



## January 2021

Dear EWES School Family Members,

Welcome back to a new year at EWES!! We are feeling rested, rejuvenated and ready to come back to our **“school family”** for an exciting 2021!!

Our fall was like none other and we are ready to start the new year fresh with a focus on learning and well-being.

As always, the first week back may be a little challenging for all of us to get back in the **“routine”**, but we also know that our students and staff are all ready to get back as well.

The month of January brings an opportunity for us to re-set, to look at our goals and re-evaluate our plans of action. As we know, **“Learning is Everywhere”** and we thank you all as parents for all that you do at home to support learning. Making learning a part of your day, from talking about the weather and nature and exploring the **“why”** and wonder of learning about your environment right from your kitchen windows... to reading side-by-side with your child, demonstrating a love of reading and a chance to discuss their understandings of the topics and themes in the stories. These times are not only **irreplaceable** moments between you and your children at home, but also **crucial** to supporting their learning at school.

The new year is an **opportunity** for a new beginning, but it is also an opportunity to keep working towards ensuring that our students, staff and families feel **connected**, a part of the school **community**, are able to **grow as learners** and that their **well-being** is supported.

Happy new year!!

Yours in Learning,  
Your Administrative Team,  
Danielle Olson & Nicole Lacoursiere



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 4**  
Classes Resume

**January 15**  
NHL Begins

**January 15**  
Jersey Spirit Day!



Wear your favourite  
Jersey!

**January 19**  
SCC Meeting

**January 29**  
Prep Time / No School



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## Registering for 2021/2022 Kindergarten

If your child will be five years old by December 31, 2021 (born in 2016) they will be able to attend Kindergarten next year. Please contact one of the schools in our community to leave your child's name and your contact information so that Kindergarten registration materials may be sent to you when they become available in March. **École Warman Elementary School is a dual-track school offering both French Immersion and English Kindergarten instruction options.** Both programs follow the Saskatchewan curriculum. If you have any questions regarding either program, please contact the office. We are asking families to ensure that students are registered by April 14<sup>th</sup> to guide us in planning for the 2021/2022 school year.



**Thank you** to all of the families who participated in our Christmas is for Kindness Campaign. It was so fun seeing all the photos and learning about all of the different ways our wonderful families showed kindness in our community. A big thank you to the individuals and families that went above and beyond and reached out to provide meals, gifts and donations to some of our families in need over the holidays. We are so fortunate to belong to such a wonderful and caring school community!

## THANK YOU SCC!

Our super spirited Christmas Helpers were able to spread some Christmas Cheer on behalf of our wonderful SCC. Each class received a \$100 gift certificate to use on classroom books.

As well, packages of hot chocolate were sent home with all of our students to enjoy over the break.

Thank you for all you do SCC!



## COVID Reminders:

Thank you for all of your help keeping our school safe this fall. Because of you ensuring that your child stays home when displaying symptoms, and your open communication and care taken when a possible contact has been made in your family, we have done very well and been able to stay in the classrooms this fall. As a reminder, **if** a positive COVID case were to arise affecting our school, we would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as we go through the processes and procedures that are necessary.

As a reminder, *if/when* Saskatchewan Health Authority determined that one of our students or staff population has tested positive for COVID-19, they would contact the school as 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 would inform us that an individual attending or working at our school has been found to be positive and that contact tracing has begun. If the individual was 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 or not they attend any other school programs, such as our Before and After program. From there they would determine, in consultation with the ill student, who would be considered a close contact. Those that are deemed to be a close contact would then be contacted and it would be determined by Health, the next steps moving forward which may include testing or isolation.

Here at school we 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 has been a positive case found **in your child's classroom**. The rest of the population would get one stating that there has been 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 for you the process that we have to follow in regard to both keeping people safe, informed, as well as protecting people's privacy. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following all the Health protocols and guidelines as we try to keep our school communities safe.