



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 12, 2024

Message from the Administration

Welcome back to all and Happy New Year. Hopefully you had a good and restful holiday season. We were so fortunate to have beautiful temperatures even though it was a bit brown. Unlike last year when we had a very cold end of December then came back to a mild start to January it seems this year is the opposite.

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 would also like to say thank you to everyone for their contributions to our school's Spirit of Giving campaign. We were able to provide an impressive donation 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.

TES Administration Team

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is open for 2023-2024 Kindergarten at Warman Public Schools (Prairie Spirit School Division) to children born in 2019.

Registrations can be filled out on the [PSSD Student Registration page](#) (ensure that you are using the New for September 2024 REGISTER button).

More information on [Welcome to Kindergarten](#) can be found on our school website home page.

If you have friends or neighbours with a child born in 2019 who do not currently have a child in school, we kindly ask you to pass this information along to them.

Grades 1-5 Student Conferences – Save the Date

A reminder for your calendars that we have student learning conferences for children in Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, February 6 and Thursday, February 8. There will be classes for students on Friday, February 9 – with the community coordinated day in lieu of conference evenings occurring later, on March 8.

The conference scheduler will open to parents on January 24 through Edsby.

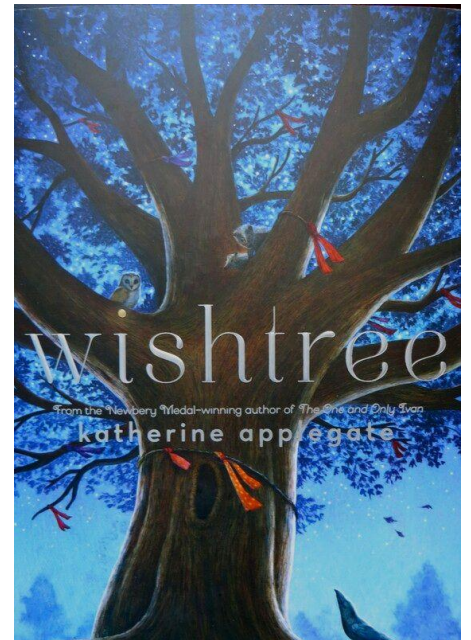
Conference format will vary by teacher - some will be conducting a Tuesday evening of group activity conferences and Thursday of targeted individual conferences. In this case, teachers will be contacting specific families to schedule a time for an individual conference before January 24. Families who seek an individual conference time may book one from any remaining times when the conference scheduler opens on January 24. Other teachers will be following a format of two evenings of individual conferences. The format and times of appointments in either option will be laid out in the Edsby scheduler.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding the Book Fair in our library on Feb 6th and 8th during the Student Learning conferences. It will run from 3:30 – 7:00 pm.

One School, One Book Project

We are so excited to announce the news of our One School, One Book Family Literacy Project. We hope every family will acquire a copy of the same book, *Wishtree*, by Katherine Applegate. The School Community Council will be helping to subsidize the cost of each book. Each copy of the book will cost \$5.00. A three-week reading schedule will come home with your book once the books are delivered – we hope to have books ordered promptly on January 26 and distributed to families before the February break. If your family decides to purchase your own copy of *Wishtree*, you will be able to see the reading schedule on our website. When a student participates in reading *Wishtree*, they can obtain a wish template from the office to fill out and put on our tree to enter to win a prize.



Why participate in One School, One Book Family Literacy Project?

- Reading aloud to children (even when they are readers themselves) is recommended by reading professionals.
- It better prepares children to be effective readers and develop a love for reading.
- Reading together is a fun, worthwhile family activity.
- Children take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the book.

The school will be buzzing with excitement of the story of *Wishtree*!

Thank you to all the families who will share the joy of reading with their children. With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school! Happy Reading!

Order forms must be returned to the school office by January 26th.

Preparing for Colder Weather

We try to get students outside whenever possible – a little light rain, snow or wind will not preclude us from holding outdoor recess breaks. As the weather turns colder, we use –25 degrees Celsius as the coldest temperature at which we will go outside. At –26 degrees Celsius, students must remain in their classrooms for recess breaks (wind chill included).

