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Welcome to Prairie Spirit School Division!

As you embark on this learning journey into Kindergarten with your child, I can just feel the excitement and butterflies that come with this new adventure. Whether before the morning bus or car ride or on your walk to school, your words of encouragement and comfort will help to provide the assurance your child needs to step confidently into this next phase of their life.

You will see in your Kindergarten teacher, a partner in supporting you and your child as they encounter new environments and experiences, filled with curiosity and wonder. It is my hope that no matter who you meet as you enter your school, you will recognize that Prairie Spirit cares deeply about all of our learners big and small.

My hopes and dreams for all of our learners in Prairie Spirit would best be captured in this quote, "...we want our learners to engage the world, change the world, do good, learn always, and to know that, without a shadow of a doubt, they matter to the world..." (Fullan, 2018). Our Aspirational Learning Goals captured in our Division Strategic Plan describe what our learners look like. *We want our learners to be able to access information from print, technology and people, and to be able to communicate in a variety of ways. We want them to know not just their number facts, but how to use numeracy skills in the world around them. We want them to be able to co-operate with others, to ask and answer questions, to give and follow directions and to treat themselves and others with compassion. In other words, we want them to be independent learners and curious, caring and engaged citizens of the world.*



Our goal is that your child's sense of wonder and imagination will find a home in our learning environments. Their curiosities will help determine what should be learned in an environment where play and exploration combine in a blend of learning opportunities. They will learn that mistakes are stepping stones to success and that school experiences will build friendships, skills and memories that will last a lifetime.

I wonder what hopes and dreams you have for your child? How might we honour those together with you? Would you share those with us? What might you and your family bring to our classrooms, hallways and communities that would allow us to celebrate your passions, culture and dreams? How might we learn with and from each other?

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to partnering with you on this journey – families and school together. We are humbled by your trust and grateful for the opportunity to support and nurture the learning development and wellbeing of your child together with you. We look forward to working and learning together with you as we support your child's passions and dreams.

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke  
Director of Education