



Safe... CaRING... LEaRNING...

October 25th, 2024

Happy Halloween DES Families,

I am loving the colours of fall, the brisk mornings and warm days, although I am cautiously optimistic at any sign of moisture, because it will bring the snow. Now I actually love the snow and really enjoy winter, when it is mild and we can be outside, but the first dump of snow always makes me a little apprehensive.

A few phrases I find myself using more and regarding the work we do at the school are, "school is not the same as it was when we were students," and "as we continue to know and learn more, we can work to do better." This builds off the quote I shared last month around not striving for perfection, but trying to get a little better everyday.

These last two months our school has been blessed to work with Kirsten Dyck. She is the PSSD Math Sector Facilitator. In other words, she is an amazing Math teacher, way smarter than me, and works with the division to help teachers become better using researched practice to support her.

My biggest learning from Kirsten was how students learn math and that they need to be able to visualize and play with numbers. For me, Math came pretty easy. I was always playing with numbers in my head. I remember sitting on a hockey bench as a kid and making connections with players numbers on the ice. This shows how good of a hockey player I was, but I remember looking at players on the ice, finding a jersey number and then looking to find patterns I could make to get to the number with the other players on the ice. This is also probably the reason, my hockey career stopped in Grade 10.

As a father, I have been working tirelessly with my 14 year old daughter, Isla, in Math. She doesn't play with numbers like me. When I tell her about it, her response usually is, "I'm not weird like you." What I am trying to say, is as teachers and caregivers, our experiences guide our perceptions. When I work with Isla, part of what I find very difficult is, she doesn't think like me, and I can't change that. So my mindset has to change. I heard this line somewhere on social media, and it shook me pretty hard, "It's not the child's responsibility to teach the parent who they are, but its the parents responsibility to learn who their child is." As I navigate my way to do

better as a parent, I understand what was good for me in learning, isn't what is best for my Isla. Although I think the way to learn should be a certain way, it isn't that way for Isla. More isn't always better.

As a grade 10 student, the Math Isla is learning and how she is assessed is different than what we do in elementary schools. I understand I have to help her with the structures of what is being taught in class, but if I hammer home and pressure her with more of that, she gets upset.... So what do we do, when we have time we just play with numbers. Things like driving to hockey practice, and when we see a license plate in front of us, we play a game of who can add the 3 digits the fastest. If she can beat me on the way to the rink, I'll buy her a Booster Juice. At home, I ask her to help me bake, and I only bring out measuring cups that will force her to add fractions. When we do math, at times she can use a calculator or at time we find objects that she can manipulate. When she has questions to finish, we both do them. Before I show her my answer, I get her to explain her answer and then I explain mine.

Why do I bring this up... First, I understand that being a parent is hard, so hard but it is amazing. I really don't know if I am doing it right, but I understand that what worked for me doesn't work for her. Second, we work together to continually do better. A lot of what Kirsten showed us and our staff are doing to support our learners, I took and did at home. It wasn't about doing more it was about doing better. Are there still tears when Isla and I finish her homework together... sometimes... but Isla usually hands me a tissue and I'm able to clean myself up pretty quickly.

Finally, I understand that our families don't have access to someone as good as Kirsten. However, please know our staff does and they are working tirelessly to become better at supporting all students. It looks different than what we did in schools, but the goal is to be just a bit better than yesterday.

Some more great games to play with math

<https://beyondthealgorithm.ca/math-routines-beyond-the-algorithm/>

DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates:

- Mon. Oct. 28th—No Classes—Day in Lieu—this day counts on the schedule—but there are no classes—this will affect the kindergarten schedule—no classes for K BDF that day
- Mon. Nov. 4th—LifeTouch Picture Retakes
- Fri. Nov. 8th—No Classes—Preparation Time for staff
- Mon. Nov. 11th—No Classes—Remembrance Day
- Monday, Dec. 2nd—No Classes—Preparation Time /Professional Development for staff
- Friday, Dec. 6th—Progress Reports published through Edsby for all grade 1—6 students
- **Monday, Dec. 23rd—Friday, Jan. 3rd—No Classes—Christmas Break**
- Monday, Jan. 6th—Classes resume—Day A—Kinder ACE attends
- Friday, Jan. 31st—No Classes—Preparation Time for staff
- Friday, Feb. 7th—Progress Reports published through Edsby for Kindergarten students

Thank you!

