

## Safe... Caring... Learning...

### September 28th, 2023

Hey DES Families.

Well... that was fast. September has come and gone... but what a beautiful month it was. It is definitely my favourite month of the year.

Throughout this month my message to staff and families has been to "start the conversation." We tried to set up a couple of opportunities to do that this month with our open house and the earlier Parent-Teacher Conferences. The hope was to have a lowstakes opportunity where our teachers could meet our families. Questions like "what can you tell me about your child" or "what are your hopes for them in my classroom", were places to start and in talking to our teachers, I know that the conversations grew to interests of the student and family, possible support options, classroom content or direction, and many other pieces as your child continues on their learning journey.

The decision to move to earlier Conferences was not an easy decision, knowing that DES and many other schools have had their interviews in October for as long as I can remember. All of my children have them in October still. When I surveyed parents last year after our first set of interviews a question I asked was, What do you feel is the purpose of the first set of PTC's? The responses I most commonly read were:

- To get to know my child's teacher
- To see how they are doing (academically and socially)
- To see if there are any concerns we can talk about

So here is where the conversation starts. Our hope is that we can get this information earlier to better support your child in the classroom. The reason why we did the Open House first and then 2 weeks later the interviews was purposeful. The first meeting had zero agenda and the second was to build the connection. We will set up many opportunities for conversations throughout the year. Always feel free to reach out to me or our staff by phone, email, or Edsby. Our progress reports are other pieces of this conversation as well, where we can tell you where your child is in relation to the curriculum.

My goal with our amazing school (to me, "our" means families, students, and staff together) is to ensure we are together in educating your children. If you take a look at the staff wall in our school at what our staff want for your children, you will see words like safe, welcomed, belonged... I want you to feel that way too.

Jesse Reis DES Staff

# Delisle Elementary School

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#### **Important Dates:**

- Thurs. Sept. 28—Orange Shirt Day in recognition of Every Child Matters and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Fri. Sept. 29—No Classes—Day in Lieu for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Tues. Oct. 3—LifeTouch Picture Day—individual and class pictures beginning at 9am
- Wed. Oct. 4—Cross Country Meet at River Ridge Trails near Langham—bus leaving DES at 9am returning by 2:55pm
- Fri. Oct. 6—No Classes—Preparation time and professional development
- Mon. Oct. 9—No Classes—Thanksgiving
- Mon. Oct. 16—setting up our Tipi with Knowledge Keeper—Mr. Lyndon Linklater
- Fri. Oct. 27—No Classes—Day in Lieu of Interviews/Conferences—this day counts on the schedule
- Thurs. Nov. 9—LifeTouch Picture Retakes—beginning at 9am—11am—for Kinder ACE group and anyone not in attendance or wanting retakes
- Fri. Nov. 10—No Classes—Preparation time
- Mon. Nov. 13—No Classes—Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day

We would like to introduce you to Bennet Lenz. Bennet has been volunteering at Delisle Elementary for almost a year, along with Shari Ridgewell. Bennet will continue to volunteer on her own for the upcoming school year. Bennet's bio continues below:

I am 21 years old. I speak some French because I attended French immersion from kindergarten to grade 8.

I was born in Nipawin but grew up on an acreage between Delisle and Pike Lake. I have recently moved out and am living independently.

I was involved in a motor vehicle collision in 2019- which shifted my life. It's been a tough road to recovery and my goals have moved towards community, helping others and finding joy amongst kids.

I am grateful to be a part of the Delisle Elementary School 🚭



We are so grateful to have Bennet volunteer at DES weekly, assisting staff and students and sharing their wonderful zest for life, amazing smile, heartwarming charm and tremendous humor. Please say hello to Bennet when you see them at DES.

### Staff Contact Information

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

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Grade 3/4—Sarah Jackson—sarah.jackson@spiritsd.ca

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Our staff and students are also assisted by; Jami Hill-Wilcox, Corry Junop,

Connie Schnitzler, Lindsay Silvernagle, Carol Lynn Thomas as support staff.

DES Library Technician—Kristian de la Cruz

Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Sat
1	2 Day A	3 Day B	4 Day C Cross Country @ Langham	5 Day D	6 No Classes— Preparation Day & PD	7
8	9 No Classes—— Thanksgiving	10 Day E	11 Day F	12 Day A	13 Day B	14
15	16 Day C Setting up Tipi with Knowledgekeeper Lyndon Linklater	17 Day D	18 Day E	19 Day F	20 Day A	21
22	23 Day B	24 Day C	25 Day D	26 Day E	27 Day F HOW- EVER—NO CLAS- SES—Day in Lieu	28
29	30 Day A	31 Day B				

# The Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society—Annual Fair held during Fall Fest at the Delisle Senior Centre on Saturday, September 9th







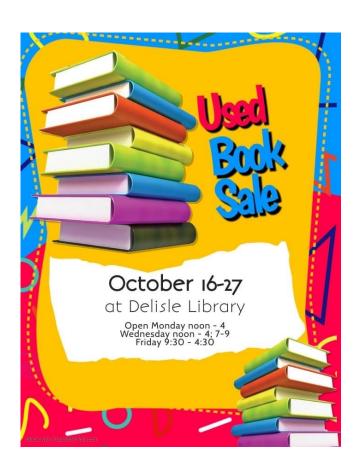




The Vanscoy & District Agricultural Society is pleased to announce that we had an incredible fair this year! We had many families enter the exhibits and a huge thank you to the staff at DES for submitting student school work on behalf of the students as well.

Please consider entries for next year's fair as your children create and bring home materials during the school year.





# How are the Children?

**Early Childhood Development Information** 



Seek support for hurt, anger & worry

♠ Try to stay positive

Establish and maintain a consistent routine

It is not a competition between two homes

♠ Try to co-parent as a team



Link: coparenting.ca/

