



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

May 2, 2025

Hey DES families,

I know I have said this before, but I truly am grateful to get to work with you and your kiddos every day. Thank you for trusting us with the education and well being of your children.

One of my favourite things working in a school is seeing how students work with each other. Not just in assignments and group projects, but how they sort through their differences and exist in our school with each other. All of our students bring their diverse backgrounds to our building everyday as they navigate not just learning, but also how to work through being with other people. This is one of the best pieces of public education and why I believe schools are so very important in creating a world that best resembles one that we want to live in.

One of the reasons I was drawn to teaching in the gym was because this happens so often. The many lessons sport and activity teach us I get to work with in the gym. Team works, being a good partner and opponent, self regulation, working in a group, perseverance and working through something difficult are skills that I took for granted and assumed that students just had. I started most of my teaching in High School Gyms. For the most part, students knew the structures of the gym. They could deal with winning and losing, they knew how to line up and spread out when asked and usually didn't get upset if they were on a team with out a friend. When I started teaching Elementary students, I was amazed how much I have to teach these pieces to younger students.

I think the same way when I think about our students building friendships. It should be easy to do, but when I think about it, it requires a lot of maturity. Especially if you are used to having control in how things are done. When we first sent my son to day care 13 years ago, there was a boy his age who he played hockey with.

They started out as great friends. They both liked the Oilers, playing mini sticks and other sports and were actually very much alike. Maybe too much... As the year went on, and in talking to his parents, the boys would get upset at each other often, usually over one of the boys not winning a game... and sometimes the conflict became physical.

My wife and I thought about switching day cares and keeping them apart, but we struggled with the fact that they could actually be very good with each other and had a bunch in common. So we changed our messages and worked with our son around working with his "friend" and having conversations or taking a break when he got mad. Was it perfect... nope. Did Grady always listen... nope. Did they still fight... yep. But they worked through it and now they are the best of friends.

I bring this up because, school is hard. Spaces that bring together over 200 people of any age, there is bound to be some concerns, but how would we respond as adults. How do we connect with others to better our community. We come together and offer our students grace and work to keep each other safe the best way we can. We know that our students will make mistakes and we help them through these mistakes. We don't judge them and we don't judge families. We show grace, we communicate, and we support. This is how we learn and every game on the playground, every interaction with an adult or a school mate is another learning opportunity.

As we continue to support these student in being great members of our community, please know I appreciate your support in all we are trying to do. Just a heads up, the Month of May is a big one. We will be installing our playground May 22 and 23, so if you have the time to help out, we would love to have you join us.

Jesse Reis & DES Staff

## DeLiSLe ELEmentARy School

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School Phone: **306.493.2451**

Important Dates:

- Tuesday, May 6th—Play to Learn, Mobile Playgroup at DES 10:45am—12pm—see poster included in newsletter
- **Friday, May 9th—No Classes—Preparation time**
- Tuesday, May 13th—Play to Learn—Mobile Playgroup at DES 10:45am—12pm
- Tuesday, May 13th—Fun Night Planning Meeting—please contact Ann Kielo for details
- Wednesday, May 14th—Grade 6 Immunizations
- Thursday, May 15th—SCC AGM and elections
- **Monday, May 19th—No Classes—Victoria Day**
- Friday, June 6th—Sky Boys Performance at DES
- Thursday, June 12th—Track Day
- Thursday, June 19th—DES Swim Day at Pike Lake Provincial Park

Thank you!

- Ellen Fraser for donating baking for our breakfast program each month
- Thomas Fresh and COB Bakery for their continued weekly donations of bread and fruit to HBHM
- Cort Dogniez for his presentation to the grade 5 class on the Northwest Resistance
- Wilfred Burton for the donation of his book, “From this Window” for classroom libraries, as well as spending time with our staff at a recent staff meeting, where he lead us through an activity to look at the similarities and differences of Metis and First Nation's cultures and clarified some myths and misconceptions
- Christin Rempel for organizing a Mobile Playgroup for our future kindergarten students to experience DES some Tuesdays in May and June
- Our SCC Members for their continued support in the partnership of home and school

<b><u>DES Staff—2024-2025</u></b>	
Kindergarten—Monica Koroluk	Learning Support Teacher—Brie Fritz
Grade 1—Kendra Mason	Learning Support Teacher—Anita Roston
Grade 2/3—Alyssa Willems	Administrative Assistant—Teresa Shirley
Grade 3/4—Terence Niedermaier	E.A.—Carol Lynn Thomas
Grade 4—Paris Burgess	E.A.—Connie Schnitzler
Grade 5—Carly Melnyk	E.A.—Corry Junop
Grade 5/6—Sarah Jackson	E.A.—Crista Gessell
Grade 6—Mary Foster	E.A.—Jami Hill-Wilcox
Principal—Jesse Reis	E.A.—Lindsay Silvernagle
Vice-Principal—Amy Korver	E.A.—Jodi Inkster
Counselor—Linda Peters	Library Technician—Kristian dela Cruz
	Custodian—Shelley Skibinsky

# School Community Council (SCC) Elections

Prairie Spirit schools will hold SCC elections between May 5 - 16

SCCs make a difference by:

sharing their knowledge and understanding of their community



providing local voice at the school level



engaging families and the community



supporting student learning



PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION



## REGISTERING

for

## KINDERGARTEN



If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2025  
(born in 2020), it's time to register for Kindergarten!

