



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### June 5

P.D / Prep  
No online learning

#### June 11

PreK Applicants will be contacted regarding acceptance

#### June 17 – June 26

WES Office will be open weekdays from 9-12 and 1-4

- One person per household.
- Items available for pick up and drop off in the front lobby of the school. Access is limited to this area.
- Do not visit the school if you are ill, exhibiting Covid19 symptoms, or have been in contact with anyone with symptoms in the last 14 days.
- Please do not bring gifts for staff/teachers

#### June 19

Last day of Supplemental learning

#### June 26

Alternate Progress reports will be sent home

### Principal's Message

Happy June everyone and I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is a particularly unusual feeling to be sitting down to share a message with you as we enter the final month of this school year – as what a school year it has been! Not since our great (or for some perhaps even great-great) grandparents were of school age has an institution as dependable as the rising and setting of the sun thrown us such an unusual and challenging situation. Our congratulations to students and families who engaged with their teacher and classmates over the past months in supplemental learning. It was not always easy and a steep learning curve for all of us. It was particularly rewarding to see students posting their learning and creativity on Seesaw - a highlight for me is to see and comment on what students are posting about their learning at home. A touchstone of supplemental learning in our school division these past few months is that LEARNING IS EVERYWHERE. As we enter June and the summer season right ahead, a reminder to embrace those opportunities whenever, wherever and with whomever you may find them. I became a reader and lover of books not in school, but through the lazy days of summer and the opportunity to immerse myself in a book of choice. Even though I have spent many years in formalized schooling I value times I spent visiting with grandparents, working on the family farm, and exploring the outdoors as some of the richest and most enduring educational experiences of my life. I hope your children will continue to learn over the coming summer months even when 'school is out'.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome my colleague, Ms. Danielle Olson, as the new principal of the Warman Elementary beginning in September. Ms. Olson and I have worked together for several years and I know that her enthusiasm and passion for students will be an asset to the school. I will be moving down the street to commence duties at Traditions Elementary in September but wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of our school and your children's education. Warman Elementary is a wonderful school with a gifted and hard-working staff, a genuinely great bunch of kids, and supportive parents and community. It has been my honour to be part of the WES team for the past (and much too short) two years. All the best!

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

### **WES Welcomes French Immersion Program This Fall**

Prairie Spirit School Division shared news with all families at the beginning of April that Warman Elementary School will welcome the French Immersion Program beginning in September. French Immersion programming will be offered from Kindergarten to Grade Three next year. WES warmly welcomes the French Immersion staff who are relocating from Traditions Elementary. This move will allow the French Immersion program to continue to grow. As well, Warman Elementary School will be getting a name change – beginning in September we will be known as Ecole Warman Elementary School! Registration for both English and French Immersion programs remains open. New registrants should inquire via email at wes@spiritsd.ca.

### **Bon Voyage Departing Staff**

The end of each school year is a time of transition as some staff move onto other opportunities and adventures. We take this opportunity to recognize the following departing staff members who contributed so greatly to our WES community this past year; Mary Battersby, Amanda Baudais, Sara Dycer, Rebecca Gudnason, Kelli Holst, Chelsie Jacobson, and Greg Tebay.

### **Last Day of Supplemental Learning – June 19**

Teachers will continue to send home new work or new projects for students until Friday, June 19, as part of the Supplemental Learning plan. After June 19, teachers and school staff will continue to support students by providing feedback and accepting completed work. Our school division plans to use the time from June 22 to 26 to plan and prepare for the fall, as best we can.

### **June 2020 – Alternate Progress Report**

All PSSD students will receive an end of year program report which will be emailed home at the end of June by the homeroom teacher. The one-page report will be sent to all students regardless of whether they participated in Supplemental Learning Plan activities or not. The report will focus on literacy and numeracy with a grade determined by the students work up to March 20th (and through to the end of the school year for those students who regularly participated in supplemental learning). The Alternate Progress Report will also provide information to students/families about the child's grade placement and homeroom teacher for the upcoming school year.

### **School Supply Lists**

Families will find information about School Supply Lists for students on our school website in **August**. School supply lists can be found at [blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes](https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes) under the FAQ tab.

## Kindergarten Orientation Information Coming Home in June

Due to school closure we will not be having an in-person Kindergarten orientation day as is our tradition. Supporting a smooth transition to school for our Kindergarten students remains important to us and we have a few plans in place to help with that. Later in June we will be sending a Kindergarten Welcome Package along with a short introductory video home via email to every registered Kindergarten student. At this time the exact plan for the beginning of the school year is still unknown but we are busy making plans for several scenarios that will ensure all our new EWES students will have a wonderful start to school.

## Unused Milk Cards

Unused student milk cards have been collected by current homeroom teachers and will be passed onto students when we return to school. They can be used at that time.

## End of Year Office Hours

The Warman Elementary School office will be open from 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-4:00PM weekdays from Wednesday, June 17 to Friday, June 26. Families wishing to drop off borrowed technology or library books or pick up unclaimed school supplies, medications or Epi-Pens visit the school to address those items. We ask that any parents visiting the school follow generally accepted protocols of distancing and safety which include:

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- Please do not bring gifts for staff/teachers. Our recommendation for those who feel they must recognize staff with a gift do so in the form of a donation to a charitable/relief organization in the school or staff member's name.

## Time Together, Time Apart

The shutdown that we're all living through has made for an awful lot of family together time. You may have noticed that there have been times you've been quite happy to be around your family and other times that you've felt a strong need for some time away from other people. All of us have a rhythm of needing connection until the need is fulfilled, followed by needing to pull away for some space to be alone. This is known as the closeness/distance cycle and may be challenging during this time. For more information and tips on what you can do when you need time away, please visit the [WES Mental Health Wellness blog](https://padlet.com/mrssara/WES_MentalHealth_Wellness) and click on the article *Time Together, Time Apart* [https://padlet.com/mrssara/WES\\_MentalHealth\\_Wellness](https://padlet.com/mrssara/WES_MentalHealth_Wellness)

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