



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

December 18th, 2024

Happy Holidays DES Families

I am still feeling all the warm holiday feelings from our Holiday Art Show. I know I didn't get out of the gym, but it seemed like many kids wanted to hit me with a dodgeball!!!! Funny I had a spot for parents... no takers. Either you all have the holiday spirit, or I am doing an OK job here.

Usually, I use this space to try my best to provide a little insight on the life in our school through the lens and the eyes of our staff. If I can remember back to my days at St. John Bosco and ED Feehan as a student, what I experienced as a student was way different than what I have experienced as an educator... silly statement, of course it is!!

I want to use this space this month to offer thanks to our community. I feel very privileged to be able to work in this community and want to pass this along. This is to you parents, all the businesses and services, and everyone who comes together to make this town and surrounding area great. Driving through town I see all the people and businesses that support our community whether it be donations to the playground or a space for our students to come and sing.

I see structures like the new ODR, splash park and soon to be new playground at the school. All those that have come together to create spaces in the community making this a better place. Groups like the Angel Tree help those who need it most at a very difficult time for some of our families. Nights like last Thursday, where people come together to spread all that is good. Everyone keeps an eye on everyone's kids. This kindness and looking out for one another grows outside of the town as well.

A couple of weeks ago I was coaching my daughter at a U9 Jamboree in Martensville. I saw the Delisle team all decked out, proud in their yellow uniforms. They were on the other rink, so I waved at the girls from a far. Ten

minutes later, in the middle of the game, my daughter Lawson tells me in the middle of the game, I can't find my water bottle. Of course, I drilled her for all the places that it could be. Is it in the Mezz, the Locker Room, by the concession, or in the stands. She answered no to all of those. My final response ended up being, "sorry, not much I can do honey, looks like it is lost." As the tears in her eyes started to form, I felt a buzz on my watch. It was a text from a Delisle parent, "Pretty sure your girl left her water bottle in the bathroom, Lawson Reis." Embarrassed... All I could reply was "Yep"

Have a great Holiday Break, all the best to everyone and see you in 2025

Jesse Reis and the DES Staff



The DES Festival of Lights Display at Pike Lake Provincial Park—Walking Tour available on December 20th and driving tour December 19th and 21st—begins at dark - 9:45pm. Each student contributed to their class tree!

DELISLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates:

- Friday, Dec. 20—School Skating—Kinder BDF
- Monday, Dec. 23rd—Friday, Jan. 3rd—No Classes—Christmas Break
- **Monday, Jan. 6th—Classes resume—Day A—Kinder ACE attends**
- Friday, Jan. 10th—School Skating—Grade 5/6 and Grade 6
- Friday, Jan. 17th—School Skating—Grade 4 and Grade 5
- Friday, Jan. 24th—School Skating – Grade 2/3 and Grade 3/4
- Wednesday, Jan. 29th— SCC Meeting—7pm—all welcome to attend (**rescheduled**)*
- **Friday, Jan. 31st—No Classes—Preparation Time for staff**
- Friday, Feb. 7th—Progress Reports published through Edsby for Kindergarten students

Thank you!

- Bonnie Elliott for organizing the FundScrip Fundraisers and ordering the gift cards for disbursement
- Lisa Merkosky for the donation of a helmet and skates for our school skating
- Ellen Fraser for donating baking for our breakfast program a few times a month

Our Hot Meal on Thursday, December 12th was a **tremendous and delicious** success—and it could not have been possible without the many volunteers that pitched in, in a variety of ways leading up to the meal and the day of the meal.

Hot Lunch



THANK YOU to the following—Anita Roston, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Amorita Hovorka, Alyssa Mireau, Jami Hill-Wilcox, Beth Wilson, Riley Phillips, Adam Elliott, Katherine Junop, Sandi Brule, Rylee Beznoska, Jessica Rahn, Jocelyne McLaughlin, , Kim Kieper, Erin Cairns, Bailey Wruck, Charlotte Tipper, Lisa Merkosky, Gloria Hepting, Gloria Hayes,

Chelsey Tyshynski, Amanda Guldiman, and some of the PCCU staff—Emilou Laplante, Diego Martinez Marin, Sharon Derksen, Bonnie Snider.

We tried to remember and include everyone that pitched in, and if we missed you—please accept our apologies and know we thank you too!!

Thank you to the grade 4 class and Connie Schnitzler for baking the cookies for dessert—they were delicious too! Thanks to the following business that donated money or food to our meal as well, Boyd Cast, Prairie Centre Credit Union—Delisle Branch, Save On Foods, Fresh Co.

Kindergarten—Monica Koroluk
Grade 1—Kendra Mason
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—Mary Foster
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 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?

