



Safe... CaRING... LeARNING...

May 29th, 2024

Happy Spring Delisle Elementary Families

Spring is officially here, I live north of the city and the rain was welcomed in the area where I live. Everything is so green and full of life. The same in our schools.

This is a very busy time. Ten months seem to come and go very quickly, but for our learners, it can seem very long. I spent many of my teaching years in the high school setting, with finals, finishing assignments, and for some students thinking about what lies ahead, June becomes very stressful. I say this because, at a time when we see more sunlight with longer days and extra activities outside, we think we should be more energized seeing the finish line. My experience as a parent and in schools tells me the opposite. At home, my kids are tired and longing for a break, I see it in our students as well. I don't look forward to the end of this year, but I love the reset we get in July and August.

I want to share some of our successes with you from this year. Our goal was support our students in their foundational skills in Literacy. As a staff, our adult learning was directed to improve our knowledge and teaching practice to improve on the explicit teaching of reading. Our staff jumped into using a program called UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) as support. We assessed our students multiple times throughout the year using a Phonics Screener that allowed us to see areas of strength and areas where students need a bit more time. All staff supported readers in their classrooms and in small groups when needed. We understand that before we can ask our students to comprehend what they are reading, they need to be very proficient readers. If a student is working to decode (sound out) words, it is difficult for them to understand what they are reading.

Our results... were great. Here's what happened.

- Using our screener, we could identify specific areas of student need.
- We saw growth in our students in all grades. The more proficient students, we could find ways to extend their learning. We know that all students learn at different paces.
- Our teachers are finding ways to bring in and teach the explicit teaching of reading skills

What's up for 2024-25 in Literacy? We will continue on this journey and we will look to find more ways to share what we know with our families. Our students will continue to practice these skills at all grade levels. With my Phys Ed background, I compare this to the skills we acquire in the gym. Basketball shooting is a great example. Just because someone can shoot free throws well, doesn't mean we stop practicing. The more our students are automatic with their translating words to speech, the better they will be able to understand. This year we have introduced some AI in our classes to support our students, we will continue using a program called Project Read into next year. Finally, we want to connect what we learn and share it with DCS. Learning how to read is a role we all play a part in and they are eager to learn what we have.

Have a great June... I hope to see you all at Pike Lake Pool, the Track Meet and every morning and after school.

Jesse Reis and DES Staff

DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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On Wednesday, May 8th, DES had the privilege of hosting Colette Bourgonje in our school. Colette talked about how she came to be paraplegic after a car accident when she was 18 years old, about her journey through university to become a physical education teacher, and her achievements as a Para-Olympic Athlete.

Colette's message centered around community, a positive mind set and believing in yourself.

Colette has travelled across the world competing in her events and has won 5 Olympic medals. Thank you to the DES SCC and Lisa Merkosky for arranging and planning for Colette to be in our school.

A huge thank you to Colette, for her generous donation to the accessible playground, and travelling to DES to share her story.



Important Dates:

- Thursday, May 30—SCC AGM and Elections—7pm @ DES Library—all welcome to attend
- Friday, May 31—Annual Jump Rope for Heart
- **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
- Thursday, June 6—Field Trip — Kindergarten to the Children's Festival
- Friday, June 7—Field Trip—Grade 6 Bike Trip to Meewasin
- Wednesday, June 12—Field Trip—Grade 5/6 Field Trip to Schnitzler Farm
- Thursday, June 13—Track Day at DES—events will begin at 10:00am
- Tuesday, June 18—DES Swim Day at Pike Lake Pool
- Friday, June 21—Kindergarten Graduation—both classes—DES Library
- Tuesday, June 25—Field Trip—Grade 3 and Grade 3/4—Wonderhub
- Tuesday, June 25—Grade 6 Farewell @ Pike Lake Provincial Park
- Thursday, June 27—last day of classes
- **Friday, June 28—No Classes—Preparation time**

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
- 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
- Town of Delisle—for the topsoil in our garden boxes
- To all the amazing families that donated Rice Krispie Cake for our May Hot Meal and those that came to help prepare, serve and clean up the meal as well
- Delisle & District Recreation Association and Amanda Radford for the donation of craft supplies
- Donna Walker for the donation of a National Geographic Set to our library
- Tara Gessell for her gift of yarn for projects
- RM Review for our Accessible Playground Fundraiser advertisement
- Goose Lake Lodge for the donation of a children's bike and helmet as a prize for an upcoming Reading Challenge

DES Community Garden

Delisle Elementary School is trying to bring back our garden! We need volunteers over the summer to come and help us keep it beautiful and maintained. We are hoping families can sign up for a week and volunteer to pull weeds during that time. We will take care of the watering. Please email connie.schnitzler@spiritsd.ca or anita.roston@spiritsd.ca to sign up today! Thank you for your continued support and thank you to the Town of Delisle for the topsoil for our new garden boxes!



