



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 31, 2024

Message from the Administration

Wow! Here we are on the cusp of June and only a few weeks of the school year remaining. The month of May has been particularly busy with class field trips, Fun & Field Days, Marafun and many other classroom activities. We do plan to send a short end of year newsletter home the last week in June that will provide some important reminders about the last days of school and the start-up of the 2024/2025 school year.

OurSCHOOL Parent Survey

Traditions Elementary emailed a link to all families today with a request for your participation in a short survey called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. Collecting this feedback is important to our school goal of developing social emotional skills and competencies. The survey will give parents an opportunity to provide feedback anonymously into continuous school improvement at Traditions. We encourage everyone's participation so we can get a better understanding of how you feel our school supports learning, positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and must be completed in one sitting. The survey window will remain open from May 31 to June 14.

Our School Community Council encourages you to participate in the survey and has provided a prize incentive of a \$50 Co-op gift card draw that all survey respondents will be eligible for.

Events – Edsby Calendar

June is always a very busy month of school activities. We encourage families to be checking their Edsby account regularly to stay informed of upcoming school and classroom events and activities.

Apply for 2024/2025 Bus Pass NOW

The 2024-2025 Transportation Application is now open. If your child will be attending the same school and your home/primary address is not changing for next year, your 24/25 bus pass will automatically be processed.

Families will need to reapply for a 24/25 if any of the following statements apply to your child(ren):

- Your child has never ridden a PSSD bus before.
- Will be attending a different PSSD school other than the one they are currently attending.

- Is currently attending Warman or Martensville high schools.
- Will be moving to a new primary resident during the summer months and will require transportation.
- Returning to in person learning from eLearning or home schooling.
- **If you are seeking a bus pass to an alternate location (other than your primary residence).**

More information on PSSD Transportation can be found at www.spiritsd.ca/buses/ . Please call the school office if you require any assistance.



Family Picnic Day- June 21

We are happy to be hosting our annual family picnic day again on the final Friday of the school year on June 21. We plan to begin the family picnic at 12:15 and wrap things up by 1:00.

We plan to hold our Year End/ Grade Five Recognition Assembly earlier in the morning starting at 9:30 to avoid any delays to the picnic. Due to space limitations, only immediate family members of Grade Five students can be seated in the gymnasium for the assembly.

Families can pick up their children at the student's homeroom classroom at 12:15. Bring your picnic items and a blanket to enjoy lunch outdoors in our park. We encourage all to plan and prepare ahead! Those who have been around know that 100s of people from the community wait until the last minute to run through a local drive thru, so wait times can be extensive.

The event will go ahead no matter the weather – if conditions are inclement, we will move the event indoors to our classrooms and corridors.

The Kona ice truck will be on site during the picnic. They are giving 25% of the proceeds to our school. The drinks range from \$4.00 - &7.00.

Thank you so much to Kona Ice for their support and generosity!



Registrations and Withdrawals of Students

As the school year comes to a close and over the summer there are sometimes changes to families moving to and from our community. Please assist us in smooth planning for next fall by communicating any plans to register or withdraw students by contacting the school office and your child's homeroom teacher. If a registration or withdrawal needs to occur over the summer, please email us at tes@spiritsd.ca.

Classroom Placements for 24/25

Each spring Traditions Elementary School engages in a comprehensive process of creating class lists for the following school year. Our goal is to place students in a setting that is appropriate for each child individually and for the group as a whole. The final placement of a child is a school-based decision that is made using the following criteria:

- Academic needs
- Social needs and dynamics
- Academic diversity of the group
- Special needs
- Students who require additional intensive/EA support
- Independence/dependence
- Role models
- Student relationships

Due to the complexities of placing students in classes, decisions are considered complete and final at the end of June. The only exception is if significant changes to enrollment occur over the summer. In the rare event that should occur, the school office will contact your family in late August if your child is directly affected. Students will be made aware of who their homeroom teacher is when they receive their June report card.

Library Books

It is that time of year when we ask that library books be returned. Please note the following dates:

Friday, June 7- this is the last day for students to sign books out of our school library.

Friday, June 14 – ALL library books are due back to the school library. Thank you.



FUN Ways to Stay Social and Build Emotional Intelligence This Summer!

Take care of the world around you.

Enjoy a walk out in nature at a park or trail and help keep it clean by getting some gloves and a trash bag and picking up litter.



Build, draw, create!

Make a list of imaginative things you can do on rainy summer days! Try origami, learn an instrument, build a cardboard robot, make up a new dance!



Become an expert!

Pick one thing to get really good at! Maybe it's baseball, drumming, baking or computers. Summer is a great time to explore and get some know-how!



Make someone smile!

Think of three people you're thankful for. Make something for them, write them a card, or just tell them what they mean to you. You'll feel as good as they will!



Grow strong and healthy!

Ditch the soda, candy, and potato chips. Learn to make some healthy meals and cook some for your family. Play some basketball, jump rope, or go for a walk.



For more character education advice and to see how our custom online Social-Emotional Learning curriculum is changing children's lives, visit RespectfulWays.com