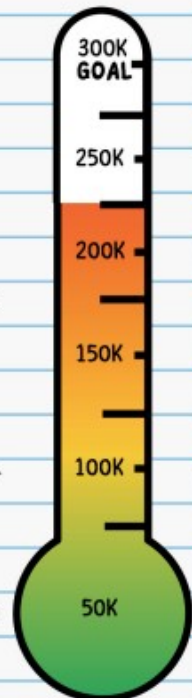
1 MAKE A DONATION:

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



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

DES SCC Members

Chair—Alesha Schumcher

Secretary—Lisa Merkosky

Vice Chair—Rylee Beznoska

Treasurer—vacant

Christine Bakke, Anne Kielo, Anita Roston, Zabrina Zoerb, Crista Gessell, Leah Kirsch, Rachel Ramsay, Gloria Hayes, Jennifer Dudar, Bonnie Elliott, Erin Miller, Diego Martinez Marin, Angela Congdon, Erika Mathison, Sandi Berger—are our parent members, and Jesse Reis and Amy Korver—administrators at DES.



Meetings are held typically monthly and can be attended in person at the school, or you can participate virtually with the Zoom link by contacting the school. If you are interested in becoming involved with the School Community Council—please reach out.

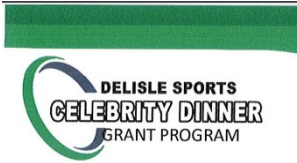
The purpose of the SCC is to support student learning success and well-being and encourage family and community involvement and engagement in the school.

Research shows that when families are involved in their children's education, children do better at school, are more likely to graduate, feel safer and do better socially with their peers at 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:



Barrier Free Saskatchewan
"Let's Be Accessible"
barrierfreesaskatchewan.org



O'Reilly Insurance & Financial Services.
101-407 Ludlow Street
Saskatoon, SK
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Also several donations that came through the fundraising efforts of our

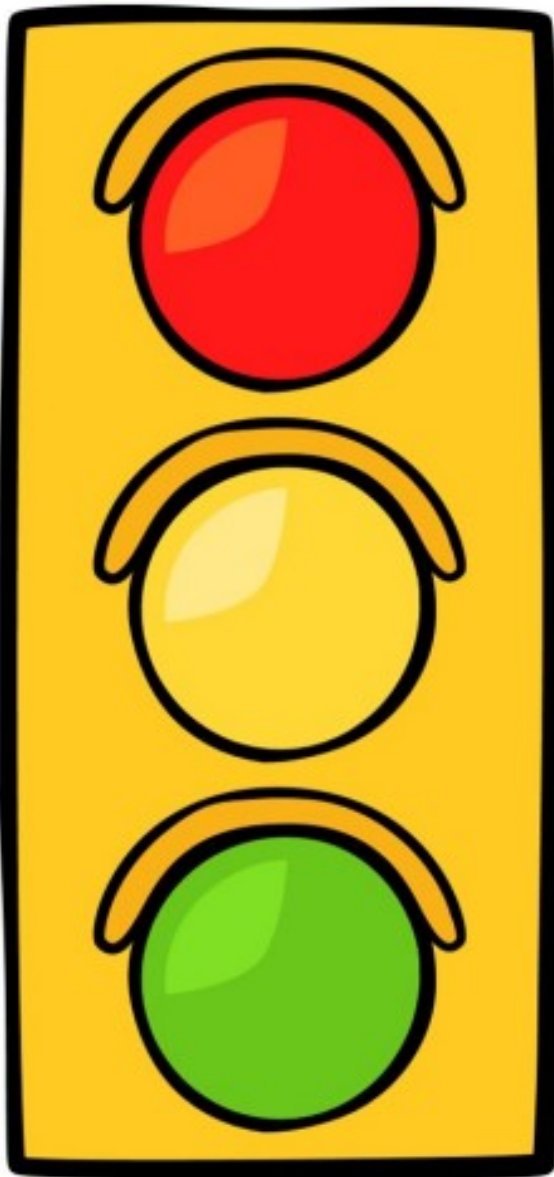
SCC Annual Fun Night.

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.



IMPULSE MANAGEMENT



STOP!

Calm down and
breathe deeply.

THINK!

What is the problem? What is the
solution? What are the potential
consequences? Consider
everyone's actions.

ACT

Make your choice. Follow through
with it and seek support from
someone if you need it.

How are the Children?

Early Childhood Development Information

Self-Care



BREATHE

Take 5 deep breaths and centre yourself.

You are enough.

FEEL

Check-in with your body and mind.

It's ok to ask for help.

THANK

Name 3 things that you are grateful for.

Be kind to yourself.

AFFIRM

Name 3 things you love about yourself.

You're worthy of love.

WANT

Do something today that brings you joy.

Learn to say no.

Practice Self-Care as a Family

Eat together at the table. Take a family walk.
Play a board game. Talk about your feelings.



January 2025

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5	6 Kinder ACE	7 Kinder BDF	8 Kinder ACE	9 Kinder BDF	10 Kinder ACE School Skating— Gr. 5/6 & Gr. 6	11 
12	13 Kinder BDF	14 Kinder ACE	15 Kinder BDF	16 Kinder ACE	17 Kinder BDF School Skating— Gr. 4 & Gr. 5	18 
19	20 Kinder ACE	21 Kinder BDF	22 Kinder ACE	23 Kinder BDF	24 Kinder ACE School Skating— Gr. 2/3 & 3/4	25 
26	27 Kinder BDF	28 Kinder ACE	29 Kinder BDF SCC Meeting 7pm	30 Kinder ACE	31 Preparation time—No Classes	