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November 28th, 2022

Well, I hope everyone got through the first-term progress reports with our new system, Edsby. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at the school. I can try my best to walk you through the best I know how.

At the beginning of the month, I thought I would write this piece on assessment. I would connect it to our progress reports, and everything would be timed perfectly. However, after thinking about how boring that would be for you to read, just kidding... well sort of, I thought I would write about something that is near and dear to me... Being a parent.

To start, this isn't about being a good parent, many times I go to bed questioning the decisions I made or the reactions I have had towards my three children. However, despite all my mistakes as a father, one thing I am certain about is that I know my children. Please notice how I said, my children, not all children. I feel I am an expert on Grady, Isla, and Lawson. Just like I know all of you are experts on your children.

In all my years in schools, in talking to parents, I always valued listening to them tell me about their child. What it looks like when their child is happy, signs to give me a heads up when their child is upset. What inspires them, and what do they do outside of school?

I am a firm believer that we are a part of your student's education, and we need to walk alongside you in teaching your child. In my time at DES, in watching our teachers and support staff, I will say this crew, are experts in teaching. They continue to push themselves to be better in the classroom to serve our students. Our staff has an abundance of knowledge when it comes to teaching.

You, the parents and guardians of these students are experts in knowing your children. Before they walked through our doors, you were your child's first teacher. Everything that they know before Kindergarten is because of the experiences you have created for them. So I feel the most important questions we can ask you about your students are...

1. What are the hopes and dreams you have for your child at DES?
2. What can you tell me about your kiddo, that would help, to help them while they are in our care?

So, I guess the only thing left to do is to ask you these questions. No pressure... if you would like to tell me a little bit about your children, please send me your answers to me at jesse.reis@spiritsd.ca. I can't wait to read them!

DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates:

- Fri. Dec. 2—School Skating—Grade 1 & Grade 1/2
- Wed. Dec. 7—decorating at Pike Lake for Festival of Lights
- Thus. Dec. 8—decorating at Pike Lake for Festival of Lights
- Fri. Dec. 9—School Skating—Kindergarten ACE
- Fri. Dec. 16—School Skating—Kindergarten BDF
- Thurs. Dec. 22—last day of classes before Christmas Break

Conferences:

If you were not able to attend conferences on November 2nd or 3rd, please know you can contact your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning. We appreciate the feedback we received regarding this process. If you have questions or comments about this or any other matter, please reach out to our administrators, Jesse Reis and Amy Korver.

Edsby:

Progress Reports were sent out through Edsby on Friday, November 25th. If you have not received a notification for the report, or would like a paper copy or have difficulties using the Edsby app, please contact the school and we can assist you. We can be reached at 306-493-2451 or delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca or by contacting our administrative assistant, Teresa Shirley at teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca

We are using the Edsby app for communication, attendance and reporting student progress. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we learn along side families this new tool.

Attendance:

If your child will be absent from school, please let your child's teacher and /or the office know so we can enter it accordingly and to prevent unnecessary call outs from our attendance management system. Our attendance notification system will reach out to primary caregivers of students after 9:30am by email, text and automated phone calls to student's who are absent for an unknown reason. Absences can also be notified to school staff through the Edsby app. Phone messages can be left on the school's message manager advising of absences. The school can be reached at **306-493-2451**. You can also email the school at delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca or contact our administrative assistant, Teresa at teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca

Medical Information:

If your child has an allergy or medical condition we should be aware of—please let their classroom teacher know or contact the office so that in the event of an emergency situation we are able to act quickly and efficiently.

Error in small agendas:

The smaller agenda, the division II book has an error in December. It states no classes on Wednesday, December 21st—**there is in fact classes that day**. Christmas Break begins on Friday, December 23rd so the last day of classes for the calendar year is Thursday, December 22nd. Our apologies for the confusion.

Billets:

We would like each family to have someone listed as their billet. A billet is someone who lives in the town of Delisle that would be responsible to take your child in the event of an emergency such as inclement weather or water disruption and the school had to close. A billet does not have to have a child attending DES. We ask that even town families have a billet on file in the event parents or caregivers were not available. It is rare that these instances happen but in the event of an emergency it saves precious time if we have plans already in place. If you have questions about this—please speak to one of our administrators.

Communication:

Future newsletters and most communication will be sent home electronically to families to the primary caregivers of each student. If your family would like to receive newsletters and communications in paper format—**please let your child's teacher know or contact the office.** If you are aware of a family that is not currently getting our school communications—please tell them to let us know so we can ensure we have their contact information correct in our new Student Information System, Edsby.