*Please register online at [www.spiritsd.ca/register](http://www.spiritsd.ca/register)*



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The Delisle Elementary School, School Community Council is accepting nominations for the upcoming annual election of the SCC.

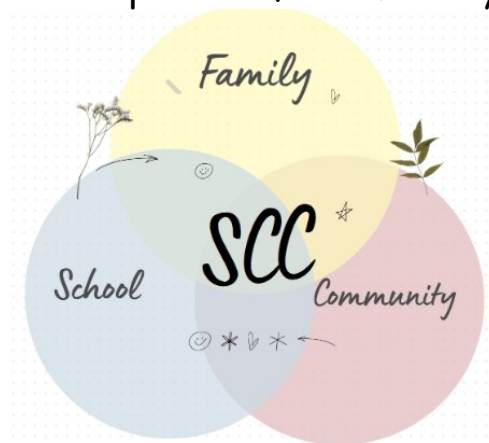
Nomination forms can be picked up from the school or emailed out to interested individuals.

Positions open for election are—vice-chair and secretary; each for a two year term as well as a treasurer for a one year term.

Members at large are always accepted as well.

Please feel welcome to attend a meeting or

The AGM and election are planned for Thursday, May 15th at 7pm.



## Fun Night will be on September 18.

Mark X your calendars for a Fun Family Friendly event!



We will once again fill the school and grounds with various stations delivering fun for kids of all ages!

We are looking for a couple of committee members that will help plan the event! Please email Ann at [fromokholm@gmail.com](mailto:fromokholm@gmail.com) or call/text 306 717 0170 if you are interested in joining the committee. **We are meeting on May 13** to get things started and a couple more times before the big day.

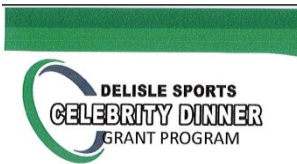
It is also never too early to sign up to volunteer on the night, run a station, sponsor an event, send us your ideas and suggestions, and say a prayer for some sunshine this year!



## 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](http://barrierfreesaskatchewan.org)



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.



Free drop-in  
program  
for families



Program dates:  
May 6th and 13th  
June 3rd, 10th and 17th  
10:45am-12:00pm  
Delisle Elementary School

## MOBILE PLAY PROGRAM

Connect with your child through play and participate in fun activities to help your child prepare for school. The program has been designed for children ages 1-6, but all ages and abilities are welcome!

**Tuesday May 6th, 2025**

**10:45AM-12:00PM**

**Delisle Elementary School**







# STORY TIME

**Friday, May 23 @ 10:00**

**Delisle Library**

201-1st Street West - (306)493-8288



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## **Registered Education and Registered Disability Information Session**

**May 2, 2025 - 2 sessions offered\***

**9:30 am – 11:00 am and**

**1:30pm – 3:00 pm**

**Location: Prosperity Credit Union - Delisle**

\*Registration required

To register, scan QR code  
or call into the branch at  
306-493-2414.



[prosperitycu.ca](https://prosperitycu.ca)





# THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES



## Summer dinosaur adventures

Do you know a child who loves dinosaurs or might be keen to learn about them and many other amazing ancient animals? We have summer camps running in July and August full of opportunities for hands-on science, drama, art, and play while we explore the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods of Earth's history. Camps run from 9am to 4pm with before care from 8:30 to 9am and after care from 4 to 4:30pm included in the cost: \$350.00 for 5-day camps, \$280.00 for 4-day camps, and \$210 for 3-day camps. Register online or by calling 306-966-5539.

[Summer Camps - Museum of Natural Sciences | University of Saskatchewan](#)



# KIDS FISHING DERBY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1st**

**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**



- *Children must be supervised by an adult*
- *A valid Sk angling license is required if over 15 yrs of age*
- *The Eagle Creek Concession will be open*

# May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 K—ACE</b>	<b>2 K—BDF</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5 K—ACE</b> Hot Meal form deadline	<b>6 K—BDF</b> Mobile Playgroup @ DES 10:45am—12pm	<b>7 K—ACE</b> Kinder Interviews 3pm-5:30pm	<b>8 K—BDF</b> Kinder Interviews 3pm—6pm Hot Meal	<b>9</b> No Classes— Preparation time	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12 K—ACE</b>	<b>13 K—BDF</b> Mobile Playgroup @ DES 10:45am—12pm	<b>14 K—ACE</b>	<b>15 K—BDF</b> <b>SCC AGM and elections 7pm</b>	<b>16 K—ACE</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> No Classes— Victoria Day	<b>20 K—BDF</b>	<b>21 K—ACE</b>	<b>22 K—BDF</b>	<b>23 K—ACE</b> Field Trip—Gr. 5 & Gr. 5/6	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26 K—BDF</b>	<b>27 K—ACE</b> Field Trip—K—ACE	<b>28 K—BDF</b> Field Trips—K, Gr. 1, Gr. 3/4, Gr. 4, Gr. 6	<b>29 K—ACE</b>	<b>30 K—BDF</b>	<b>31</b>