

MARCH 2021.

Dear EWES Families,

When sitting down to construct our newsletter this month, it took a minute or two to realize that it is already March!! February just flew by...as we had so much happen at ÉWES!

From getting to participate in a day of music and learning with Resonate Junior Live to Staff Appreciation Week, to French as a Second Language Week Events, to Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, to Valentine's Day festivities, to Pink Shirt Day- learning about Kindness, and the Family Day/ February Holiday Break....we sure did a lot!!

Despite all of the freezing cold days/ indoor recesses and continuing in the midst of a pandemic, it was no doubt the excitement and the hope for all of these fun events that made us all excited to come together each day. In our Admin. walk-abouts, we enjoyed getting to know the students, asking what they are learning about, and getting invited to attend things like the "100th Day of School" celebrations. These are the things we all remember!! It has been said that "*The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure but from hope to hope*" (Samuel Johnson). And hope is what we continue to foster, together at ÉWES. Hope for new opportunities... for friendships...for learning...for growth.

We can't wait for the month ahead as we prepare to celebrate our annual *Carnaval de Quebec Winter Festival*, and continue to focus on our school goals purchasing new books for our classrooms, continuing to foster whole-school DEAR (drop everything and read), meeting with our Reconciliation Team to explore our shared history through works of art and look forward to our Mental Health and Well-Being focus on Physical Wellness with some exciting contests for classrooms to "verse" the Admin. Team mid-month. Can't wait!!

Take care and enjoy the month ahead! Yours in Learning,

Nicole Lacoursiere (Vice Principal) Danielle Olson (Principal)



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3 Grade 5 Curling March 4 Bedhead/Wacky Hair Day March 7 Prep Time/PD – No School March 8 SCC Meeting 7pm March 8-11 Carnaval de Quebec @EWES March 8 & 9 Healthy Hunger Smokes Poutinerie March 10 Grade 5 Curling March 16 Healthy Hunger Subway March 17 St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green March 21 **Rock Your Socks For** World Down Syndrome Day March 24 Grade 5 Ski Trip March 29 & 30

EWES Spring Photos (More info TBA)

March 31 Healthy Hunger Boston Pizza

April 1 Learning Summaries Gr 1-5







École Warman Elementary will once again be offering hot lunches through Healthy Hunger for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Proceeds will be going toward the school playground enhancement fundraising initiatives.

The dates of our upcoming hot lunches are March 8, 9, 16, and 31^{st,} April 13, 28, May 11, 26th. Watch for more information to come out regarding June lunch dates.

If you already have an account, please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website (<u>www.healthyhunger.ca</u>) and log into your account. At the end of the school year Healthy Hunger always erases your child(ren) from your account so you will be prompted to add your child(ren) and which grade/teacher they are with for this school year. Please ensure that you select the city/town as Warman and the school as École Warman Elementary School. Once you have added your child(ren) you are then able to place your order. If you are new and have not created an account, please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website, and click the green Learn More button under Parents and then sign up for a free account.

 Once you are into your account you will notice that the hot lunch options/dates have been set up for the remainder of the school year (except June - more info will follow). If you would like to proceed and order all your lunches "available to date" you can. At any time you may log back into your account to make changes to your orders.

If you have any questions regarding the lunches, please contact the school at <u>wes@spiritsd.ca</u>. If you have questions or require technical help with the Healthy Hunger website, please call their helpline at 1-800-818-6260.

This option involves use of a third-party on-line scheduler. By using the service, you understand that Healthy Hunger is not affiliated with Ecole Warman Elementary School and that you are trusting Healthy Hunger with data you enter. Healthy Hunger's privacy policy can be found at https://healthyhunger.ca/privacy_policy.php

MARCH INTO OUR UPCOMING SPIRIT DAYS!



March 4th - Bedhead / Wacky Hair Spirit Day! After a long week of school returning from the break; on Friday March 4th you can just get up and go with a classic "bed head" look OR get creative and show us your "wacky hair" ideas!

