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February 27th, 2023

I hope everyone had a great end to February. Over the break, I was very fortunate to bump into a few Delisle students and families. Seeing students outside the school is one of my favourite things... except now, I see some of them with families of their own and it makes me feel old.

Speaking of old, over the break I bumped into 3 of our Grade 4 students at the Martensville Hockey Rink. This is the second year a local group has put on an Barn Burner all-female hockey camp. It is amazing. My older sister Jenny, who is a teacher as well, was there watching her daughter. She noticed the three Delisle girls in their team colours and asked them if they know Mr. Reis. They all smiled and said that they do. Jen then replied, "well, here is a little secret, he is my younger brother."

The three girls looked at her with amazement and responded, "No way... He is so old!"

After hearing this story from my sister, I booked a haircut and grabbed some Just For Men, hair dye. Just kidding. For me, connections like this are so very important and I was so proud that these girls got to meet my OLDER sister and I want you all to know, I feel the same when I meet you. We spend so much time with your children that it is great to meet you and have a chance to see a part of

them in all of you.

So please, when you get a chance, I would love to read more emails about your children. When you get a chance, please email (jesse.reis@spiritsd.ca) me:

1. What are the hopes and dreams for your child at DES?
2. What can you tell me about who your child is as a learner?

I would like to finish this message by saying see you soon to a couple of staff members. Ms. Amy Korver is on Maternity Leave, she is planning on coming back next winter. Her teaching load will be replaced by Jacy Nickel.

One of our Special Education and Resource Teachers, Kim Cooper is also off. She will be working with many of the Home School Families until June 30th . Kim has been at DES for 14 years and is a huge part of our school's history. This is an amazing opportunity for her and a huge passion area. She will be replaced by Anita Roston.

We wish both Amy and Kim the best of luck and warmly welcome Jacy and Anita.

Jesse Reis and DES Staff

DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates:

- Tues. Feb. 28—Breakfast with Books—8:15am—8:55am @ DES Library, all welcome
- Fri. Mar. 3—School Skating—Grade 5/6C & Grade 5/6S
- Wed. Mar. 8—Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences— @ DES from 3:30pm—6:30pm
- Thurs. Mar. 9—Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences—@ DES from 3:30pm—6:30pm
- Fri. Mar. 10—School Skating—Grade 4 & Grade 4/5
- Wed. Mar. 15—School Ski Trip—Grade 5 and 6 students
- Fri. Mar. 17—School Skating—Grade 2 & Grade 3
- Thurs. Mar. 23—LifeTouch Spring Pictures @ 9:00am
- Fri. Mar. 24—School Skating—Grade 1 & Grade 1/2
- **Fri. Mar. 31— Day in Lieu—No Classes for students—*this day counts on the schedule***
- Fri. Apr. 7—Good Friday—No Classes
- Mon. Apr. 10—Fri. Apr. 14—Spring Break—No Classes

Edsby:

We appreciate how quickly and efficiently families have taken to this new communication tool. We also appreciate your patience as we learn and navigate it along side you. If you have any issues or haven't yet logged in with it or would like more information about it—please stop in or contact the office.

Attendance:

If your child will be absent from school, their absence can be entered into Edsby. Absences can also be communicated to your child's teacher and/or the office. Once attendance is taken at school, notifications will be sent out through Edsby of all unverified absences. 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

On days were the busses are cancelled—an absence is created for the entire bus list—notifying the school of your bus student's absence is not necessary unless they are absent for a different reason such as illness.

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.

3 Way Conferences:

Our next set of conferences is planned for Wednesday, March 8th and Thursday, March 9th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm each day. **They will be held in person at Delisle Elementary.** If you would prefer to have a phone interview or virtual interview at that time or another time that works for your family, please make those arrangements with your child's teacher. You can book your conference using the School Interviews website:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/h89vs>

The website will be open to book interview times

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 10:00am

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 families in student learning and well being. We have a terrific group of individuals on the committee and welcome more!

Fees:

As we are planning Field Trips and activities—we would like to remind families that we make these possible by the activity fee collected. Reminder 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. At this time, we are not equipped to accept e-transfers. 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 accommodate.

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

Kindergarten Registration:

Registration is open for children who will be five years of age before December 31, 2023. You can begin the process online at the following link—<https://register.spiritsd.ca/> or get a registration form from the school.



