

# Traditions Elementary School Newsletter

## January 2021



We hope that everyone had a restful and re-energizing Christmas break. Things were different this year, but we can be thankful for the nice weather for the majority of our holidays. Speaking to many students and staff this week we hear stories of fun, adventure and learning that took place with immediate family outdoors in backyards, on tobogganing hills, hikes, etc. While some traditions were suspended this year it was great to find out about new traditions that this year provided the opportunity to start. It was heartwarming to see classrooms coming back together on Monday and students sharing stories with one another of their Christmas. We have quickly moved back into familiar routines this week and continue to build upon the solid foundation that we created this fall. We appreciate your ongoing support and reinforcement of safety protocols at home. By continuing to work together we maximize our opportunity for safety and success!

Your Administrative Team:

Mr. Greg Tebay & Mr. Daniel Howie

### Upcoming Events

January 28 – PJ/Wacky Hair Day

January 29 – Prep Day – NO CLASSES

February 10/11 – Kindergarten Reports go home.

February 15-19 – Winter Break – NO CLASSES

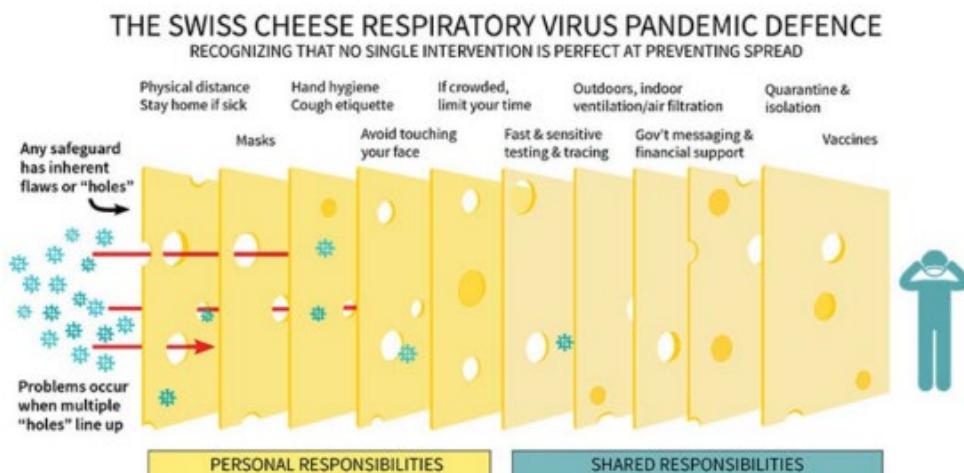
February 24 - Anti Bullying Day – **WEAR PINK**



## Continuing with Safe School Plans in January 2021

We continue to follow current COVID safety protocols and anticipate some updates for the next six-week block of the school year sometime after January 15 when the Chief Medical Health Officer updates the provincial plan. At this time we continue to adhere to:

- All students and staff wear masks throughout the school day while indoors(except when eating and drinking).
- Staff and Students will wear masks when outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Regular handwashing/sanitizing routines.
- Social distancing practices.
- Student remaining in cohorts.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures.
- Students and staff staying home if they have symptoms.



Our local Medical Health Officer has shared this graphic with the message that when we combine all protective measures at the same time, we have greater success in protecting ourselves and others. We appreciate how our families have and continue to collaborate with our school to support and maintain these layers of protection. Thank you.

### Meet Mrs. Jacobson!

Hello,

My name is Chelsie Jacobson, and I teach grade 1 at TES. This is my first year teaching at TES and I am really enjoying getting to know the students and staff. I come to TES from Warman Elementary School where I taught for 5 years. I have been teaching grade 1 for 9 years. When I am not teaching, I like to spend time with my family, and spend time at the lake. I live in Saskatoon with my husband and our two children.



## **Registering for PSSD Kindergarten for the 2021/2022 School Year at Traditions Elementary**

Parents begin making inquiries about registering their child for the upcoming school year in January. If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2021 (born in 2016) they will be able to attend Kindergarten next year. Please contact one of the schools in our community to leave your child's name and your contact information so that Kindergarten registration materials may be sent to you when they become available in March. We are asking families to ensure that students are registered by April 14<sup>th</sup> to guide us in planning for the 2021/2022 school year. You can call the TES office at 306-683-5200 to let us know of your intent to register your child at Traditions Elementary for Kindergarten this fall.

### **See a Need- Fill a Need Campaign**

Thank you to all who contributed to our See a Need- Fill a Need campaign in December. We were able to support the Warman Food Bank with a donation of \$1975 to help less fortunate families in our community.

### **Wacky Hair/PJ Day – Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

We will be holding a school-wide spirit day on January 28<sup>th</sup> and look forward to seeing some wacky hairdos and comfy pajamas.

### **No School for Students Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

This is the semester turn around day and marks the halfway point in the 2020/2021 school year! Teachers and support staff will be engaged in planning and professional development– no classes for students.

### **School Community Council AGM and Elections**

The Traditions Elementary School Community Council held their annual general meeting and election on Monday, December 7. We are pleased to share the names of the 20/21 Council and thank all for their leadership. Your 20/21 Traditions Elementary SCC is:

- Kim Kenke, Chair
- Quinton Osatchuk, Vice-Chair
- Brittney Ollivier, Secretary
- Shelby Smith, Treasurer
- Leanne Jensen, Volunteer coordinator
- Carlene Bacon-Peterson
- Angela Kondra
- Tayona Wheeler
- Adin Dereniwski, PSSD Trustee
- Greg Tebay, Principal
- Daniel Howie, Vice Principal
- Twyla McNeil, Teacher

## Cold Weather Bussing Policy

In accordance with Prairie Spirit School Division Busing Policy #805, should the temperature be - 40 degrees with wind chill, or if road conditions are considered dangerous, buses will not run. In that situation, it will be posted on the PSSD website [www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca) by 7:00 a.m. If any or all buses do not run, parents need to know that urban bus students will not receive a phone call. Buses not operating in the morning may run at the end of the school day of temperatures are above -40 degrees and road conditions are safe. Please make it a habit to check the Prairie Spirit School Division's website daily ([www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca)) for Bus Cancellations. You can also check your MyStop app to see if your child's bus is running.

## Parking and Drop Off Locations

Included in this month's newsletter is a site/parking map to clarify the areas where parents may park or drop off students. As the map illustrates the GREEN areas are available for public parking; the YELLOW areas designate our drop off locations; and RED indicates those areas reserved for staff parking. **It is imperative that parents using the drop off (YELLOW) areas remain with their vehicle and keep these areas flowing as a drop off area.** We continue to encourage families to consider more efficient options for dropping off and picking up students along Clubhouse Boulevard and Settler Crescent and making use of the park/pathways that access the school grounds from the south. In all cases of picking up students it is very important that you establish an explicit meeting location with your child so everything runs smoothly.

