



February 2021

Happy February ÉWES Families!

We have had an awesome month of *learning* and *growing together* at school. We feel so lucky to get out and about each day seeing our school community flourish.

This past month was a cold one...but we made the most of it with some awesome snow hills, snowshoes and sharing lots of stories and ways to enjoy and embrace the cold. Thank you so much for helping your child learn how to dress for the weather, practicing how to get their own jackets zipped up and own boots on to ensure they are independent, safe and have ample time to play at break times. This past month, we learned a lot about Mental Health Literacy and practiced strategies to self-regulate, to focus our mind and to "just breathe" together. We learned about having a "Growth Mindset" and will continue to read and learn together inspired by the virtual assembly our Grade 4 students held for us to help us all in our wellness journeys.

This month, we look forward to many things (including our winter break!!) and are especially excited, as a dual-track French Immersion and English school to celebrate *French as a Second Language Week* featuring *Carnaval de Québec* activities. Fun Fun!!

As we move into this new month, we would like to honor and recognize all of the amazing work that our school families are doing from the home in supporting student learning. We would also like to recognize the *commitment, care, compassion* and *perseverance* of our staff as it is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Feb 7-13. What I know for sure is that our students get to spend 5 days a week with teachers and support staff who *see* them, who *listen* to them, who get to *know* them as individuals, who seek to *challenge* them and who *support* them on their learning journeys. We are so lucky to have each staff member here at ÉWES- be it our *caretakers*, our *admin assistants*, our *educational associates* our *school counsellor* or our *teachers* and this week, we definitely want to take the time to celebrate them.

Take care and Happy Valentine's Day 😊

Your Administrative Team,
Mrs. Lacoursiere (Vice Principal) and Mrs. Olson (Principal)



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10 & 11
Kindergarten Learning
Summaries

February 8 -12
French Language/
Quebec Carnaval Week

February 12
Spirit Day!
Show your love for...

February 6-15
Grab Your Mittens
Fun-raising Family
Activities
(details below)

February 15-19
Family Day/ Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

February 22
Classes Resume

February 24
PINK SHIRT DAY
100th Day of School!

March 1-14
Virtual Book Fair

March 2&4
Grades 1-5 Conferences



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February Upcoming Events!



Feb. 8th -12th – Quebec Carnival Week! – A long-standing tradition (dating back to 1894) that takes place each year in Quebec to celebrate and participate in French culture and winter festivities. ÉWES staff and students will be participating in winter activities during the week; toboggan races, snowshoeing, snow play, indoor winter themed sculptures etc.



Feb. 12th – In honour of Valentine's Day – **SHOW YOUR LOVE** on February 12th by dressing up/ representing anything you love! Favourite sports team, favourite colour, favourite superhero, favourite food, favourite princess, favourite sport....anything at all!

While some classes may be participating in Valentine's Day crafts and/or activities we are discouraging students from sharing items at school and are asking families to **not send any Valentine's Day cards/treats to the school.*



Feb. 24th – Pink Shirt Day - Over the month of February and throughout the year, Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness about bullying as well as support programs that foster children's healthy self-esteem.



Feb. 24th – 100th Day of School – grade ones will be celebrating 100 days of school by participating in various activities in their classes!



École Warman Elementary School is proud of our inclusive educational values and will be honouring **National Inclusive Education Month** at after the February break. Classrooms will be learning about what it means to be inclusive and how we each can play a role in creating a welcoming environment for all.

The Grade 4 Assembly

On January 28, 2021 all of the grade 4 classes performed an assembly about mindfulness. Due to Covid 19 it was a virtual assembly, but hopefully our students and staff still learned a lot. Many people might have not known about mindfulness and now we hope they do. It is important to look after our mental health and practicing mindfulness can help with that. Deep breathing activities are a great way to bring back focus and stay calm. Everyone at any age can practice mindfulness. We hope the students and staff enjoyed the assembly!

Submitted by:
The grade 4 classes at EWES



Student-Parent Teacher Conferences Grades 1-5

WHEN? Tuesday, March 2 3:30-7:00 / Thursday, March 4 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? Face-to-face/ in-person meetings are not feasible, we will again be holding virtual/videoconferencing conferences **VIA GOOGLE MEET**.

Instructions on how to set up your conference time using our SCHOOL INTERVIEW scheduler will be emailed on February 12, 2021.



Prairie Spirit Bus Policy Change Reminder...

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.

***** In the instance that the morning route is cancelled but the afternoon route is running ... we assume all students are on the bus unless told otherwise; please ensure your child's afterschool plan is communicated to the classroom teacher if there are changes. We encourage families to be checking My Stop and/or the website regarding bus cancellations.**



Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation and the Martensville & District Kinettes have partnered for some February 'Fun'-raising Festivities, in cooperation and support from the City of Martensville, and we hope you will participate in this fun, free, outdoor family friendly initiative throughout your schools, with your family, friends, colleagues, communities - everyone is welcome! Proceeds from this event will be divided equally between the Foundation for use in our 2021 learning initiatives for students throughout the Prairie Spirit School Division and the Kinettes will provide to Telemiracle 45.

[Warm up to winter by participating in these February 'Fun'-raising Festivities!](#)

Virtual Book Fairs
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**Virtual Book Fair
Coming March 1-14
Stay tuned!
More Information and
details to follow.**

**Important
Information**

Reminder: For safety reasons, all exterior doors are locked throughout the day, if you are dropping off students late please use the main entrance of the school and have them ring the bell. If they are returning from lunch, they are able to use their own door providing supervisors are outside to let them in. On indoor recess days or if you are unsure, please drop your student off at the front door.



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 14th to guide us in planning for the 2021/2022 school year.

La Tire

Maple trees are "tapped", and the sap is collected. It is clear and thin, like water. After much boiling, it reduces down to maple syrup.

How to make *La Tire*:

You can then take maple syrup and boil it down to make a candy. It is called "maple syrup taffy" or "sugar on snow" or "la tire" (rhymes with "steer", in French). **INGREDIENTS**

Ingredients:

Maple syrup -- 1 quart

Fresh, clean snow -- a good amount (on a cookie sheet)

Method: Bring the maple syrup to a boil in a large saucepan and simmer until it reaches 240°F on a candy thermometer. Let cool for a couple seconds and then pour in a thin stream over clean packed snow. Let set for a moment to begin to harden. Roll up on a clean popsicle stick and eat.

If you do not have maple syrup or snow, you can make sugar syrup and pour it over shaved ice. It's still delicious!

Sugar syrup recipe:

In a sauce pan put: 1 cup brown sugar, Just under a ¼cup water, ¼cup of butter , ½teaspoon maple flavouring

Ice: Fill a large, flat pan that is at least 3" deep with snow or shaved ice. Keep in freezer until the taffy is ready.

Place sugar, water, butter and vanilla in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil and continue boiling until it reaches a soft-ball stage. This does not take very long. Do not boil longer as it will be too hard, like a hard candy. To determine when it is ready to be poured over the snow use a candy thermometer and cook till 240°f. The temperature might sound specific, but if you leave it boiling too long, it will be a brittle piece and if you don't leave it long enough it won't harden enough and be too soft to eat.