Thank you:

- Kim Kieper and Heather Tweedie for volunteering in our library and getting our books back on the shelves
- February Hot Meal volunteers and muffin bakers: Kim Kieper, Jay Andres, Jolene McLeay, Janelle Brown, Vanessa Keller, Lisa Leuty, Erin Miller, Jennifer Dudar, Katherine Junop, Tiffany Grimsdale, Leslie Janssen, Jolene Thompson, Gloria Hayes, Jade Skinner, Kristin Tweedie, Sandi Brule, Shelby Corey, Monica Colborn, Billie Parker, Marisha Dogniez, Marie Vandenhurk, Stephanie Obrigewitsch, Brittini Isaac, Anita Roston, Tara Gessell and Amanda Souster—what a generous volunteer base—thank you!
- Bennet Lenz-Mackie and Shari Ridgewell for volunteering in varying capacities in our school
- Crista Gessell and family for the donation of books for our library and classroom libraries
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Government of Canada for the Michif Resource Kit we received
- Regional KidsFirst Community Program for the Medicine Wheel Kits for each Kindergarten student
- **Nutrien** for your generous sponsorship of our HBHM Breakfast Program—we sincerely appreciate your continued support and generosity

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We had the pleasure of hosting Metis story teller, Cort Dogniez, here at DES on Wednesday, February 1st. Below are some pictures during his presentation. Ask your children about the stories he shared with us.



Each of our kindergarten students received a Medicine Wheel Kit sponsored by the Regional KidsFirst Program, a program supported through the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

"Growing up there was never any kind of acknowledgement towards indigenous peoples and their culture(s). My hubby, and kids are Cree, so seeing their culture celebrated in the school is really awesome."



The Medicine Wheel

Warning: This kit contains small pieces that can be a choking hazard. The activities in this kit should not be done without adult supervision.

The Medicine Wheel is a circular symbol with four different coloured sections. The sections represent different parts of life. Each section is the same size, which shows the importance of working towards balance in every area of life.

Even if your family is not Indigenous, it is important to learn about Indigenous culture to increase our respect and understanding of the First Peoples of Canada. Indigenous teachings contain valuable messages for all people, regardless of cultural background.

The Medicine Wheel is an important symbol in Indigenous culture throughout Canada and the United States. Each nation teaches the Medicine Wheel a little different, but the basic concepts are the same.

The themes in this kit are from the teachings of a Cree knowledge keeper and the book, *All Creation Represented* by Joyce Perrault. This kit is an introduction to the medicine wheel teachings. If you want to receive the teachings, seek out a knowledge keeper or elder in your area.

Free drop-in
program
for families

PLAY

and

LEARN

MOBILE PLAY PROGRAM

Connect with your child through play and participate in fun activities to help your child prepare for kindergarten.

All abilities are welcome!

Program Dates:

May 2nd, 9th and 30th

June 13th and 20th

10:15 am- 11:30am

Delisle Elementary School



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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE SCC?

The focus of the School Community Council is to engage parents in student learning and well-being.



It's an opportunity for parents and community members to connect with the school administration in order to support and influence the work of the school – *it's the primary link between the home, community, and school.*

There's no pressure to join!
(Attend a meeting and check it out for yourself - hybrid meetings give the option to attend either in-person or remotely)

Contact Jesse Reis (Principal) or Amy Korver (Vice Principal)

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

Grade 1—Jenna Langford—jenna.langford@spiritsd.ca

Grade 1/2—Sara Dycer—sara.dycer@spiritsd.ca

Grade 2—Nancy Wickenden—nancy.wickenden@spiritsd.ca

Grade 3—Alyssa Willems—alyssa.willems@spiritsd.ca

Grade 4—Sarah Jackson—sarah.jackson@spiritsd.ca

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

Grade 5/6C—Carly Chapman—carly.chapman@spiritsd.ca

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

Principal—Jesse Reis—jesse.reis@spiritsd.ca

Phys. Ed Teacher & Literacy Resource—Jacy Nickel—jacy.nickel@spiritsd.ca

Special Education Resource Teacher—Brie Fritz brie.fritz@spiritsd.ca &

Anita Roston anita.roston@spiritsd.ca

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, Lisa Merkosky, and Carol Lynn Thomas as support staff.

DES Library Technician—Kristian de la Cruz

Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky





IT'S STORYTIME!

**MONDAY
MARCH 20
1 - 1:30**

Delisle Library
(306)493-8288

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YOUTH BADMINTON CLUB
Thursdays 7-8:30pm DCS Gym
March 2 until June 1, 2023

Ages 8 to 18

Certified Instructor
Brin Jensen

Fees: \$40 per month/participant
or \$120 for all sessions
to register please email the
rec office at
todelrec@gmail.com

Participants are required to supply
own racquets & indoor shoes
eye protection is optional but
recommended



March 2023

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26	27 Day C	28 Day D	29 Day E	30 Day F	31 Day A *Day in Lieu—no classes—counts on schedule*	