

Quarter 3, April 2023

Administration Message

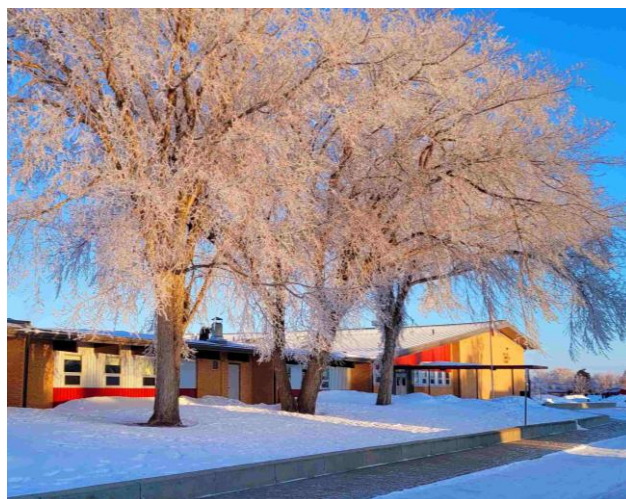
Hey all,

I dare to say that it seems like the snow is gone and we are into spring. Thank you to all who made it out to our Open House in March and to those who provided us with feedback during our liaison meetings. Our staff continues to work through all the data collected from students, staff and parents as we create our goals for the future. These next two months go incredibly fast at the school with activities and all the planning that we must do for next year including scheduling and students picking their courses. If you have any questions about courses and the pathways that students can follow to Graduation, please contact us so we can discuss. I am looking forward to seeing many of you during our spring activities including our track days, Graduation (June 16) and our Celebration of Learning (June 22).

Enjoy the spring!

Kirk Schlosser, Principal

Edla Landry, Vice-Principal



March 17. Winter came back and forth for a while!

SCC News

The SCC has been meeting monthly and has supported several important initiatives this term, including sponsoring books for the Prairie Spirit parent book club, the Live Different presentation to students, and both the Open House supper for families and the whole-school spring meal. Staff and students really appreciate the SCC's support of these events!

The Prairie Spirit's SCC Spring Assembly was held on April 25 at several satellite locations, including Delisle Elementary, where SCC and Board members looked at the new Prairie Spirit Strategic Plan Framework which outlines goals for the next three years. Thank you to Board Chair Bernie Howe and Board Trustee Angela Bothner for facilitating this session for parents.

Our next meeting is May 10 at 5pm, and will include annual elections for SCC. If you have interest in joining the SCC, please attend. Everyone is welcome!

Online Payments Now Available

We are very excited to share that our online payment system is up and running! You now have the ability to make online payments for student fees (extra-curricular, grad, etc.) Information was previously sent out to families on creating an account. Please contact us if you are having any difficulty.

Upcoming events

April 26 - Driver Training Begins
April 26 - Round 1 of Sr Badminton Playoffs
May 8 - Track Day (Alternate day is May 9)
May 10 - MADD Presentation
May 12 - Teacher Prep Day, no school for students
May 17 - Conference Track in Saskatoon
May 26 - District Track in Saskatoon
May 26 - Grad BBQ Fundraiser at the Coop
June 5 – PD/Prep Day, no school for students
June 5-9 - Spring Football Camp
June 16 - Graduation Ceremony at the rink
June 19 - Stobart Dancers and Drum Circle at DCS
June 22 – Celebration of Learning and Open House

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Find us on the internet:

Important information will always be shared via email to families!

Daily:

DCS daily announcements, updates, and current calendar are on Edsby.

Frequent updates on activities and events:

DCS on Twitter: @DCS_Rebels
DCS on Facebook: Delisle Composite High School
SLC (student leadership group) on Instagram: dcs.slc
DCS shop class on Instagram: dcs_shop_class
PSSD career counselling on Instagram: pssdcareerinfo



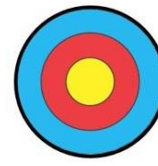
School website:

<https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/delislecomposite/>

*Please note, the school website has detailed information in many school areas, but is not updated as frequently as Edsby or social media.



