM activities)

### SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2018 - 2019 MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 6:30 PM in the Library

Tuesday September 25  
Wednesday October 24  
Tuesday November 27  
Wednesday January 23  
Tuesday February 26  
Wednesday April 24  
Tuesday May 28 AGM

## WOODBIDGE FARMS PARENT ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL COUNCIL

**FIRST MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 6:30 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

## BELL SCHEDULE

Our bell schedule has had some minor changes compared to last year:

Regular Day		Early Out	
<b>First Bell</b>	<b>8:34 am</b>	<b>First Bell</b>	<b>8:34 am</b>
Homeroom	8:39 am	Homeroom	8:39 am
Period 1	8:42 am	Period 1	8:42 am
Period 2	9:15 am	Period 2	9:15 am
Period 3	9:45 am	Period 3	9:45 am
<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
Period 4	10:30 am	Period 4	10:30 am
Period 5	11:00 am	Period 5	11:00 am
Period 6	11:30 am	Period 6	11:30 am
<b>Recess</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Recess</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:25 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:29 pm</b>
<b>Clean Up</b>	<b>12:49 pm</b>	<b>Clean Up</b>	<b>12:54 pm</b>
Innovation/Flex	12:51 pm	Innovation/Flex	12:56 pm
Period 7	1:08 pm	Period 7	1:13 pm
Period 8	1:38 pm	Period 8	1:43 pm
<b>Break</b>	<b>2:08 pm</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>2:13 pm</b>
Period 9	2:13 pm		
Period 10	2:43 pm		
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>3:13 pm</b>		

## REPORTING LATES OR ABSENCES

A reminder to parents that we require a phone call (780-464-3330), email [general.WBF@eips.ca](mailto:general.WBF@eips.ca) or message using the contact form found on our website <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/contact> to let us know when your child will be either late or absent. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message for the school secretaries.

## STAFF LIST 2018-2019

### We would like to welcome the following staff who are new to our school:

Mrs. Bailey de Wynter (teacher, grade 3), Ms. Amanda Grendowicz (teacher, grade 3), Mrs. Stephanie MacNutt (counselor), Mrs. Teri Pearn (Assistant Principal/Grade 2)

#### Teachers

*Mr. Andy Cunningham* - Principal  
*Mrs. Teri Pearn* - Assistant Principal/Grade Two  
*Mrs. Stephanie MacNutt* - Counsellor  
*Mrs. Stacy Siminick* - ECS  
*Mrs. Emily Anderson* - Grade One  
*Ms. Dana Boucher* - Grade One  
*Ms. Heather Squair* - Grade Two  
*Mrs. Laura Sundell* - Grade Two  
*Mrs. Bailey deWynter* - Grade Three  
*Ms. Amanda Grendowicz* - Grade Three  
*Ms. Sheri Zarowny* - Grade Four  
*Ms. Lynne Nadema* - Grade Four  
*Mrs. Sheryl Dermott* - Grade Four/Five  
*Ms. Donna Jossy* - Grade Five  
*Mr. Garth Baker* - Grade Six  
*Ms. Antonia Triska* - Grade Six  
*Mrs. Anita Sisson* - FMNI/LLI/ESL  
*Mrs. Marie Berg* - Communication Skills Program  
*Mrs. Christina Ganert* - Elementary Transition Program  
*Mrs. Lynette Newton* - Music

#### Support Staff

*Mrs. Francie Davies* - School Secretary  
*Mrs. Karlie Wells* - Accounts Secretary  
*Mrs. Candace Sargeant* - Library Technician  
*Mrs. Judy Andrekson* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Sarita D'Lima* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Debbie Fleck* - Educational Assistant  
*Ms. Melissa Gillam* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Pam McIntyre* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Jane Reaney* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Mona Sawatzky* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Vicki Tannahill* - Educational Assistant  
*Mrs. Leanne Tiessen* - Educational Assistant

