



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

March 28th, 2024

Hey DES families,

I've been on a huge Ted Lasso kick over the last few years. Since it came out really. If you haven't seen it, I've started watching it again. Not only is it extremely funny, but I find it is the type of show that makes me feel good. The feeling I get from it reminds me of a former colleague I worked with at Warman High School, Mark Epp. He is an amazing person. If I was having a bad day, I would make my way to his room start a discussion around anything, and 10 minutes later leave feeling like Superman. I could never figure out what it was he actually said, but he just had a way where he listened to me and always asked the right questions. He was always curious, and never judgmental.

There is a great scene in Ted Lasso where Ted is playing darts against the show's antagonist, Rupert. Short clip [here](#). Ted throws out the Walt Whitman quote I mentioned above, "Be curious, not judgmental," as he reflects on how people have always "underestimated him his whole life." I think a lot about this quote as I try to be a good parent, husband, brother, educator, and citizen. I think about this when I notice people do something that I typically wouldn't do. It has changed and continues to change me as a person.

I bring this up because I wonder how this approach works as we walk together to educate our children. I know I have mentioned this before, but I am a firm believer that education starts from birth and continues our whole lives, and for 7 years at DES, we share in this responsibility together. When I talk to parents about their children, I love seeing how they light up in the conversation. I see this in our staff as well, our building is filled with care and compassion working with the children in this community.

An example of this happened a couple of weeks ago, a parent came in to talk and had some questions for me about some of the choices I made around lunch break and times in the day. He didn't say the decision was bad or I was wrong in what I was doing, he asked about how I determine the times in our day and the breaks that the students get. He came in curious, not judgmental. This was great, because it opened up a great conversation that was safe. I was able to explain, like all decisions at our school, we do our best to ensure that we are thinking about the students within the constraints we are given. I was able to explain the decision was based on mandated instructional time in front of students, squashed between a very tight bus schedule that has 9 yellow machines going to other communities in our region. I hope this parent left the conversation feeling answered, listened to, and supported. I know I did.

Everything we do in our building has a purpose and the people in the building, big and small, are our first priority. DES cares about all those who walk in our doors and we are going to do whatever it takes to continue to ensure that this remains a great place for all.

Have a great Easter weekend, and week with your little ones. See you in April

Jesse Reis
Principal

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Important Dates:

- Thursday, March 28—Progress Reports available on Edsby after 3pm
- Friday, March 29—Good Friday—No Classes
- Monday, April 1—Friday, April 5—No Classes – Spring Break
- Monday, April 8—Classes resume—Day A—Kinder ACE attends
- Thursday, April 11—Recess Guardians—Grade 4, 5, and 6 students
- Tuesday, April 16—LifeTouch Spring Pictures—9am—11am—DES gym
- Monday, April 22—No Classes—Preparation Time for teachers
- 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

Thank you!

- Bennet Lenz for their continued volunteerism at DES with staff and students
- Ellen Fraser for volunteering to read with students each Monday
- To Farm Credit Canada for their donation to our Accessible Playground
- To all families that purchased pizza kits from Little Caesars—and your flexibility in our last minute change in pick up arrangements and location—we appreciate it
- To our SCC committee for organizing the Little Caesars Fundraiser to support our Accessible Playground — we raised \$1126.00

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.



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.

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 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.

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

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.



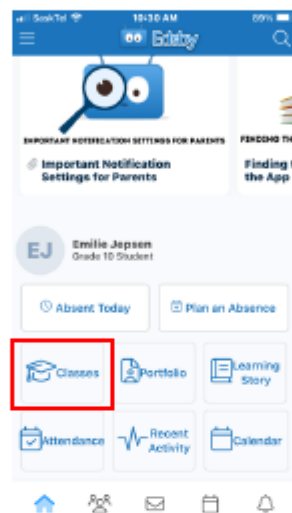
Accessing Your Child's Progress Report

Before trying to access the report, first make sure that your app is up to date. Simply deleting and reloading the app will ensure you have the most recent version.