School Goals



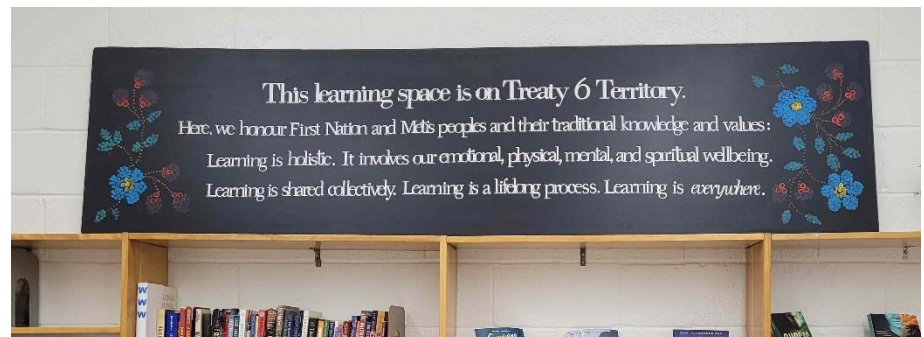
Outcome-based
assessment



Reconciliation



Mental Health



Quarter 3 activities and community-building!

Our spring **Open House and interview night** on March 29 were well attended. Pulled pork on a bun and treats were served, courtesy of our SCC and prepared by our Foods 10/20/30 and Commercial Cooking students. We met with our Family Liaison groups to collect feedback from parents in helping us make short and long term plans for DCS. There was a grade 9 meeting for parents and students that outlined the different high school credits and pathways to graduation. The gym was full of many of those post-secondary opportunities available to students. Thanks to Mrs. Kiello for organizing this!

Please remember that teachers meet with parents throughout the school year, not just on interview evenings. Don't hesitate to reach out any time!

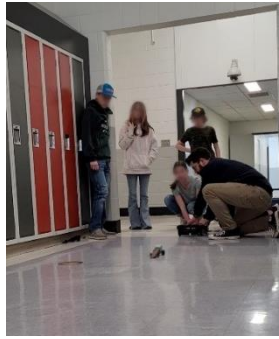


We were fortunate to have **PSSD counsellor Diane Clark** spend the day with us and talk with students about Social Media use, time spent on devices, setting boundaries online, the impact of technology on our mental health, and more. An excellent and informative day! Thank you Ms. Clark!

Our annual **NHL playoff draft** is underway again, and so is the unofficial dress code of everyone supporting their favorite teams and the belief of every Leafs fan that THIS YEAR will be the year that they win the Stanley Cup!

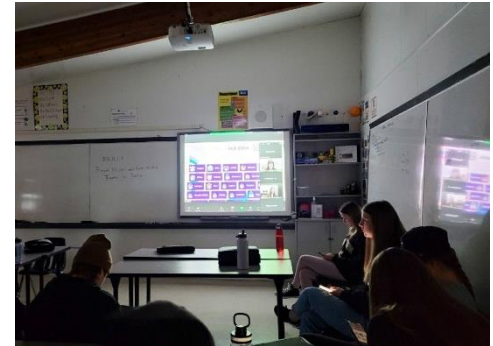


On March 19, ELA B10 partook in a video conference to learn about resistance and survival in the Holocaust from @liberation.75 as part of **Holocaust Remembrance Day**. Informative, poignant, and relevant to today. We're so glad for the opportunity to learn alongside one another! Thanks to Mrs. Hamel, Sector Facilitator, and Mr. Knapman for bringing this important event to our students.



The second trimester group of grade 8 PAA built and raced their CO2 cars through the halls using SIEC (Saskatoon Industry Education Council) kits. The project gives students drafting and carpentry experience as they transform a piece of wood into a race car. Then using CO2 cartridges, they race and see their design decisions come to life.

In February, the grade 9 classes participated in a virtual P.A.R.T.Y. workshop (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) through the Sask Health Authority. There were really impactful sessions including paramedic, occupational therapist, and survivor stories.

