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January 25th, 2023

Happy February Delisle Families

We have officially hit the halfway point of the school year. These last 5 months always fly by so fast. In the December newsletter and in a January video, I asked our families a couple of questions. They were...

1. What are the hopes and dreams of your child at DES?
2. Is there anything you can tell us about how your child learns, that would help us at DES?

I just thought I would give you some reasoning as to why I feel these questions are important. So, please, when you get a moment, I would love to read them. So here is my why...

Outside of this community, I have 3 children. Grady (15), Isla (13), and Lawson (6). Their school experiences have been very different and Kelly (my wife) and my conversations with teachers have been very different.

Grady is a typical 1<sup>st</sup> born; he never wants to make a mistake. School has always been easy for Grady but as a parent, I would like him to push himself more and be more creative. His marks are great, and teachers love him but as a middle child myself, this drives me crazy.

Isla is the complete opposite, the second born, she leads with her heart, doesn't use her head, learns from her mistakes... sometimes, and is a lot like her father. This also drives me crazy. Just like it drove my parents crazy. Isla has found the structure of the school more difficult and as parents, we have struggled with Isla. What I want her teachers to know is how creative she is. When she was younger, she could make anything out of a cardboard box. It made a huge mess but we always admired how she could critically think. It never was perfect or pretty but always worked for her. Now she doesn't build stuff for her toys, she creates whatever for her

younger sister.

Lawson... is a good mix of both, I guess being 10 and 8 years younger, she has had a lot of time to learn from her older siblings. She picks stuff up pretty quickly like her brother but loves art projects like her sister. Seeing that we have always dragged her to everything of the older two and she went through two years of a pandemic, we do find Lawson shy than Grady and Isla. It takes her longer to warm up to people and she gets anxious easier.

So why is this important? Three kids from the same two people, who are all vastly different. They learn differently, respond differently, and people look at them differently. However, I want them all to love school and enjoy going every day.

I take great pride in seeing how well our staff know your children. This crew here at DES goes above and beyond building relationships with our students. However, you are the experts of your children, you are their first teachers, and you know things about them we may not know yet. Sharing this with us helps us walk alongside you in their learning journey.

Have a great February and enjoy the longer days. Thank you to those planning to come out for Books and Breakfast. For those that cannot, there will be more opportunities to come!!!!

Jesse Reis and the DES Staff

**Breakfast with Books**  
**Thursday, January 26th**  
**8:15am—8:50am**

Come if you can and join us in the DES library for a bagel and a book



DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Important Dates:

- Thurs. Jan. 26 Breakfast with Books—please join us if you are able for a morning snack and coffee, along with your child(ren) and join us in the library to read your favorite books together between 8:15am and 8:50am to celebrate Literacy
- Thurs. Jan. 26—SCC Meeting—@DES at 7pm or contact the school for the virtual link
- Fri. Jan. 27—School Skating—Grade 2 & Grade 3
- **Tues. Jan. 31—No classes—Preparation time**
- Fri. Feb. 3—School Skating—Grade 1 & Grade 1/2
- Fri. Feb. 10—School Skating—Kindergarten BDF
- Fri. Feb. 17—School Skating—Kindergarten ACE
- **Mon. Feb. 20— Fri. Feb. 24—Winter Break—No classes**
- Mon. Feb. 27—Classes resume—Day B—Kinder BDF attends
- Fri. Mar. 3—School Skating—Grade 5/6C & Grade 5/6S
- 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

## 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](mailto:delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca) or contact our administrative assistant, Teresa, at [teresa.shirley@spiritsd.ca](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:amy.korver@spiritsd.ca)

## 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! Our next meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 7pm—you can attend in person at the DES Library or we can send a link to join the meeting virtually.

## 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](mailto: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
- To our January Hot Meal Volunteers and families that made monetary and/or baking donations including the following people—Vanessa Keller, Amorita Hovorka, Zabrina Zoerb, Kim Kieper, Marie Vandenhurk, Graham Miller, Elisa Gibson, Monica Colborn, Amanda Cisecki, Kim Kieper, Justin Nichol, Ann Kielo, Marie Vandenhurk, Jolene Thompson, Anita Roston, Katherine Junop, Vanessa Keller, Sharon Gessell as well as our Hot Meal Coordinators—Tara Gessell and Amanda Souster
- Bennet Lenz-Mackie and Shari Ridgewell for volunteering in varying capacities in our school
- **Nutrien** for your generous sponsorship of our HBHM Breakfast Program—we sincerely appreciate your continued support and generosity

  
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**Barbie NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
**7PM @ DELISLE/VANSCOY**  
**UNITED CHURCH**

**316 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST, DELISLE**

*An evening designed for Barbie lovers of all ages but especially children!*

*The evening includes:*

- 🎟 Door prizes
- 🎟 Raffle items
- 🎟 Items for sale (Barbie clothing, accessories, dolls, etc.)
- 🎟 Short program
- 🎟 Snacks

**THEME: CAREERS**

**COME DRESSED AS WHAT YOU WANT**

**TO DO WHEN YOU GROW UP.**

**YOU & BARBIE CAN DO ANYTHING!!!**

**\$4.00 FOR ADULTS**

**\$2.00 FOR CHILDREN**



# 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](mailto:delisleelementary@spiritsd.ca)

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

DES Library Technician—Kristian de la Cruz

Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky



# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day A Kinder ACE	2 Day B Kinder BDF	3 Day C Kinder ACE School Skating Gr. 1 & Gr. 1/2	4  4
5	6 Day D Kinder BDF	7 Day E Kinder ACE	8 Day F Kinder BDF	9 Day A Kinder ACE	10 Day B Kinder BDF School Skating Kinder BDF	11  11
12 	13 Day C Kinder ACE	14 Day D Kinder BDF	15 Day E Kinder ACE	16 Day F Kinder BDF	17 Day A Kinder ACE School Skating Kinder ACE	18  18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Winter Break—No Classes				
26	27 Day B Kinder BDF	28 Day C Kinder ACE				