We have a Polar Bear Club option for students in Grades 3-5 for cold weather/indoor recess days. Students interested in this should bring a note home, which has additional details on the club, for parent permission.

A reminder to label outdoor clothing and footwear with the child's name. This reduces confusion about 'whose is whose' and helps get lost items back to their owners.

Changes to PSSD Bussing Procedures/Inclement Weather Bussing Plans

There have been a few changes to [PSSD AP-805 Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather](#) we want to ensure parents are informed about.

- Buses will be cancelled when the temperature reaches -40 degrees Celsius or -45 degrees Celsius with the windchill. (Note: the AP previously stated buses were cancelled when the temperature was -40 degrees Celsius with windchill).
- There is no change for students using wheelchair lifts on buses. They will have services cancelled when the combined temperature and windchill are at or below -35 degrees Celsius.
- Buses may run at the end of the school day if temperatures are above -40 degrees/-45 degrees with windchill - and road conditions as of 12:00 PM.

There have also been some changes to the communication tools that PSSD uses to keep families informed of alterations to regular bus routes:

- Run status, including cancellations and delays, will continue to be posted on the Prairie Spirit website. Updates can be found by clicking here: [Home Page – BusPlanner Web \(mybusplanner.ca\)](#), then [“View Alerts”](#) (top of page).
- Communications regarding run status will occur via the Swift K-12 tool. This provides Transportation staff with a tool to communicate with families via text messages, email, and voice messages, without families needing to sign up for notifications in a separate app. 2023/24.
- The MyStop app has been discontinued; as a result, the live “bus location” features will no longer be available.
- Rural route drivers will continue to communicate with parents directly, as in previous years.

Upcoming SCC Events



If you are willing and able to volunteer at the dance, please click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FADAB22A4FE3-47197252-tesvalentines#/>





Please click on the link below if you are able to bring an item. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AC28ABFBC34-47133474-staff#/>

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 2023/2024, the Community Grant program made it possible for us to showcase Andy the Musical Scientist through the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils) and to purchase a set of indoor curling equipment to expand our healthy lifestyles and recreation programming.



Skate Sharpening THANK YOU!

Traditions Elementary would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to Zak's Home Hardware in Warman for generously donating their time to sharpen our school skates at no cost. The students and staff are very appreciative.



Meet the Staff

Name: Andrew Neufeldt

Role: Grade 5 Teacher

Number of years at TES: 6

Favourite subject: Math

Hobby/Special Interest: Disc Golf

Favourite colour: I always look at my shirt and say whatever colour it is.

My Family: My family includes my wife, Lisa, and 3 kids: Brielle(13), Macy(11) and Davis(8)

If I could travel anywhere I would like to go the Maple Hill Disc Golf Course.



Name: Megan Kuprash

Role: School Counsellor

Number of years at TES: 6

Hobby/Special Interest: I like hiking.

Favourite colour: My favourite colour is green.

My Family: My family includes my husband, Blair, and daughters Ava and Adilyn. We have lived in Warman for 15 years.

Pets: We have a Labradoodle dog named Teddy.

How many years have you worked in the education field? I have worked for 20 years as a social worker.



Name: Dan Howie

Role: Vice Principal

Number of years at TES: 4

Favourite subject: Math and Science

My Family: My wife is a Lab manager in Saskatoon and a Spark Leader in Warman. I have two daughters at WCMS. One loves drama in every sense of the word and the other loves volleyball, art and sewing.

Pets: Our family has a tuxedo cat named Izzie.

Number of years in Education: I taught middle years and high school math and science for 14 years before working as Vice Principal at TES.

Favourite thing about TES: The community of learners that are always looking out for each other and showing kindness to one another.



Name: Chelsey MacLean

Role: Grade One Teacher

Number of years at TES: This is my 2nd year teaching at TES.

Favourite subject: My favourite subjects were gym and science.

My Family: My family includes my husband, Chris, and my three daughters, Cali, Violet and Poppy.

Hobby/Special Interest: I love to play soccer! I am currently playing on two soccer teams!

Travel: I would like to travel anywhere that has palm trees and beaches. I think visiting Hawaii would be amazing.

Favourite way to treat yourself? I like a cup of coffee and snuggles with my girls.