### SAFETY DRILLS

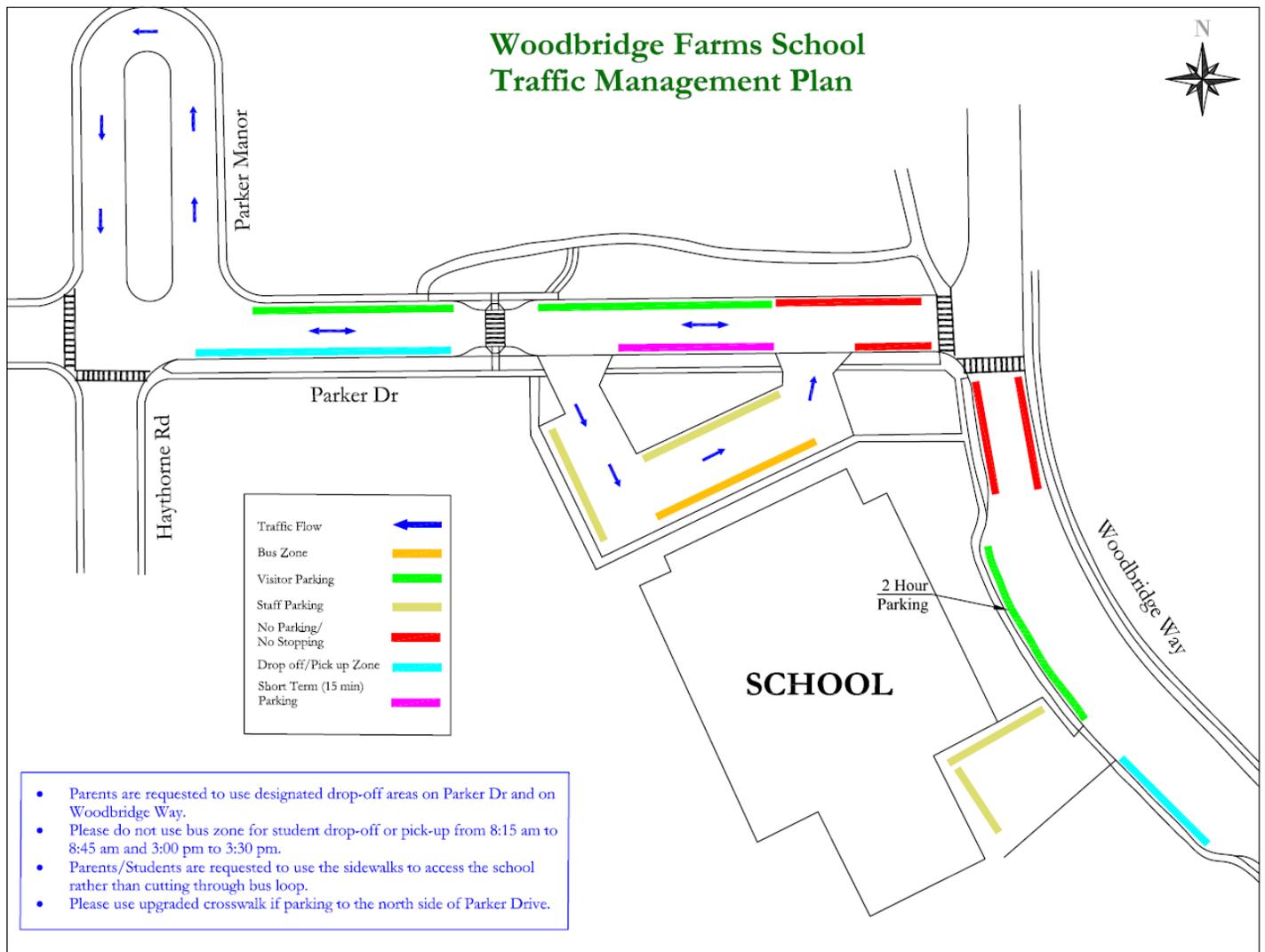
Over the course of the year, we practice drills to help keep us safe. For example, we are required to complete 6 fire (evacuation) drills each year. The schedule below is to help keep parents and the school community informed of these drills. Please note dates are tentative.

This year, staff will be practicing a "student release protocol" as a part of a larger division focus. The student release protocol is utilized in any situation in which students need to be released to a parent or guardian when we are unable to follow typical dismissal routines. Please be aware that in the case of a student release protocol, the school can only release students to a parent, guardian or people listed as emergency contacts.

More information about EIPS' Emergency Procedures will be shared with parents over the course of the school year.

## PARKING AREAS & NEW SIGNAGE

Please familiarize yourself with the Traffic Management Plan for Woodbridge Farms (pictured below and also located on our school website). There are specific areas around the school designated for dropping off students that need to be utilized in order to allow for efficient traffic flow. We would ask that parents do not utilize either of our parking lots for dropping and picking students up before and after school.



## SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Alberta Health Services is changing immunization practices to better keep up with current best practices and research. Starting next year, immunizations will be given to grade 6 students twice during the school year. This means that for the 2018-19 school year, grade 5 students will not receive any vaccinations. Parents who have concerns or questions about the new procedures, please contact Connie Berg Chabaniuk, RN at 780-735-3023.

# In and around the District

## 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 administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. 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 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. 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. Both 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.

## STAY CONNECTED: SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWS

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to resubscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit [www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe](http://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe). Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as 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.



## **SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR**

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <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, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Woodbridge Farms' important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

## **IMPROVING HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts.

The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at [www.eips.ca/download/40981](http://www.eips.ca/download/40981).

## **PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!**

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact Karlie Wells, Administrative Assistant, at **Woodbridge Farms School** at **780-464-3330**.

## CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

## QUICK FACTS: EIPS BUSES ARE ALL EQUIPPED WITH VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps: ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

### WOODBIDGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:

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