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. We are not set up for e-transfer at this time, however Rycor allows for credit card payments. The program, once set up, can be used throughout all grades with one sign, adding each member of your family.

1. Click on this link to take you to the online payment system (Rycor) or copy and paste to your browser: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/spiritsd>

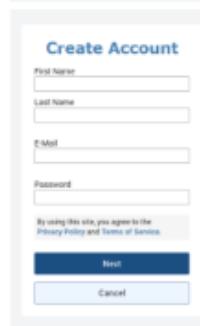
2. If you used Rycor to make online payments last year, your account will already be set up. Click **Forgot Password** and follow the steps to set a new password.



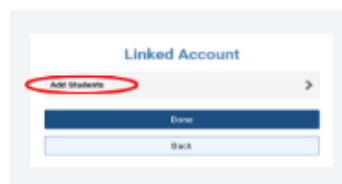
3. If Rycor is new for you this year, click **Create Account**



4. Enter personal details and click **Next**



5. Click **Add Students**



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.

The DES SCC AGM and Election will be held on Thursday, May 30th at the school at 7:00pm.

Nomination form below. Please consider joining or nominating someone who would like to be involved with our School Community Council. The goal of our SCC is to promote the learning success and well being of our students in a safe and caring environment through family and community engagement.



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION**
Learners for Life

School Community Council Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Contact Information (*Candidates are encouraged to create a short written statement about themselves and why they want to join the SCC. This will be shared with voters as they make their decisions about whom to vote for. Please include this statement with your completed Nomination Form*):

Nominee Signature: _____

I am standing for election as (*Check One*):

a Parent

a Community Member

Supporting Parent or Community Member

Name: _____

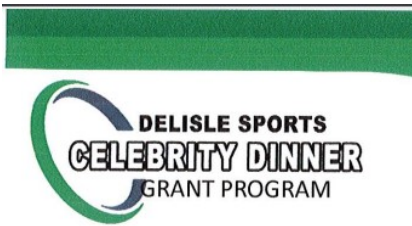
Signature: _____

Please complete and drop off at the school office on or before our School Community Council election on _____

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.



How are the Children?

Early Childhood Development Information

Setting Limits

A limit helps children learn what is ok and what is not ok.

Children do best when they know what is expected of them.

Practice setting limits with your child.

Limits are created to keep your child safe.

Remember **A.C.T.** to help you set limits:

A- Acknowledge their feeling.

C- Communicate the limit.

T- Target the alternative choices.



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THE POWER OF TOUCH

Touch is the first sense to develop. It helps build healthy attachment, physical health, and brain growth. Gentle touch like hugs and high-5s teach children to love, learn, and communicate.



During drop offs or pick ups give a hug to calm your child and assure them you will be back.



During bedtime routine, cuddle while you read a story. It's a great time to connect!



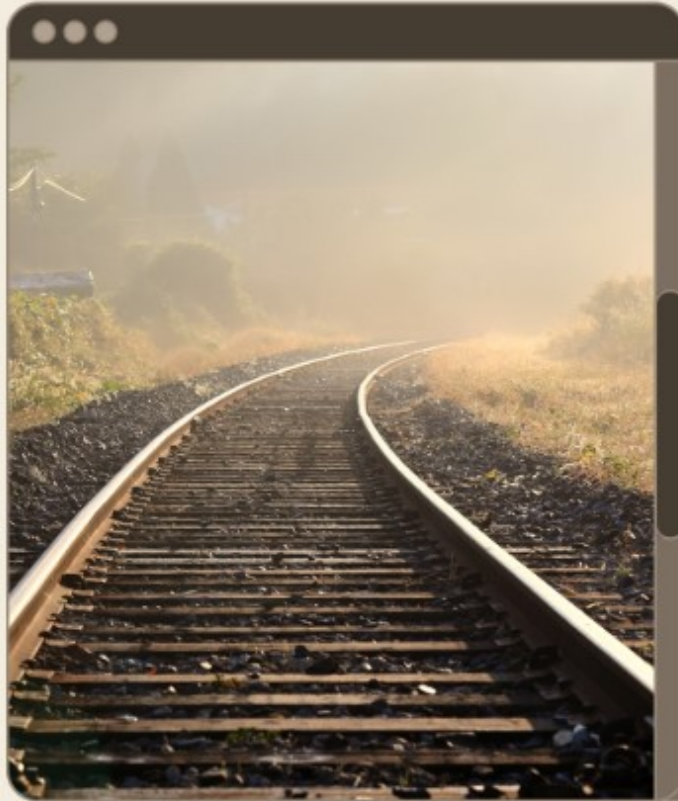
Start in infancy, so that gentle touch in later years will be accepted and calming during a tantrum or meltdown.