Volunteers:

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer in our school, we would love to have your help! Your help may be shelving library books, reading with students or taking materials home to cut out, sort or organize. Volunteers working directly with students would need to have a criminal record check completed and placed on file with the school. If you would like more information or to be added to the volunteer list—please call the school or email Amy Korver, our vice-principal at amy.korver@spiritsd.ca

Bell Times:

For your reference—our bell times are as follows

- **8:50am** Bell to begin school
- 10:30am Recess
- 10:45am Classes resume
- **12:30pm** Lunch
- 12:40pm Noon recess
- 1:05pm Classes resume
- **3:00pm** Classes dismissed

Bussing:

Prairie Spirit School Division Bus Garage is located in Warman and plans and manages the bussing for the entire school division. They use an app called **MyStop** that allows families to track their bus when en-route to gauge delays or disruptions. The app also allows drivers to send “push notifications” to families phones if the bus route has been cancelled for such reasons as weather or break downs. MyStop is free to use for all smart phones and android phones. Once you have downloaded the app, please remember to choose “allow push notifications” so you receive those alerts. Information about bussing as well as cancellations can be found on the division website under the transportation tab. www.spiritsd.ca

Counselor:

Linda Peters is our school counselor. She works with our school as well as with Delisle Composite. If you would like to connect with her about concerns regarding your child—you can email her at linda.peters@spiritsd.ca

Hot Meals:

Our October Hot Meal on Halloween was a great success. We would like to thank our Hot Meal Coordinators, Tara Gessell and Amanda Souster for arranging, prepping, planning and cooking for it. We would also like to thank the following families who either made donations to help with costs or baked desserts or helped the day of the meal with serving; Amorita Hovorka, Kim Kieper, Jolene McLeay, Jolene Thompson, Trena Gessell, Amanda Radford, Tyshynski, Billet, Brown, Carr, Elliott, Thompson families. Thank you

SCC:

We would love to have you join our School Community Council. If you are interested or would like more information—please contact Jesse Reis or Amy Korver at the school. The focus of an SCC is to engage parents in student learning and well being. We have a terrific group of individuals on the committee and welcome more!

Fees:

Reminmder that fees are due for student's supplies and activity fees for the school year. Fees are \$50 for students in grades 1—6 and \$40 for kindergarten students. Fees can be sent in your child's agenda as cash, cheque, or money order and receipts will be sent home. Thank you to everyone who has already sent them in. If you would like additional time to pay these, please just let us know and we are more than happy to accomodate.

Skating:

We will be taking classes skating to the Delisle Centennial Arena on Fridays. We will rotate through a schedule and students will need a signed permission form to skate. Those permission forms will be sent home with students this week.

Thank you:

- Bonnie Elliott for another donation of paper for our use at school
- Brent Laing for the skating helmet donation
- Our library volunteers; Kim Kieper and Heather Tweedie, for helping to get the returned books back on to the shelves and back into circulation , and for reading with students.
- Gillis family for the donation of extra winter boots
- **Nutrien** for your generous sponsorship of our HBHM Breakfast Program—we sincerely appreciate your continued support and generosity



Staff Contact Information

Please call the school if you have questions, wonderings or feedback to offer. We can be reached at

306-493-2451 or by email at delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca

Kindergarten—Monica Koroluk—monica.koroluk@spiritsd.ca

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Grade 4/5—Paris Burgess—paris.burgess@spiritsd.ca

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Grade 5/6S—Justin Sauer—justin.sauer@spiritsd.ca

Principal/Physical Education—Jesse Reis—jesse.reis@spiritsd.ca

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DES Counselor—Linda Peters—linda.peters@spiritsd.ca

DES Administrative Assistant—Teresa Shirley—teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca

Our staff and students are also assisted by; Jami Hill-Wilcox, Corry Junop,
Connie Schnitzler, Lindsay Silvernagle,
and Christine Hunt as support staff.

DES Library Technician—Kristian de la Cruz

Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky



Delisle Elementary School

12 Days of Christmas

We plan to spread a little joy and holiday cheer with some exciting and fun activities and spirit days—students and guests are welcome to participate in any and all of the festivities planned.

Dec. 7—12 Days begin

Dec. 8—Two Turtle Doves—Twin Day—dress alike with someone

Dec. 9—Candy Cane Lane—Dress in red and white

Dec. 12—Mitt Toque and Scarf Day

Dec. 13—Classroom Crafts

Dec. 14—Jersey Day—wear your favorite sports team colours or jersey

Dec. 15—Holiday Hair—Don't Care—wear a Santa or Elf Hat

Dec. 16—Mad about Plaid—wear some plaid

Dec. 19—Christmas Sweater Day

Dec. 20—Classroom Crafts

Dec. 21—Merry & Bright—wear your brightest colours

Dec. 22—Treats & Movie—wear your PJ's



Messy Church Christmas

Delisle Vanscoy United Church
December 15 @ 5:30 pm
Supper, activities and stories about
Christmas!
Free for the whole family

Jingle Day

December 11, 2022

- FREE FAMILY SKATING
11:45AM TO 1:15PM AT AGT CENTENNIAL ARENA
- 1PM WAGON RIDES
AT HAROLD WORTH PARK
- FREE HOT DOGS & HOT CHOCOLATE AT
HWP CONCESSION BUILDING
- TREAT BAGS FOR THE KIDS
- SANTA PARADE THROUGH TOWN

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