- Bennet Lenz for their continued volunteerism at DES with staff and students
- Fresh Co. and Maple Leaf Foods for the food donation to our October Hot Meal, which supported our Accessible Playground Fundraiser
- Anita Roston for organizing our October Hot Meal
- All the volunteers that helped with preparing, serving and cleaning up our Hot Meal as well as those that donated puffed wheat cake for dessert
- Bonnie Elliott for organizing the FundScrip Fundraiser and ordering the gift cards for disbursement
- To everyone who was able to join our school community on our Walk for Wenjack on Friday, October 18th, including our PSSD Superintendent, Paul McTavish and our PSSD Director of Education, Tracey Young
- To Tomi and Mike Karakochuk for the donation of strawberry plants for our garden
- To Jackie Edwards, the Newell family, Ashlynn Gessell, Anne Gessell, Lisa Merkosky, Anita Roston, Shelley Skibinsky and Connie Schnitzler for assisting in the garden over the summer
- The Town of Delisle and Mike Karakochuk for the work in our garden

Kindergarten—Monica Koroluk
Grade 1—Mary Foster
Grade 2/3—Alyssa Willems
Grade 3/4—Terence Niedermaier
Grade 4—Paris Burgess
Grade 5—Carly Melnyk
Grade 5/6—Sarah Jackson
Grade 6—Jenna Langford
Principal—Jesse Reis
Vice-Principal—Amy Korver
Learning Support Teacher—Brie Fritz

Learning Support Teacher—Anita Roston
Administrative Assistant—Teresa Shirley
E.A.—Carol Lynn Thomas
E.A.—Connie Schnitzler
E.A.—Corry Junop
E.A.—Crista Gessell
E.A.—Jami Hill-Wilcox
E.A.—Lindsay Silvernagle
E.A.—Jodi Inkster
Library Technician—Kristian dela Cruz
Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky

DES Hot Meal

Our October Hot Meal was held on Wednesday, October 23rd. We would like to thank the many volunteers that made this possible including: our volunteers the day of the meal—Anita Roston, Bonnie Elliott, Katherine Junop, Heather Tweedie, Ann Kielo, Bailey Wruck, Chelsey Tyshynski, Kim Kieper, Tiffany Grimsdale, and Jessica Rahn. We would also like to thank the volunteers that made dessert for the meal—Katherine Junop, Kim Puckett, Jaylene Andres, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Leah Kirsch, Emily Stilborn, Katie Dubkowski, Dawna Lention and Monica Colborn, Amanda Guldiman, Amanda Cisecki, Kristin Starling, Jaylene Phillips, Breanne Wills, Stina Pirness, Molly Wadin, Megan Macdonald and Jolene Thompson.

We would also like to thank Fresh Co. and Maple Leaf Foods for the donations of food products. We were able to raise \$840.00 in profits for the Accessible Playground. We also received an additional 363.25 from families that made a straight donation to the playground fundraiser.

It was incredible to have so many volunteers and help to host this meal. The students truly enjoy these days. We are very happy to be able to offer the dessert, milk and vegetables to all students, even if they did not order the hot dog or smokie.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist and lead our future Hot Meals, especially the December Turkey Meal. Please reach out to Anita Roston or the school if you are able to help with this.



DES PLAYGROUND 2025

THANK YOU

TO OUR NEWEST HONORARY
EAGLES (\$25,000+)

**DAKOTA DUNES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

&

TOWN OF DELISLE

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

OCTOBER 2024

★ DES ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

FUNDRAISING ★

UPDATE

To date we have raised \$225,000!

Our goal is to have fundraising complete
for installation in spring of 2025.

How can you help us achieve our goal?

1 MAKE A DONATION:

Cash or cheque payable to
Delisle Elementary School.

Tax receipts available upon request.

2 VOLUNTEER to be a part of our

installation committee. General
Laborers' and WELDERS NEEDED!

