

December 2020

Dear EWES Families,

Wow, it is incredible that we are already in the month of December!! With all of the snow outside this year, our teachers have had a blast learning and taking time outdoors with our students. We have many classrooms who spend at least one class period per day learning in the outdoor environment achieving science, social studies and ELA outcomes, and even had a class spend the entire day outside last week with a "Polar Bear Day"!! We have been very lucky to have warm temperatures and a great variety of areas to explore together. While on outdoor supervision, Mrs. Lacoursiere and I have noticed so many new opportunities to pretend, to plan, to share, to build and to explore that the snow brings to our playground and field and we are very grateful for such a gorgeous landscape to call "home" each day.

We have had a busy month, just finishing up Education Week, where our staff and students participated in collaborative activities to bring them together virtually, reminding us that we are all a part of the school community and that we can always find ways to learn, share and be a part of great things TOGETHER 😊. We would also like to thank our SCC again for partnering with the SCC at Traditions to bring us a fun opportunity for family literacy and community exploration in the story walk. There was a ton of participation and 20 students also received gift cards to purchase books with to enjoy as a family, courtesy of our SCC.

This month, we look forward to fun and festive times around the school that bring us closer together. We would like to thank our Nursing Practicum students for their time with us teaching, learning and promoting healthy practices around our school and wish them well as they move into their careers in Nursing. We would also like to thank all of our families for your support, your flexibility and your willingness to do everything you can to help us keep our school healthy and safe. We have never experienced anything like this before, and are really learning the meaning of the saying, *We are all in this Together...* Merci, and thank you once again.

Take care, and happy holidays everyone,
Your Administrative Team,
Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Lacoursiere



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 2

**Christmas is For Kindness
Campaign begins**

Dec. 3

**Pre-Kindergarten
Conferences
No Pre-K Classes**

Dec. 4

**Pre-Kindergarten
Conferences
No classes for Pre-K**

Dec. 16

Christmas Spirit Day!

(Dec 15th for Kindergarten B
classes)

Dec. 18

Pajama Day!

(December 17th for
Kindergarten B Classes)

Dec. 18

Last Day Of Classes

Dec. 19- Jan. 3

Christmas Holidays

Jan. 4

Classes Resume





CHRISTMAS IS FOR KINDNESS...

December activities and Christmas Traditions will look a little different at EWES this year. We are not able to gather for our annual Christmas Festival or Concert as we traditionally would however, the staff and students at EWES are still excited to share in some festive cheer. This year EWES is learning that "**Christmas is for Kindness**". Classes will be planning and carrying out some 'Acts of Kindness' throughout the month of December as well as encouraging families to participate at home!

In years past, École Warman Elementary has gone above and beyond in the kindness department. We would love to see how you and your families show kindness. Please send us an email or a photo to wes@spiritsd.ca explaining or showing how you participated in acts of kindness. These will be posted on our facebook page as a way to inspire others! Every family who emails us will be entered into a draw. Let's work together to make a big difference in the lives of others this holiday season! DRAW DATE: DEC. 16TH. 2020

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Shovel your neighbor's driveway
- Donate to the [Warman Food Bank](#) (only accepting monetary donations)
- Drop food off food items at local pantry boxes
- Zaks Home Hardware, Warman – Giving Tree
- The [Lighthouse](#) and the [Friendship Inn](#) have many ways to give.

This is just a few off the top of our heads! There are many other ways to show kindness!

We thank you in advance for helping École Warman Elementary School students experience the gift of Kindness. *Happy Holidays!*



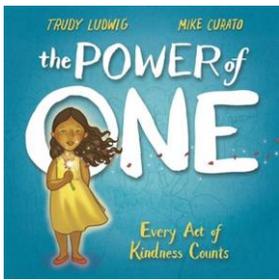
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH - Christmas Spirit Day. Wear your favourite Christmas outfit or wrap yourself in tinsel and get ready to enjoy an afternoon of winter/holiday crafts!! We will be capturing videos and images of this festive day and creating a video to share with all EWES families. Be sure to look for a holiday treat sponsored by our SCC which will be sent home with the Holiday video for families to enjoy as they watch.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH - Pajama Day will be on the last day of school -. Come in your coziest pjs!



We love pets too, but please keep your distance if you bring your pet to pick up your children.





A BIG thank you to all families who participated in our Story Walk. 20 lucky winners were drawn and received gift cards to Indigo.

A big thank you to our SCC's for gathering the businesses and posting the pages.

A BIG, BIG thank you to our local businesses for supporting our Story Walk.



If your child has any missing items please let their teacher know with a description of the item so they can check the lost and found for you.

COVID-19 Update New Measures in Effect November 27

To align with these new expectations and to continue to support safety in our schools, the following changes will be implemented in Prairie Spirit schools, starting on Friday, November 27th:

- Students in Pre-K to Grade 3 will wear masks throughout the school day. Students should come to school with at least one non-medical mask. The school will have disposable masks available for students, if required. We will work with our younger students to help them build their stamina.
- All students and staff will wear masks throughout the school day (except when eating and drinking). We have extra masks at school if your child's mask needs to be replaced during the day.

Our teachers and school staff will support all students to understand and follow these new measures. We appreciate your support as you guide your children at home.



Prairie Spirit Bus Policy Change

Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved**. In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.

Bus routes cancelled at 6 a.m. due to cold weather will operate on their regular routes at the end of the school day, provided that temperatures reported at 12 noon are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill). Please see the notes at the end of this message. If the bus will run at the end of the school day, parents will receive notifications through the [Versatrans My Stop app](#) and the update will be posted on the Division's [website](#) and phone hotline (306-683-2805).

Educational tours and/or extra-curricular travel by bus will operate in the afternoon provided that temperatures reported at 11 a.m. are warmer than -40 degrees Celsius (combined temperature/windchill).

Wheelchair lift equipment will be operational in the afternoon if the combined temperature is above -35 degrees Celsius at 12 noon. The driver will contact the student's family if the lift equipment is operating for the afternoon route.

Notes: · Please see the Division's updated [Admin Procedure 805 - Bus Service Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather](#). The Prairie Spirit Transportation Department uses Environment Canada's data only.