When your child shares something congratulate or comfort them with words and touch like a hug, backrub, or handhold.



ALL ABOARD!
**SUMMER
READING CLUB
AT
DELISLE LIBRARY**



Stay tuned for an exciting
journey ahead.

Delisle Wheatland Library

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

306-493-8288



KIDS FISHING DERBY

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

**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**

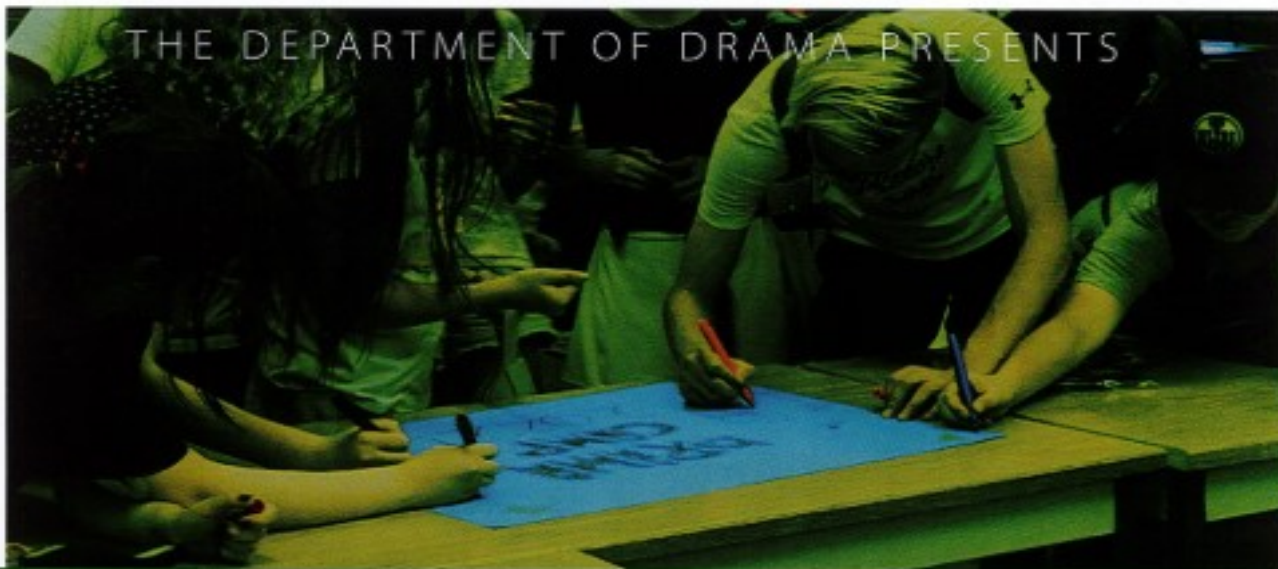


For more information please contact:
Susan Pezderic @ 306-370-5905

The Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation is hosting our annual Childrens' Fish Derby at Eagle Creek Regional Park on June 2nd, 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

THE DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA PRESENTS



MAKING A SCENE DRAMA SUMMER CAMP

CALLING ALL 10 - 17 YEAR OLDS!

Discover aspects of live theatre.
Open your imagination.
Expand your creative horizons.
Grow your confidence.
Build new skills.
Enrich your life.
Make new friends.
Be prepared for a
dramatic adventure!

REGISTER NOW

To register and find out more, visit
kidscamps.usask.ca

2024 DATES

Camp 1 July 2 - 5
Technical Theatre and
Design

Camp 2 July 8 - 12
Comedy, Clowning, and
Improvisation

Camp 3 July 15 - 19
Playwriting, Producing,
and Performance

Camp 4 July 22 - 26
Musical Theatre



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
College of
Arts and Science
DEPARTMENT OF DRAMA
ARTSANDSCIENCE.USASK.CA



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 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

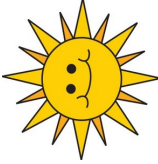
Farm One Forty Kids Camp—local kids camp located near Vanscoy

Arlie LaRoche

www.farmoneforty.ca

Vanscoy, SK ~ 306-381-8931

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 No Classes— Preparation Time & Professional Development	4 Kinder BDF Field Trip—Gr. 1, 1/2, 2 @ Forestry Farm	5 Kinder ACE	6 Kinder BDF Kinder Field Trip to Children's Festival	7 Kinder ACE Gr. 6 Bike Trip to Meewasin	8
9	10 Kinder BDF	11 Kinder ACE	12 Kinder BDF Gr. 5/6 Trip to Schnitzler Farm	13 Kinder ACE Track Day at DES 	14 Kinder BDF	15
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