



September 25, 2020

Bonjour l'automne! Happy fall! The seasonal change has certainly been a beautiful one with the warm wind blowing the leaves as students learn and play outdoors as often as possible this week. From ladybug collecting to treasure hunts in the leaves, seeing the students interact and discover in the beautiful environment right in our backyard/schoolyard has been heartwarming. Although we typically send out newsletters out at the beginning of each month, we want to continue to communicate as often as possible this year so that we are all staying informed. We have a busy month approaching starting with a very important and meaningful time to connect with Student-Parent Teacher Conferences. We value this time together to come together as a team to support each student in their learning and well-being at school. Thank you all, our school families for your communication and support as well. We truly value our partnership in education!!

Your É.W.E.S. Administrative Team,
Nicole Lacoursiere (Vice Principal)
Danielle Olson (Principal)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 25
Terry Fox Walk

Sept. 28-29
School Photos
POSTPONED (we will communicate our new date to families once re-scheduled)

Sept. 30



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is recognized on September 30th each year. It is a way that we, as a school and community, can honor and acknowledge the past and the effects today of residential schools. The day first started in 2013 in Williams Lake, BC but the history of the day is from 1973. Phyliss Webstad wore an orange shirt, excited for her first day of school. When Phyliss arrived at St. Joseph residential school, she was stripped of her orange shirt and it was never seen again. We wear orange not only in honor of Phyliss but all Indigenous students throughout the years of residential schools.



Terry Fox Marathon of Hope 2020

Students are participating in the Terry Fox Walk this afternoon, distanced in cohorts around the community. Families are asked to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. *We will be accepting donations from September 18th – 30th.*

All fundraising this year must be done online.
Please use the School Fundraising Link:

<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=906948>



Student-Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 1-5

WHEN? - Tuesday, October 6th 3:30-7:00 and Thursday, October 8th 3:30-7:00

WHY? - Student-parent-teacher conferences are an important part of our school's plan for informing families on a child's progress and next steps. With timely interventions, we can improve outcomes for students. The purpose of our S-P-T conferences is three-fold: Building relationships; Better understanding the strengths and needs of each student; Providing timely feedback that will allow the student to act on this feedback.

HOW? - Although for this first set of conferences, face-to-face/ in-person meetings are not feasible, we, at ÉWES are following recommendations to hold virtual/videoconferencing conferences. **MORE INFORMATION WILL COME OUT ON MONDAY REGARDING SIGNING UP FOR YOUR INTERVIEW TIME (using the school interviews online scheduling tool) AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO LOGIN TO YOUR GOOGLE MEET TIME IN A STEP BY STEP LATER NEXT WEEK.**

École Warman Elementary School SCC

We had our first virtual meeting Monday evening. The SCC currently arranging a Story Walk activity for families in collaboration with Traditions School. Stay tuned for details.

Meeting minutes are always posted on our website.

Next meeting date:
October 20th



Water Bottles

Please ensure a water bottle is sent to school EVERY DAY and is washed often.

Learning from the Field:

IF there is a positive COVID case

As all of us know, there have been schools in and around Saskatchewan who have had announcements of an individual testing positive for COVID-19. With thanks to our partners throughout the division, we have been able to learn first-hand about the *current* processes that can/would occur should this happen in our school. When Saskatchewan Health Authority determines that one of our student or staff population has tested positive for COVID-19, they contact the school as a part of their investigation process for determining who may be identified as a close contact. There are several different ways someone can be considered a close contact of a patient with COVID-19, one being having close prolonged contact (within two meters) or having shared personal items) (See [link](#) for more information). They inform the school that an individual attending or working at the school has been found to be positive and that contact tracing has begun. If the individual is a student, they would have already collected some information from the parents, and based off of that information, may ask the school to provide additional information, such as classroom seating plans and contact information, to help with their investigation. They would also ask for a bus seating plan, if applicable and information regarding whether they attended any other school programs such as our Before and After School Program. From there, they determine, in consultation with the ill student, who would be considered a close contact. Those that are deemed to be a close contact are then contacted and it is determined by Health, the next steps moving forward which may include testing or isolation.

The school would then begin our procedure for informing parents, via email, of the class affected and the school population as a whole. The letter going home to the class would state that there was a positive case found in **your child's classroom**. The rest of the population would receive a letter stating that there was a positive case found in an **individual attending the school**. We are directed by Saskatchewan Health that, in keeping with privacy laws, that the names and/or classrooms of the student, staff, or siblings are not to be divulged to the general public.

Our facilities department, along with Administration, would then determine the possible contact areas of the child/class within the school and a deep clean would be completed.

We hope this clarifies the process that we would have to follow at this time in regard to both keeping people safe, informed, as well as protecting privacy. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following all the Health protocols and guidelines as we try to keep our school communities safe.

SHA: COVID-19 info for parents

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has provided helpful information for families about COVID-19 testing and care for children. Please consider sharing this information with your school community using your regular school communication channels. The document is posted on our [website](#) so the link is open to the public.



SPARE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Spare Bus Drivers are needed in your school community.

- A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:
- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
 - Could take their young child along on route
 - Enjoys daily contact with students
 - Supports the local community

For more information about this flexible opportunity, please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 or go to spiritsd.ca/careers

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