



TES Newsletter

September 2022



Message from the Administration

It has been a very smooth return to school this September. We were happy to see so many families out for our Open House and School Community Council BBQ on August 30. This was a great way to support students returning to classes. On the first day of classes many students knew exactly where they were going, where their classroom was and where they were sitting. It made for a very low stress first day. Thank you again to our SCC for their work in organizing and hosting the BBQ.

We are quickly getting into routines at school and everyone is off to a great start.

We continue to use our [school website](#) as a convenient source of information such as calendar events, documents such as our Handbook for Families, and other links. We encourage you to bookmark/favorite the site in your browsers for quick access.

TES Administration Team

Arrival/Dismissal/Visitor Access Plans

- Supervision of students begins at 8:35AM on the playground. Students may arrive for school beginning at 8:35 and will play outside until 8:45 unless the weather is deemed inclement.
- Students are directed to directly make their way home, to after school care, or to the school bus at the 3:05 dismissal bell. There is no school supervision of the playground after school. Once a child reports in at home/after school care, they are welcome to return to the school playground/park areas where they will be under the supervision/responsibility of parents/caregivers.
- All parents and visitors are directed to use the front doors of the school and report to the office when wishing to access the school building. Student doors are locked during the day except during recess breaks.
- Any child arriving late for school should be dropped off/directed to the front doors of the school. Tardy students are required to check in with the office staff before making their way to class.
- Parents and caregivers picking up students at the end of the school day are asked to do so outside. We recommend that parents picking up students at the end of the school day establish a specific meeting spot to support smooth transitions.
- Signage has been posted on each student door to indicate which boot rooms are for each homeroom classroom.



Bell Schedule 22/23

Students and Buses Begin Arriving	8:35AM
Warning Bell	8:45AM
Morning Starts	8:50AM
Recess Gr 3-5	10:10AM to 10:25AM
Recess K-2	10:35AM to 10:50AM
Lunch Gr 3-5	12:15PM to 12:35PM
Lunch Recess K-2	12:15PM to 12:35PM
Lunch K-2	12:35 PM to 12:57 PM
Lunch Recess Gr 3-5	12:35 PM to 12:57 PM
Warning Bell	12:57PM
Afternoon Starts	1:00PM
Dismissal Bell	3:05PM

Updating Student/Contact Information

All students returning to Traditions Elementary School this fall have been provided a demographic/contact information sheet to take home on the first day of classes. Parents were asked to review and update all related information and return to the homeroom teacher on Friday, September 2. We would like all contact sheets returned to homeroom teachers whether there are changes or not. If all the information is correct, make a note of 'ALL INFO CORRECT' on the contact form. Kindergarten and newly registered students are exempt from this update.

Introducing Edsby

Prairie Spirit School Division schools are moving to a new student data/demographic system and online platform for communicating with families called **Edsby**. Unfortunately, there have been some delays in having this ready for the beginning of the school year which has caused difficulties for teachers/schools communicating with families. The rollout this fall will begin by focusing on using the Edsby platform for attendance and grading/report cards. This is going to be a learning process for staff and parents as we implement this new software and get all stakeholders enrolled and familiar with the Edsby platform. Please watch for notifications from the school and PSSD as we continue with the rollout this September.

Bus Passes

All students who requested bus passes from the PSSD Transportation Department last spring have had them affixed to the right shoulder strap of their back packs. Urban bus students must display those passes each afternoon they wish to board a school bus so that our supervisors can ensure that all children are boarding the correct bus.

All bus pass request forms are processed by the PSSD Transportation Department. During peak times of the year, it can sometimes take a week or two for the pass request to be processed, so please advise us of any requests as soon as possible.

Daily Wellness Check/Becoming Ill at School

Before Attending School Each Day

- Staff, students and visitors shall be fit and well to enter our school. Review the list of symptoms daily and if you/your child have any of the symptoms below, please stay home and contact 811.



Becoming Ill at School

- We will continue to follow the procedures described in [PSSD Admin Policy 432 – Illness in Care](#) in the event a student presents with symptoms at school.
- Parents/caregivers will be expected to pick up an ill child from school promptly.
- Staff and students must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Updating Plans for Life Threatening Conditions and Essential Medications

A primary concern of schools is to ensure that we have plans in place for any students who may require essential medications, procedures or supports for a potentially life-threatening condition. The principles and guidelines of this work are described in [PSSD Administrative Policy 413](#).

Parents should contact the school office to identify for any NEW specific medically-related conditions that may require support and a plan to be developed. We can assist you in getting the appropriate forms and medical information submitted. Some of the conditions schools often make plans for include anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and seizures.

In the case of any student where there is an EXISTING condition/plan from last year, your child's homeroom teacher has sent home a copy of that plan and a request for any updates that may be required this year. Any changes to medications, procedures or supports must be provided in writing. Please return the plan form with any updates to your child's homeroom teacher promptly so that we can support your child's health and well-being.

Getting To/From School Safely

As we begin the school year, we have provided frequent reminders to students about pedestrian and bicycle safety. We will continue to do that throughout the school year. Please have conversations, provide support and model behaviours that will support all students being able to walk and bike to school.

A big bouquet of recognition to City of Warman bylaw officers for being present at nearby crosswalks to help educate students on the safe use of crosswalks and roadways as the school year began. We also appreciate the high visibility of local bylaw enforcement maintains on roadways in the school zone to help keep everyone safe.

Terry Fox School Run Day – September 23

Traditions Elementary School will once again be participating in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Our school walk day will be on the afternoon of September 23 for students in Grades 1-5 (Kindergarten classes will arrange a smaller activity).

We have set a fundraising goal of \$3000 again this year and hope to meet/beat our donation from last year of \$3719. We will have some fun incentives for the student body along the way to \$3000 and if we exceed our goal we will arrange to have Mrs. Doerksen and Mrs. Woloshyn dress up Mr. Howie and Mr. Tebay for Halloween!

Donations to the Terry Fox may be made one of two ways:

- Students can bring a cash donation to their homeroom teacher before October 6.
- Families can visit the [Terry Fox Foundation Online Donation Page for Traditions Elementary School](#) and make a donation electronically. This is the recommended option for any donation of \$20 or greater as a tax deductible receipt will be sent in response to each eligible donation.



Reading Buddies

We will be implementing a Reading Buddies program this school year, designed to enhance the phonemic awareness skills of our students. Each class will be paired together and will meet up a couple of times each week. Activities will include rhyming, blending syllables and isolating sounds. Of course, time will be made to enjoy some good books together. Be sure to ask your child about Reading Buddies!

Saskatchewan Odyssey Literacy Evening

Please join us at Traditions Elementary School on Wednesday, September 28th from 5:30-7:00 for an interactive journey through centers of stories, games, crafts, puzzles, prizes and more! No registration is required. The whole family can attend and participate together. You may stay for the full evening or pop in when you are able to. There may be a sweet treat for children that participate! *as supplies last

We are looking for several volunteers for this event! Please contact Twyla McNeil at twyla.mcneil@spiritsd.ca if you are able to commit from 5:00-7:00.

Location: Traditions Elementary School

Date: September 28, 2022

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