Email: jesse.reis@spiritsd.ca

300K
GOAL

250K

200K

150K

100K

50K



*Thank you to the Fun Night Committee, Delisle Dance,
Innovative Ag Performance & PCCU for your donations.*

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:



O'Reilly Insurance & Financial Services.
101-407 Ludlow Street
Saskatoon, SK
S7S 1P3



Thank You



Also several donations that came through the fundraising efforts of our

SCC Annual Fun Night.

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.





Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206

Notice of Advance Poll

Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206, Subdivision No. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for (an) advance poll(s).

Voting will take place at the following locations and times:

DELISLE	Monday, November 4, 2024 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Delisle Town Hall 313 3 rd Street West Delisle, SK
VANSCOY	Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Vanscoy Circle Hall 103 – 1 st Street West Vanscoy, SK
PIKE LAKE	Monday, November 4, 2024 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Pike Lake Community Hall Pike Lake, SK

Voters will be required to provide identification and evidence of the voter's address.

Dated at Warman, SK, this 17th day of October, 2024.

*Ron Walter,
Returning Officer*



Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206

Notice of Poll

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. A poll has been granted for the election of:

Board Member: Prairie Spirit **School Division No.:** 206 **Subdivision No.:** 6

2. Voting will take place on Wednesday, the 13th day of November 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the polling places listed below.
3. I will declare the result of the election at Warman, SK, on the 14th day of November 2024, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.

<u>Polling Area No.</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Address</u>
DELISLE	Delisle Town Hall	313 – 3 rd Street West Delisle, SK
VANSCOY	Vanscoy Circle Hall	103 – 1 st Street West Vanscoy, SK
PIKE LAKE	Pike Lake Community Hall	Pike Lake, SK

Dated at Warman, SK, this 22nd day of October, 2024.

*Ron Walter,
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Community Announcements

Delisle Angel Tree Program

We are doing a perishable pop-up!


We love our community pantry at the Delisle Pharmacy, and how everyone in need can find the ingredients for a meal there, when in need!

In addition to that we are going to try to offer perishable pop-ups on a trial basis, to be able to offer some nutritious fresh foods!

Call Rachelle at 306-715-2737 or email delisleangeltree@gmail.com if you are struggling with food security.

We are open for nominations from October 15 to 30. This is by self nomination only.

And if you have an abundance of fresh food to donate, we are always interested in hearing from you too :)



BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELECTIONS
Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Elections will be held in the following subdivisions:

- 1: Blaine Lake, Laird, Leask and Waldheim; Green Leaf, Leask, and Riverbend Colonies
- 3: Borden and Langham
- 4: Dalmeny, Hepburn and Osler
- 6: Delisle, Pike Lake and Vanscoy; Willow Park Colony
- 7: Clavet, Dundurn, Hanley and South Corman Park; Hillcrest Colony
- 8: Aberdeen, Allan and Colonsay; Lost River and Riverview Colonies

ELECTIONS – Prairie Spirit School Division (spiritsd.ca)

How are the Children?

Early Childhood Development Information

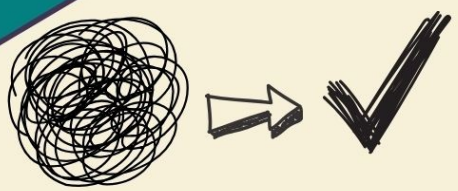
Routines

- Help children feel safe.
- Teach self-control.
- Can reduce power struggles.



Explain new or changing routines before you begin.





Make changes as needed to help create success.

- Be consistent.
- Use visual reminders.
- Take small steps.



NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kinder BDF	2
3	4 Kinder ACE LifeTouch Picture Retakes PSSD Board Election— Advance Polls	5 Kinder BDF	6 Kinder ACE	7 Kinder BDF	8 Preparation time— No Classes	9
10	11 Remembrance Day— No Classes 	12 Kinder ACE	13 Kinder BDF PSSD Board Elections	14 Kinder ACE	15 Kinder BDF	16
17	18 Kinder ACE	19 Kinder BDF	20 Kinder ACE	21 Kinder BDF	22 Kinder ACE	23
24	25 Kinder BDF	26 Kinder ACE	27 Kinder BDF	28 Kinder ACE	29 Kinder BDF	30