



Safe... CaRING... LEARNING...

April 25th, 2024

It's officially spring... let's hope I didn't jinx it, we have had snow in May.

Every month I am gifted the opportunity to write a message to our families. As I sit down my head fills with so many thoughts of what I want to say, at times, it is very difficult for me to sift through and create a clear message. With that being said, despite my stories and connections, I hope that this newsletter closes the gap and brings together the home and school and that you see how great this place is.

The last few months have been difficult for families and schools. I understand that and appreciate all of your support. Just like you, I am a parent as well and have had to organize lunches with Grandma for my daughter Lawson or rely on our teenagers to help more. With Job Action affecting our communities, at times we forget that we are together in this. Your children are our students and we all want the best for them.

A term that has been used a lot over the last few months during these negotiations has been "**Classroom Complexity.**" I would like the opportunity to best explain this from my perspective. This isn't meant to be political or to sway opinion, but if schools are using it, I feel it is important to start a discussion on what it is. To start, I feel that schools are amazing places, DES is amazing, but I understand that everyone's experiences are different. That is okay. I know that I have been privileged to feel comfort in these buildings and not everyone feels the same. I started school as a 5-year-old, and almost 40 years later, haven't really left. However, when I think about this, what have I noticed over this time... **is that schools are working to get better for ALL students.**

As educators, we know more about our students than ever before. We are getting better at knowing who they are as learners and what experiences they are bringing into the classroom. I talked about this in my February message, with

Shelley Moore's description of students' identity as learners in our schools. We better understand student behavior, trauma, environment, student mental health, and children's intellectual needs. Teachers work to address these all while students learn how to read, regulate, work with numbers, and be good friends. Like anything, progress is great. I believe that when we know better, we can do better. However, now that we know more, this has made our classrooms more diverse than ever and in some cases quite large. Throw in students from many different backgrounds, and implications of technology and social media... I hear the word skibbity a million times a day and the complexities I struggle with as a parent, I struggle with as a teacher. So many times I have heard how kids are different today than when we were in school...

From my experience, as educators, we feel all that we have learned over the years helps us in our rooms, where we are struggling and what makes this complex, is the structures of these classrooms have not changed. The teaching has... the setup and support hasn't. We use current best practices in our rooms to address student needs and access support from people in our division to help our teachers grow and create the best environments to learn, but this also requires time and funding.

The people in this building are terrific at what they do. They give huge pieces of themselves because they love seeing the joy of learning and care about your children. They want an environment where all students see themselves as learners and like an out-of-shape principal, want to stay for 40-plus years.

Jesse Reis

DES Staff

## DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Important Dates:

- Monday, April 29—deadline for Hot Meal orders
- Tuesday, April 30—SHA immunizations for grade 6 students
- Tuesday, April 30—Mental Health Presentation for families—at DCS 6:30pm—see poster Pg. 5
- Wednesday, May 1—Grade 1 SHA dental health screenings at DES
- Thursday, May 2—Recess Guardians Training for selected grade 4, 5 and 6 students
- Friday, May 3—Hot Meal—for those that ordered—provided by Robin’s Nest in Vanscoy
- Tuesday, May 7—Grade 7 Orientation at DCS for current grade 6 students
- Wednesday, May 8—SCC Presentation by Colette Bourgonje—1pm
- **Friday, May 10—No Classes—Preparation Time**
- **Monday, May 20—No Classes – Victoria Day**
- **Monday, June 3—No Classes—Preparation time and professional development for teachers**
- Tuesday, June 4—Field Trip—Grade 1, 1/2 and Grade 2 to the Forestry Farm
- Wednesday, June 5—Fun Night (tentative date)
- Thursday, June 6—Field Trip — Kindergarten to the Children’s Festival

## Thank you!

- Bennet Lenz for their continued volunteerism at DES with staff and students
- Ellen Fraser for volunteering to read with students each Monday
- Ellen Fraser for baking and donating cookies for our HBHM program
- Crista Gessell for the donation of books for our library
- Anita Roston and Kim Kieper for organizing a Hot Meal on May 3
- Farm Credit Canada for their donation to our Accessible Playground
- Delisle Sports Celebrity Dinner Grant Program for their donation to our Accessible Playground
- Donna Vandenameele, our former Administrative Assistant, for her generous donation to the Accessible Playground
- Delisle Community Players for their generous donation to the Accessible Playground

## Kindergarten Registration:

Registration is open for children who will be five years of age before December 31, 2024. You can begin the process online at the following link—<https://register.spiritsd.ca/> or get a registration form from the school.



## **Edsby:**

We continue to use Edsby as a communication tool as well as for attendance notifications and sharing student progress reports. If you have any issues or haven't yet logged in with Edsby, 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)

## **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.

## **Media Consent:**

All schools require each student to have a media consent on file. It needs to be completed once and will remain on the student's profile until they are no longer a student in Prairie Spirit School Division or families would like to change consent on the form. If you have not completed this, please fill out the form and return to school. Any new registrations going forward, this consent is built in to the registration process. The consent form is used regarding images and/or names of students shared with the public, possibly through school division publications, media coverage, video coverage, or on websites. Further details and descriptions are listed on the Consent Form.

