



## December 2021

Dear ÉWES Families,  
We are so excited as we embark on a season of giving, gratitude, and togetherness at ÉWES. We are thankful for getting the chance to meet with families throughout Student-Parent-Teacher conferences and know that our students succeed because of this partnership between home and school.

We are grateful for the people and groups that influence our school lives here at ÉWES and as we bid farewell to our U of S College of Nursing students as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup> year College of Education teacher this month, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to get to work alongside these community partners.

At ÉWES, we continue to work on our school goals of *Reconciliation*, *Mental Health & Wellbeing* and *Literacy* and look forward to many upcoming initiatives in the New Year. We also look forward to the fun planned for the month ahead for our school to celebrate kindness and connection together.

Happy Holidays!!  
Yours in Learning,  
Danielle Olson (Principal) & Nicole Lacoursiere (Vice Principal)



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Dec. 3

Sask. Rider Spirit Day!  
Wear your rider gear or green...Let's Go Riders!

#### Dec. 3

Learning Summaries  
Grades 1-5

#### Dec. 6

SCC Class Gift Deliveries

#### Dec. 10

SRC Candy Cane Day!  
(Kindergarten A classes Dec.8)

#### Dec. 15

Christmas Spirit Day!  
(Kindergarten B classes Dec. 14)

#### Dec. 17

PJ Day  
(Kindergarten B classes Dec.16)

#### Dec. 17

Last Day of Classes

#### Jan. 4

Classes Resume

#### Jan. 4

National Ribbon Skirt Day





December activities and Christmas Traditions will again look little different at ÉWES. We are not yet able to gather for events such as Christmas Festivals or Concerts as we traditionally would have...however, the staff and students at ÉWES are still excited to share in some festive cheer.

### *Gr K-2 Virtual Holiday Concert*

Our K, 1, and 2 classes will each have the opportunity to don the stage and perform a special little song or poem. We will record each performance so that each teacher can share the video with their classes and families.

### *Christmas is For Kindness*

Throughout the month of December, each class will participate in their very own "Kindness Activity" to give back during the Christmas season. Classes will brainstorm and plan what they can do to give back to our community. Look for communication from your child's teacher in the coming days detailing classroom plans.

### *SCC sponsored Class Gift Deliveries*

Ho Ho Ho ...on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ÉWES classrooms will each be surprised by a special visitor who will be delivering gifts for our classrooms from our School Community Council.

### *S.R.C Candy Cane Spirit Day*

On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, students are invited to dress up for a school spirit day by wearing Candy Cane Colours! This might involve colours like white, red and green. We look forward to seeing our students dressed up on the 10<sup>th</sup>! (Kindergarten A classes will participate on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>)

### *Christmas Spirit Day & Craft afternoon*

Staff and students are invited to dress up and show their Christmas Spirit on Wednesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes throughout the whole school will also participate in a Christmas craft afternoon as well as some caroling. (Kindergarten B classes will participate Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>)

### *Whole School PJ Day*

Staff and students are invited to stay nice and cozy in their pajamas on the last day of school before holidays on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>. (Kindergarten B classes will participate on Dec. 16)

***Happy Holidays!***



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### Curling

Well, the season is upon us and the ÉWES curling club has begun. The grade fives are learning to curl at the Martensville curling rink every Thursday after school. Students will learn the basics of curling including sliding, throwing a rock, sweeping, and scorekeeping. Curling club is a 10 week session that will run until mid-February. A huge thank you to the Martensville Curling club for allowing us to use their facility. Curling is a great sport that teaches kids sportsmanship, hard work, and communication. After only one lesson the kids are very excited and ready to learn!!

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## SRC EVENTS!



Our wonderful SRC have been busy keeping our students filled with school spirit! Most recently with twin day and decorating our lobby Christmas tree!

Rumour has it that we will be visited by some elves throughout the school during the last week before Christmas. Students should be on the lookout for EWES' version of Elf on the Shelf.

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wear your Roughrider Green to support the riders as they have their 1<sup>st</sup> playoff game on Sunday!

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### SCC News

The SCC's fundraising committee supported all of our amazing teachers during Parent-Teacher Night conferences by providing a pizza supper. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication and for staying late to make sure that we all had a chance to discuss our children's learning together.

The committee also got to thinking (with some great input from the teachers)... and are excited for each classroom at ÉWES to open up some special packages for Christmas! We have been busy this last month wrapping up some fun surprises for each class and are looking forward to stimulating and creative methods to enhance the learning experience for BOTH staff and students! Every step involves FUN, FUN, and more ÉWES students may want to come back to school **right after** Christmas!!! Last but not least, please keep your winter gear out, your eyes peeled, and reserve some of energy as the SCC is gearing up for the Story-Walk in the New Year!



### FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

We have had a great month as our Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee introduced "Feel Good Friday" to our week! Every Friday, you might notice a little more "pep in our step" at ÉWES, as we start the day playing happy, upbeat music outside while students come to school and line up to come inside. It is short and sweet but really sets the tone for our day and connects us as a whole school 😊!!



### Whole-School DEAR

Another activity we have engaged in to support connection as a whole-school as well as literacy is our afternoon whole-school DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time one day a week. Transitioning in from recess to learning time with soft music and time to read a great book has been a peaceful way to come together (even when apart) and celebrate a love of reading.



**Lost and Found Items** are set up in the lobby of the school. Please feel free to come in and claim your child's things.

All unclaimed items will be donated on December 15<sup>th</sup>