



January 2023 School Newsletter

Message from the Admin Team

Welcome back to all! Hopefully you had a good and restful holiday season. It has been very nice to return to school with some seasonable temperatures after the way we ended school in December. The students have enjoyed being outside at recesses with all the fresh snow and decent weather. Let us take an opportunity to thank staff and students once again for all of their hard work and talents in putting together some excellent Christmas programs in December. We received feedback from many who were appreciative of the opportunity to be in the school for this seasonal tradition! We would also like to say thank you to everyone for their contributions to our school's Spirit of Giving campaign. We were able to deliver an overflowing truck of food and other necessities to the Warman Food Bank just prior to the break. The Warman Food Bank was very appreciative of everyone's efforts.

Kindergarten Registration is Open for 2023/2024

Registration is open for 2022/2023 Kindergarten at Warman Public Schools (Prairie Spirit School Division) to children born in 2018.

Registrations can be filled out on the [PSSD Student Registration page](#) (ensure that you are using the New for September 2023 REGISTER button).

More information on [Welcome to Kindergarten – Registration for 2023/2024](#) can be found on our school website.





Polar Bear Club (Grades 3-5)

As we know, in Saskatchewan, it can get mighty cold. According to our handbook, when the windchill factor is below -25 an indoor recess is called. We also know, that if dressed properly, outdoor experiences can be beneficial mentally, physically and socially.

The “Polar Bear Club” is a new opportunity for TES students in grades 3-5 to be able to spend a shortened time outdoors during inside days. This club is voluntary and will require both written permission from a guardian and mandatory winter clothing- ski pants, winter jacket, toque, warm winter mitts, boots and a balaclava or neck warmer to cover the face.

If your child is interested, they may pick up a permission form to join Polar Bear Club at the front office. An announcement will be made on inside days inviting those students with permission to go outside with supervision for a short outside break over the noon hour.

Skates Needed



If you are looking for a place for your used(in good condition) children’s skates, we would love to take them off of your hands. We are looking for skates that range in sizes(both girls and boys) from 12-5. If you have any to donate, they can be brought to the school office.

Thank you!!

Family Literacy Challenge

Traditions Elementary School staff and School Community Council (SCC) would like to celebrate and encourage Family Literacy by providing some challenges for students to participate in with their families. You may choose to do one, two or all three challenges. Submissions are due by February 2nd and can be handed in to the office or emailed in for a chance to win prizes. Be sure to add your child’s names and grades with each submission.

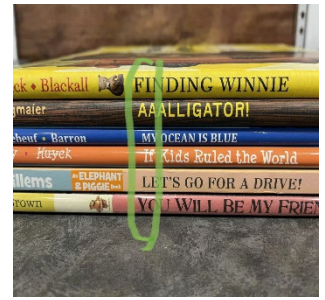
1. You are invited to participate in the **Family Chapter Book Challenge**. Your family can choose any chapter book to read out loud. Submit a photo of family members reading the chosen book along with a piece of artwork and a few sentences about the book.

The following are some chapter book recommendations:

The Boy Called Bat by Elana Arnold
any book from the Megabat series by Anna Humphrey
The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

2. You are invited to complete a **Heritage Activity Pack**, available from the office. There are activities to complete with the family, such as a word search and designing a family emblem. Having conversation and participating in activities together strengthens literacy and communication skills. Submit the package to the office upon completion.

3. You are invited to complete a **Family Book Spine Challenge**. Read six picture books with the titles starting with F, A, M, I, L, Y. Visit the Warman Library or have your child pick books from our school library that start with each letter. Line the books up in order and submit a photo of the books.



Paper submissions can be made to the office or you may email photos to twyla.mcneil@spiritsd.ca

Cold Weather/Inclement Weather Bussing

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 by 7:00 a.m. Please make it a habit to check the Prairie Spirit School Division's Transportation page daily for Bus Cancellations. Buses may run at the end of the school day if temperatures are above -40 degrees (at noon) and road conditions are safe. We want to clarify that families on urban bus routes do not receive a phone call to notify of a bus cancellation. It is important families check the PSSD website for these notifications. You can also check your MyStop app to see if your child's bus is running. If you need your MyStop LoginID and password, please contact the school office.

School Drop-Off Zone

Thank you to parents/families who have children prepared to promptly exit the vehicle when you enter the Student Drop Off Zone on the east side of the school. In particular, on the cold weather/ no bus days we all know of the busyness and traffic congestion around the school. When students can get their outdoor clothing prepared and conversations about what the after-school plan will be prior to entering the drop off area, it really helps keeps things moving for everyone. Parking is available on the south end of the parking lot and on the street for families who need to visit the school.

Community Grant THANK YOU!

Traditions Elementary would like to recognize and thank the City of Warman and Sask Lotteries for their ongoing support through the Community Grant Program to enrich opportunities for sport, culture and recreation in our school programs. In 2022/2023, the Community Grant program made it possible for us to showcase an Indigenous/contemporary music and dance performance for students (Hip Hop Hoop Dance through the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils) and to purchase additional snowshoes to expand our school snowshoeing program.



Kindergarten Report Card DATE CHANGE

Please note that PSSD schools have been directed to change the distribution of Kindergarten Report Cards to March 17 to align with the new Edsby system. Kindergarten reports will go home on this day instead of February 15/16 as communicated in the fall.

Reporting Multi-Day Absences to the Homeroom Teacher

A big thank you to parents for diligence in using the new Edsby system to report daily student absences to the school office and homeroom teacher. For single day absences this system appears to be working efficiently and effectively. There is a currently a technical issue with Edsby that is being worked on – this is that in the event of a multi-day absence, the absence information is not shared with the homeroom teacher. We ask for your assistance in sending your child’s teacher an email or message in any event of a planned multiple day absence so they will know of the student’s attendance and safety.

MaraFun Running Program

Traditions Elementary School will be offering the Marafun Running Club to students in Grades 3-5 again this spring. We will be running a 10-week program beginning on March 20th. Practices will occur over the noon hour. Students will do a variety of runs based on time or distance that will allow them to accumulate kilometers during the training program and will be able to complete the final 2.2 km of their full marathon at the Saskatchewan Marathon in Saskatoon on Sunday, May 28th along with hundreds of other students from across Saskatchewan! There is a \$20 cost, but T-shirt and other program offerings make this a very good value. (Our school team is ‘Traditions Titans 2023’).

Families must register for Marafun through the Saskatchewan Marathon website – [follow this link to register!](#)