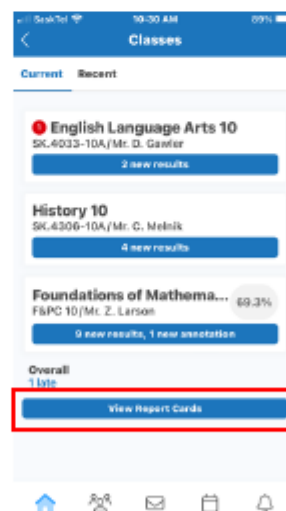
When report cards have been published you should receive a notification in your Edsby app. The direct link to the report card may not work. If this is the case, you can access the report card by following these steps.

Accessing the Progress Report from Your Phone

From the home screen, click on the "Classes" button.



Scroll down to the bottom of the class list and click on the "View Report Cards" button.



If you scroll to the right, you should be able to find a drop-down menu where you can select which progress report you would like to view. If your child is taking classes in more than one school (ex. travelling to a different school for PAA courses or taking a course online with Spirit eLearning) you will find those progress reports here as well.

This view of the report card can be frustrating as it requires a lot of scrolling back and forth. Accessing the report card from a browser on a laptop or desktop eliminates this problem.



Accessing the Progress Report from Your Desktop/Laptop

Once you log into Edsby, you will see your child’s class list on the left-hand side of the screen. Again, scroll down to the bottom of the list and click on the “View Report Cards” button.

The screenshot shows the Edsby interface for user Emilie Jepsen. On the left, under 'Classes', there are three class entries: English Language Arts 10, History 10, and Foundations of Mathematics 10. The 'Foundations of Mathematics 10' entry has a red box around a 'View Report Cards' button. The 'Recent Activity' section shows a list of assignments and tests for the 'Foundations of Mathematics 10' class. On the right, there is a 'Schedule Absence' panel for 'Thu, Mar 9' showing 'Nothing scheduled'.

On a desktop, the drop-down menu to select the report card is much easier to see and navigate.

The screenshot shows the 'Report Cards' section. A red box highlights a drop-down menu with the text '2023 T1(Borden Composite School)'.

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:



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.



Delisle Wheatland Library
(306) 493-8288

Open Mondays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
& 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Fridays 9:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.



Delisle Library

SILENT AUCTION

April 17 - May 6

MAKE YOUR BID!

Bidding closes at
4:00 PM
Monday, May 6

Photos Of Auction Items And The Bid Book Will Be In The Hallway By The Library

For More Information Call (306)493-8288

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DELISLE LIBRARY

Coffee and BBQ Rub Fundraiser

Apr. 17 - May 8

Choose From 6 Blends Of Rampage Coffee
And 8 Different Rave BBQ Rubs

Please support our library by purchasing these great local products!
Available at the Delisle Library, Prairie Centre Credit Union (Delisle),
Library Board Members and Credit Union Staff

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How are the Children?

Early Childhood Development Information

Farm Safety

Teach children to:

- Be careful around farm animals ~ stay outside the fence.
- Never get between a mother animal and her baby.
- Stay away from farm machines ~ never play on them.
- Stay away from water in dams, tanks, and creeks.
- Keep out of barns, granaries and work areas.
- Ask an adult before they drink or eat anything found outdoors.



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POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

Support children to learn and grow.

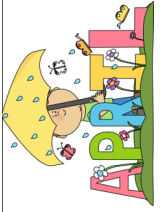


Model behaviours
you want to see:

Share with others,
speak calmly, be
kind, be active.


Most of the
learning done in
early childhood
is through
watching and
copying





April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Spring Break—No Classes					
7	8 Kinder ACE	9 Kinder BDF	10 Kinder ACE	11 Kinder BDF	12 Kinder ACE	13
14	15 Kinder BDF	16 Kinder ACE LifeTouch Spring Pictures 9am—11am 	17 Kinder BDF	18 Kinder ACE	19 Kinder BDF	20
21	22 No Classes—Prep. Time for teachers	23 Kinder ACE	24 Kinder BDF	25 Kinder ACE	26 Kinder BDF	27
28	29 Kinder ACE	30 Kinder BDF				