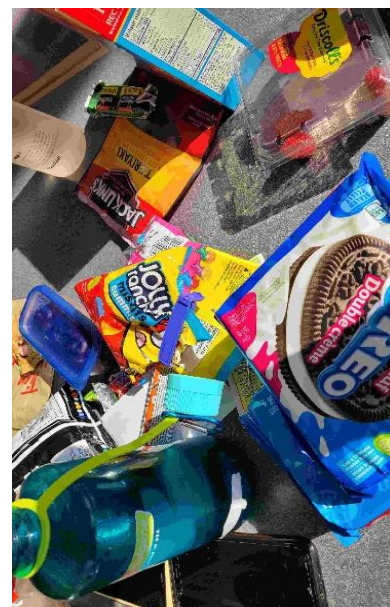
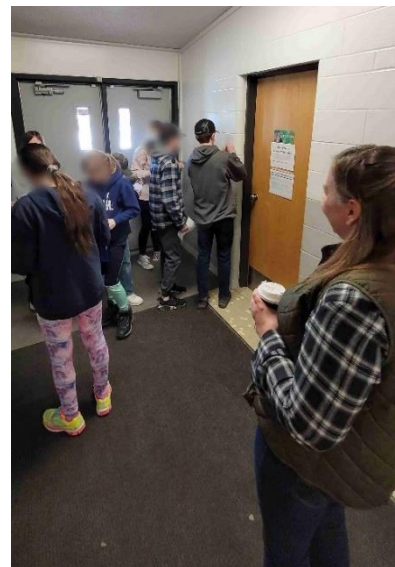
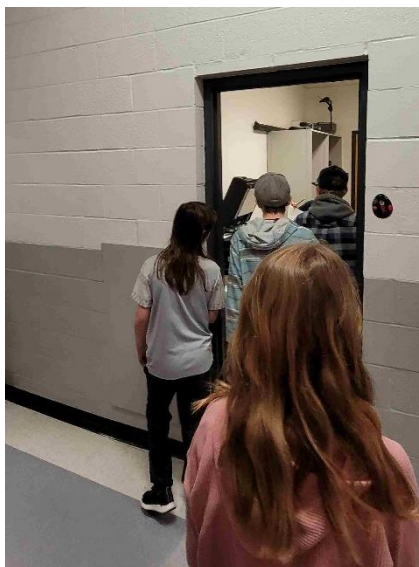


Ms. Hill and the Outdoor Education 20 class spent the winter months snowshoeing and exploring the evolution of winter dormancy. Some days, just enjoying the sunshine on their faces! The Nisbet snowshoeing trip fell on a bitter cold day but students were troopers and enjoyed strolling through the forest. They've patiently waited for the snow to melt to continue exploring our ecosystem. Now with the warmer weather, they are busy investigating soil, water, and prepping plants for their Garden project. Can't wait for the next field trip in May to explore sand dune ecology!

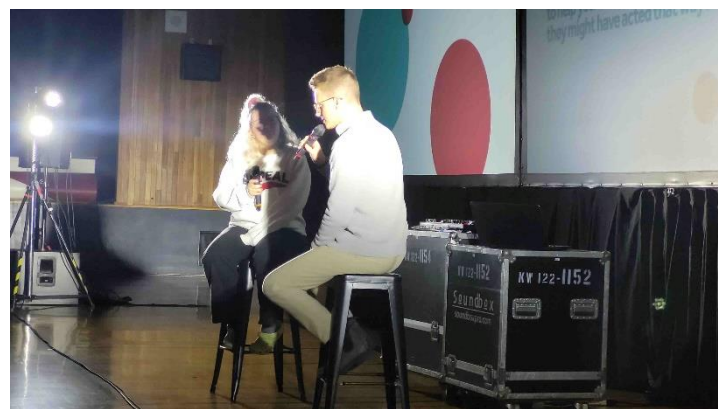
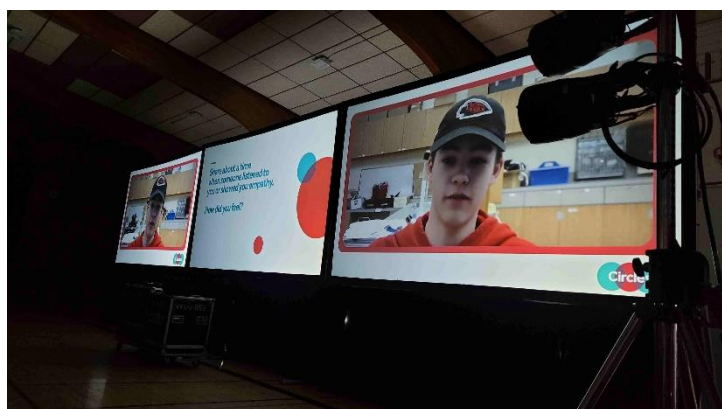


