



August 19, 2020

Dear École Warman Elementary School Families,

Well, hello again...how are you? We hope you are enjoying these last few beautiful (dare we say “too hot”) weeks in August!! We know that come mid-January, when the temperature is the same but has a “- minus sign” in front of it we will be missing these hot, sunny days 😊

It has been a busy summer for us in schools, and we have been working hard to prepare for our upcoming school year alongside our education and healthcare partners. Our division has been communicating to families regularly in hopes to inform families as the planning and health assessments evolve. Letters from August 7th, 12th and PSSD’s Return to School Plan can be found on our division website homepage at <https://www.spiritsd.ca/>.

On August 26th, we will be communicating our school-level plan to families with more details unique to our own school for families. As with all of our updates, newsletters, and schedules/calendars, you can access these anytime by visiting our school website at <https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes/>. We would encourage you to check the website periodically as well as to ensure that your email address registered with the school is current/in use as that is the address school emails are sent to). In the meantime, we will continue to work with our staff and division partners including Facilities and Caretaking as well as Human Resources, Transportation and Learning Leaders to prepare for a safe and positive re-entry back to school for all.

One last thing to mention is actually in the form of a thank you note and a request for all families. First of all, thank you so much for being patient and supportive partners in education. We know that over the past several months, families have really had a lot on their plates and hearing some of the stories of how families have persevered, found ways to honour the idea that “*learning is everywhere*” and supported all of the academic, social-emotional and physical needs that come along with home learning has been something else. Thank you again. Secondly, I would like to reach out to you as partners in getting your children ready for their first week back. At the school level, we are preparing visuals, signage, common language, videos and alternatives to so many of the “social norms” and routines that we need to adapt with/to this year. Teachers will be reaching out to our students prior to their return as well to introduce themselves, find out more about their students and communicate details specific to their classrooms. From home, discussing and practicing things like handwashing, keeping hands to yourself, social distancing, being kind and patient with others, getting used to seeing others in masks, etc. are all things that we can start/continue to work on to help ease back into school with the changes that are required right now. Because we are teachers and in an effort to offer ideas and protocols in a light-hearted way, we intend to create and communicate a few videos demonstrating some of these new skills for our students. Please be forgiving of the quality of our acting...we definitely won’t be

seeking any Academy Awards 😊 for the performances, but know it is important for our students to see us, and hear what to do, and to connect.

We look forward to welcoming our staff back next week on August 24th for Professional Development, Staff Meetings, Training and Preparation for our student's return on Tuesday, September 8th.

Yours in Learning,

Your Admin Team,

Danielle Olson, Principal and Nicole Lacoursiere, Vice Principal