## **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)

## **Volunteerism:**

Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering within DES. Volunteers have helped us in the library, classroom, with projects and clubs. Volunteers require a Criminal Record Check on file at the school prior to any activity. These can be attained at the RCMP detachment in Delisle.

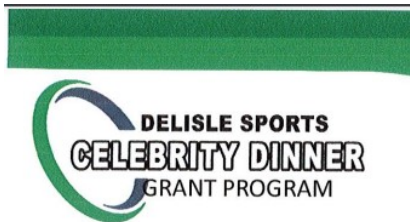
## **Fees:**

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 \$55 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. Fees can also be paid online through Rycor with a credit card. If you need information to get started using this, please reach out to the office.

## DES Accessible Playground Fundraising Efforts

We continue to fundraise for the development of a new accessible playground that will allow all kids to play and enjoy.

The following have generously donated to our project thus far:



*Thank  
You*



Also several donations that came through the fundraising efforts of our SCC Annual Fun Night in June.

Personal donations from local students and community members have also been received.

We appreciate every single penny as we collect and build this community project for all.





# OUR COMMUNITY OUR MENTAL WELLNESS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

**SPONSORED BY:**

**DELISLE COMPOSITE SCHOOL SCC**

*Everyone  
welcome!*

**BRAD SHARES,  
EDUCATES & HELPS US  
RECOGNIZE  
STRUGGLES;  
ALL WHILE BUILDING  
SUCCESSFUL MENTAL  
HEALTH STRATEGIES.**

**APRIL 30, 2024  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
DELISLE COMPOSITE  
SCHOOL GYM**

**FREE EVENT  
COMPLIMENTARY  
CHILDCARE  
COFFEE/TEA  
AVAILABLE**

*Award Winning Mental Health Educator*



*Brad Siroski*



# **KIDS FISHING DERBY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Where: EAGLE CREEK  
REGIONAL PARK**

**Time: 10 AM to 3PM**

**Free for all kids  
15 and under....**

**Prizes to be  
won!**

**Free drink and  
Hot dog**



For more information please contact:  
Susan Pezderic @ 306-370-5905

The Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation is hosting our annual Childrens' Fish Derby at Eagle Creek Regional Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. This fun event exposes children to the great outdoors and the values of conservation.

- The Fish Derby is for those 15 years and younger but older family members can fish (no cost) with a valid Sk. angling license
- The Eagle Creek Concession-Restaurant is open on Fish Derby day
- The gate fee is waved for those participating in the Fish Derby



Delisle Library

# STORY TIME

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May 13

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1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

201-1st St. W



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**Delisle Library**  
(306) 493-8288

Open Mondays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Fridays 9:30 - 4:30



Join us at Farm One Forty (15 minutes west of Saskatoon) for an unforgettable week of learning, exploring and creating!

Through hands-on activities your child will have fun, build confidence and create friendships. We want to help them connect to where their food comes from and the nature around them. They will get a meaningful and educational glimpse into daily life on a working mixed farm. Learning to care for animals and the earth in a regenerative way will leave them feeling hopeful and energized.

VISIT [WWW.FARMONEFORTY.CA/EVENTS](http://WWW.FARMONEFORTY.CA/EVENTS) FOR MORE INFO

THIS CAMP IS FOR  
CHILDREN AGES 7-11  
\$335/CHILD



*Instructed camp hours 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
With optional after care until 5:00 pm*



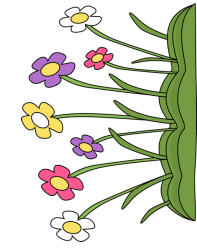
JULY 22-25 & JULY 29-AUG 1

Farm One Forty Kids Camp—local kids camp located near Vanscoy  
Arlie LaRoche

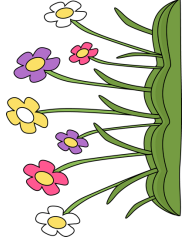
[www.farmoneforty.ca](http://www.farmoneforty.ca)

Vanscoy, SK ~ 306-381-8931





# May 2024



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<b>5</b>	<b>6 KBDF</b>	<b>7 KACE</b>	<b>8 KBDF</b> SCC Presents—Colette Bourgonje	<b>9 KACE</b>	<b>10</b> No Classes—Preparation time	<b>11</b>	
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> No Classes—Victoria Day	<b>21 KACE</b>	<b>22 KBDF</b>	<b>23 KACE</b>	<b>24 KBDF</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>27 KACE</b>	<b>28 KBDF</b>	<b>29 KACE</b>	<b>30 KBDF</b>	<b>31 KACE</b> Jump Rope for Heart 		