We had a "Meme-Hunt" activity in our family liaison time on the last day before break. Students were given meme clues for locations in the school, looked for answers to a riddle at each place, and put their completed sheet in a draw for prizes all day long! Lots of fun!

We coordinated our annual ski trip to Table Mountain with Delisle Elementary this year and had an awesome day with perfect weather for skiing and snowboarding – not too cold but not too warm. Ms. Curtis and Ms. Simonsen provided a buffet of snacks in the chalet to refuel everyone on breaks. One of our favorite days of the year!



We were fortunate to have a full-day of interactive presentations and breakout sessions with Live Different, a non-profit group that was touring through Saskatchewan on April 20. They brought motivational messages of empathy, growth mindset, altruism, and the importance of kindness. Thank you to the SCC for sponsoring the group, and to Nessa, Sam K, and Tayla J for participating in the presentation!



On April 28 Mrs. Kielo, Taylor, Carter, Ellie and Addy volunteered for the "Home for Dinner" program that feeds the patrons of Ronald McDonald House a home-cooked meal. The students prepared taco in a bag and a sundae bar for dessert! The employees and other volunteers at the house were very welcoming and the patrons were very gracious.



The commercial cooking students also made a delicious (and free!) ham and potato soup for the whole school and our Park View place neighbors too! Thank you for sharing your culinary skills and helping others at the same time!

The SCC sponsored our **school-wide meal** on April 21. Originally planned for the last week of school in December, a string of no-bus days due to extreme cold temperatures meant that we had to put our turkeys on ice until better weather! Although the snowstorm on Thursday made us a bit nervous, the meal went ahead and was a big success. Feeding 200+ people all at the same time is no small feat!

Thank you again to the SCC, Mrs. Kielo for organizing everything, Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Colborn for cooking the meat, Mrs. Schumacher for roasters of dressing, Mrs. Milton for making all the buns (they were sooo good!), Commercial Cooking and Foods classes for prepping food and making the desserts...and so many more people for picking up groceries, hauling tables, setting up and taking down the gym, washing dishes, delivering meals to seniors, and more! THANK YOU!



We were fortunate to have a **day-long workshop with Sask Athletic coaches** to work with our students and run some track and field activities on April 26.

Thank you to Taylor, Spencer, and Eryn as coaches, and to Mrs. Wirz and Mrs. Kielo for organizing the day! Excited for track season to begin now!!





We really appreciate Delisle Elementary School for inviting our grade 7 and 8 students to participate in a **wheelchair sports awareness workshop for basketball**. Brady was an excellent instructor and it was informative and fun!



The Grade 8s spent a day at Sask Polytechnic on April 28. The girls attended a **Young Women's Conference** put on by WITT (Women in Trade & Technology). Part of the day was hands-on activities like Junkyard Wars, where they had to build a marble track for 2 marbles to never touch, change direction 4 times, and drop into a single cup at the end! Wow!

The boys toured around the annual **provincial skills competition** put on by Skills Canada, where post-secondary and high school students compete in a variety of different categories computer animation to autobody repair.

Notes from around the school:

ASL group:

Update from Nessa: In ASL we have been doing a lot! Students have been working on getting their fingerspelling down. We are starting to move onto harder things which is challenging for some students, but they are doing great. We plan on moving forward and continuing till the end of the year!



Rough Writers writing group:

Stay-tuned for a Spring edition of our Delisle Roughwriter's literary magazine, with tons of student-composed writing for our community members to enjoy for free. Right now we are just gathering our writing pieces for our spring newsletter. Similar to our last edition, we are focusing on having a diverse spread of writing pieces that touch on many different topics. These range from movie reviews, to talking about the Europe trip, to school sport updates, to truth and reconciliation. Our fictional writing pieces are meant to be spring/spring holidays themed. If you have any questions, would like to advertise with us, or want to get involved, email shelby.knapman@spiritsd.ca

Basketball final results:

The Senior Girls team went to Unity for Conference playoffs. They played Rosetown but lost 62-37 and didn't advance. Thanks so much to our community coach Terry Zerbin, and to the girls for a great season! Team: Gigi, Sophie, Trista, Katelyn, Taylor R, Taylor K, Hannah J, Hannah R, Nyah.



The Senior Boys basketball hosted Conference playoffs, with VCA, Dalmeny and Clavet. The boys played a tough match against Clavet, only down by one point at the half, but didn't get the win to move on. Thanks to Max, Zane, and Austin for coaching, and Mrs. Kiello for managing.

Team: Okley, Nick S, Mitchell, Kolton, Daniel, Carter G, Carter G, Nic S, Logan, Robert





Junior badminton:

The junior badminton team had a very successful season! We started off with exhibition games against Aberdeen, Vanscoy, and Hague. Players practiced their skills and got some game time in before Conferences. Pre-conference playoffs were held in Asquith. All of the Junior players did a great job! Everyone played hard and represented DCS proudly! At the end of the day, six teams headed to the next round. Two boys doubles (Jace and Dillon, Brett and Reid), two girls singles (Macy and Emily), one mixed doubles (Nikia and Brady), one boys singles (Ethan).

Conference playoffs were held in Clavet. Again, all the teams who played did an outstanding job! Our mixed doubles team came through and moved into the district championships. District Championships were held at VCA. Nikia and Brady played hard and had fun securing 2nd place overall in mixed doubles! Ms. Curtis and Mrs. Starling are so proud of all the Junior Badminton players. It was a great season!

Senior badminton:

Badminton isn't over yet for the seniors! Nine athletes out of a possible 16 advanced to the 2nd round of playoffs. Thanks to coach Mr. Lesperance for this update on the first round!

Clay H cleaned house in his competition by winning every game 2 straight sets and went undefeated all the way through the final. He finished 1st place and moves on to round 2. Congratulations to Easton K who finished 1st in his pool play and battled hard in the semi-finals, also advancing.

Congratulations to girls doubles Nikia and Alyssa who finished 2nd in pool play and won a tough semi final matchup against our other girls doubles team in Mady and Emma which went to a 3rd set. Nikia and Alyssa then went on to beat the top seeded doubles team from Martensville in the final matchup to advance as the top seed onto round 2.



Congratulations to both of our Mixed Doubles teams in Danielle and Will and Carter and Vicky who will both be advancing to the 2nd round. And last but certainly not least, congratulations to Jenna who finished 1st in pool play and went on to beat Trista in a game that went to the 3rd set before finally beating a really strong girls singles in Asquith, winning the final game 2 games to 0 and placed as top seed in girls singles moving on to round 2. Thank you to all the athletes who played this year and to the patience and hard work you put in. We are very proud and have a strong representation going to round 2 as a result.

***2nd round update!** Clay won gold in boys singles and is advancing to round 3 in Unity. Jenna won silver in girls singles and is also advancing to round 3. Nikia and Alyssa finished in 4th place in girls doubles. The rest of our DCS athletes gave it their best efforts and represented DCS well.

SLC:

The Student Leadership Committee has been hard at work to provide fun, educational, and community-building programming to students and staff at DCS in the start of 2023.

In February, our whole school took busses into Landmark Cinema in Saskatoon. With our entire staff and student body fitting into the largest theatre at Landmark, we reclined and munched popcorn together while enjoying *How to Train Your Dragon*.

In March, we hosted a fun spirit week which saw the best turnout of costumed students and staff in years. We also helped support the largest DCS Open House event witnessed by our school community in a long time.

In April, we supported Mrs. Kielo's Foods/Commercial Cooking students in hosting a school-wide Turkey Lunch which saw our gym converted into a cafeteria for a delicious, community-building meal. We loved the opportunity to eat together as a school.

Coming up, the SLC is planning another spirit week, a spring pep-rally, celebrations for national Indigenous Peoples' Day in June, as well as continuing to work on fundraising and design work for our courtyard renovation project!



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Twin Day!



Teacher Student Swap Day



Future Occupation Day

DELISLE TRACK & FIELD 2023

Dates to Remember:

Practices: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:10-4:30pm

DCS Local Track & Field Meet Monday May 8th (May 9th is an alternate date for weather)

CVAC Conference A Meet Wednesday May 17th

District 3000 m races..... Wednesday May 24th (starting @ 5:00 in Delisle) – Please note: There is NO Bantam 3000m race!

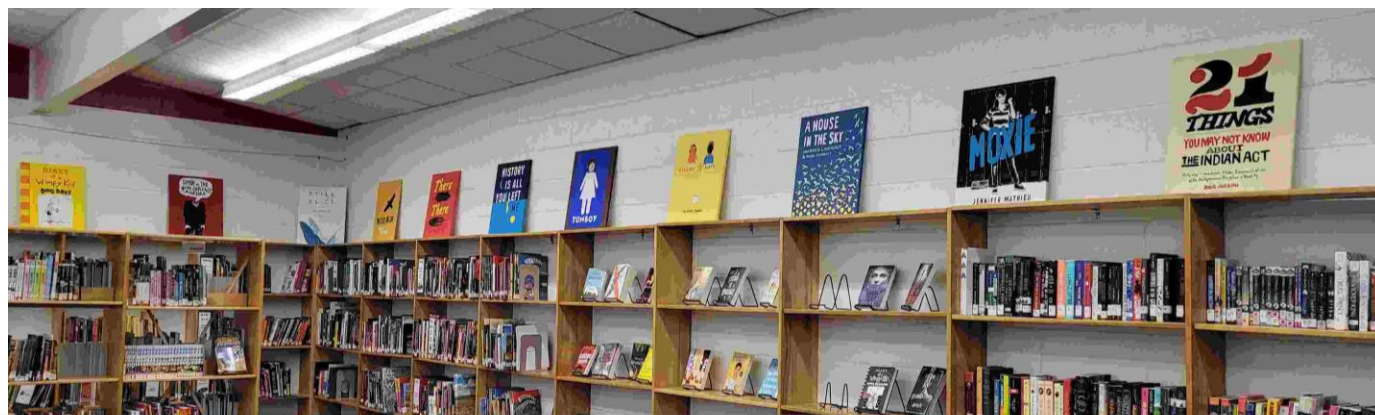
CVAC District Track & Field Meet Friday May 26th

SHSAA Provincial Track & Field MeetFriday June 2nd /Saturday June 3rd

This meet will be open to those who qualify at districts and are in grade 9-12. It will be held in Saskatoon this year.

Library artwork:

We are slowly doing a remodel of the library, reconfiguring the space and adding some new furniture. We have also added some painted canvasses of beautiful book covers. Thank you to Selena, Jada, and Mrs. Landry who have done great work so far!



Student Notes:

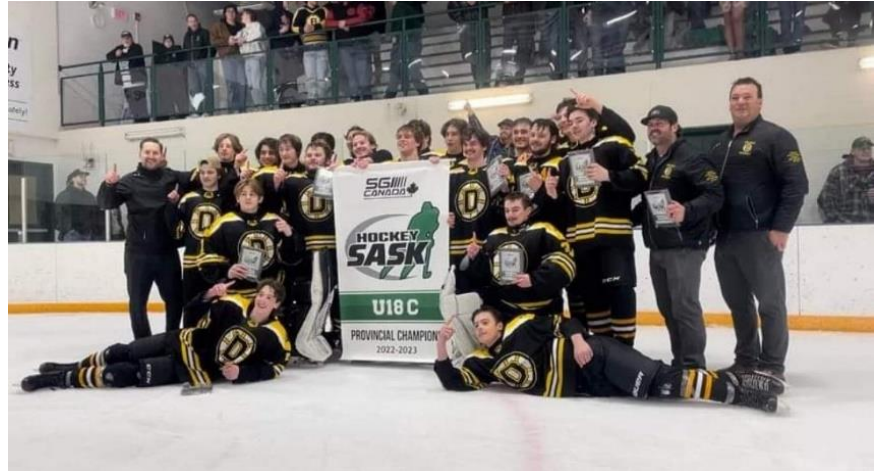
Sebastian trains out of Asquith Fencing Club, and six athletes from there travelled to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island for the Canada Winter Games in February. Sebastian competed in fencing: men's saber and epee categories. He had a great experience it was lots of fun. He placed 8th in the individual event and the team got 7th overall in the team event. Sebastian also competed in Saskatchewan Provincial championships in Saskatoon in April. He medalled in two events for saber: silver in cadet saber, silver for junior saber (just losing out on gold in a 14-15 close match) and bronze for cadet epee. Fantastic results!



Evyn trains out of Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating club. She skated at meets all over western Canada throughout the winter, but some of her season highlights include competing in Canadian Youth Long Track championships in Fort St. John, Saskatchewan Winter Games in Regina, and Canadian Youth Short Track championships (West) in Saskatoon. In long track, where races range from 500-3000m, Evyn's best finish was 4th at Nationals, and she had all top ten finishes in her races. In the Saskatchewan Winter Games, she won one gold and two bronze medals. For short track, where races range from 400-1500m, her top finish was bronze in 400m, bronze in relay, with top 5 finishes in all distances. Congratulations Evyn!



Congratulations to the Delisle Bruins U18 hockey team who were Provincial Champions, and silver medallists in the Saskatoon city league! Two big accomplishments!! Congrats Brit, Clay, Easton, Jackson, Jordan, Kyle, Lucas, Luke, Matthew, Mitchell, Ty, Tyler, Xavier, and Hunter!



Congratulations also to the Delisle Bruins U13 girls team who won their Saskatoon League Playoffs, beating Warman in the final. Great job to Monique, Jacey, Abby, and Presley!

Spring time is public speaking season for 4H students across the province. Ashlyn has competed for many years, and if you have ever heard her speak publicly, you know that she is a dynamic and passionate speaker!

This year, Ashlyn placed 1st at the local club level, and advanced to Districts. At Districts, Ashlyn again placed 1st and moved on to the Regional level. Regionals were held in Meadow Lake at the end of March and the competition was intense! At the end of the day, Ashlyn placed 2nd which qualified her for provincials. Congratulations!



Accidental twin days at work...



Actual twin day at work!



Jenna Atchison



Kenneth Byers



Jody Colborn



Shawna Wirz



Linda Peters



Ty Pylypow



Kelsey Lesperance



Faye Mooney



Davin Fischer



Nicole Gobeil



Erin Hill



Chelsea Rolston



Kristin Starling



Sandra Traynor



Cherryl Schumacher



Taylor Simonsen



Sharla Carr



Nathaniel Danielson



Katie Curtis



Barbara Kielo



Shelby Knapman



Diane Busby
Office (Head)



Kirk Schlosser
Administrator



Edla Landry
Administrator

Meet the staff....and their online streaming icons?



Jenna Atchison



Ken Byers



Sharla Carr



Jody Colborn



Katie Curtis



Nathaniel Danielson



Davin Fischer



Nicole Gobeil



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ALLERGY ALERT

**THERE ARE DCS STUDENTS AND STAFF THAT
HAVE SERIOUS AND/OR LIFE-THREATENING
ALLERGIES TO PEANUTS, TREE NUTS,
POPCORN AND SCENTS.**

- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD WITH
PEANUTS OR OTHER TREE NUTS INTO THE
SCHOOL.**
- **DO NOT POP POPCORN AT THE SCHOOL.**
- **REFRAIN FROM WEARING STRONG SCENTS.**

**Thank you for helping provide a safe learning
environment that is accessible to all our students.**