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day – GREEN IS THE THEME! Dress is green to show us your true Leprechaun colors!



March 21st- ROCK YOUR SOCKS In recognition of World Down Syndrome Day (March 21)! Wear your most colorful, mismatched socks!



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ÉWES Carnaval Week!

March 8-10th – Quebec Carnaval 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 many winter activities during the week; toboggan races, snowshoeing, snow bucket races, Crokicurl, skating, etc.

Healthy Hunger is set up for **Smokes Poutinerie** during this week; it's a chance to have a traditional French Canadian lunch treat.

Grade 4 Spring Choir

Mme. Jarema and Mrs. Tempel are currently planning for the Grade 4 Choir to begin later this month (starting date TBD). Rehearsals will be Fridays at noon in Mrs. Tempel's room. Any Grade 4 students who would like to participate are welcome. We ask for a commitment of 7 noon hours to learn the music and then a performance (details to follow) in late May. Students who normally go home for lunch will need to arrange to stay for lunch on Fridays. We look forward to singing together!

Friday Fun Club

Carnava

When: Lunch Recess on Fridays starting March 4th

Where: The ÉWES Library

Focus: Fun and Connecting

Grades: Students in grade 3-5

Each week will be a different grade, starting with grade 3's first

<u>The Plan</u>: Board Games, Lego, Paint, Partner Reading, Coloring, BINGO, Drawing, Crafts



CURLING Rocks!

Well, our season has almost come to an end, with only two more sessions (March 3rd and 10th) we have come a long way from November. Students have learned to slide out of the hack, throw different turns, sweep, and score keep. Most importantly, we had some fun!!! I am very proud of all the students who were able and willing to try something new, and to all the parents and grandparents who drove them. A big thank you to Mrs. Lacoursiere and Mrs. Mckay for helping after school, I think they even learned a few new skills. But none of this would be possible without the kindness and generosity of the Martensville Curling Club for letting us use their facility. Please check them out next season if you are interested in playing. Until next season curlers, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

~ Mr. Flett



MINI BASKETBALL CLUB

When: Tuesdays -Lunch Recess begin March 15th

<u>Where</u>: Gym

Focus: Connecting, Sharing, Starter skills, Fun

<u>Grades</u>: Students in Grade 1 (each week a different group)

The Plan: Passing, Dribbling, Shooting "Mini-Style"



Our SCC Report

A **HUGE** thank you from all of our staff to our School Community Council for making us feel so special throughout Teacher Appreciation Week!! We felt very spoiled with all of the treats and notes we received- Merci! Maarsii! Thank you!

We had a chance to discuss PSSD's reporting system for next year as we move to the platform, Edsby. The division sought feedback on some of the changes to the format and had a chance to hear the "why" and share their thoughts as parents. Thank you for sharing in this endeavor with us

March is finally here! The SCC wants to acknowledge and thank all WES staff and support staff for helping each other out during the pandemic. Thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure all our students have access to their assignments and home reading packets! We know it's not easy!

The SCC would like to introduce it's committee members to the community, starting with our with our president, Erin! "I am a stay-at-home mom to Alex (11), Jordan (8) and Emily (5); and have been married to Dennis for 12 years. You can catch me at WES on some days as I am a part-time supervisor; I am also part of the Warman Collective Garden, and have shared my love of flowers and gardening (tomatoes!) with grade 2 and 3 classes for the last five years. I love sewing, and have a biology degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a Biotechnology degree from SIAST. This is my first term as President with the SCC, and I hope that we can work together to bring lots of fun-filled activities for our parent-student-teacher community and show our appreciation to all the wonderful work each individual contributes!"

Thanks Erin for working so actively within our school and community to bring the love of nature right to our doors!

Welcome to Kindergarten in Warman!

If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2022 (born in 2017), it's time to register for Kindergarten!

École Warman Elementary School 403 4th Street West 306-933-2066 • wes@spiritsd.ca

Traditions Elementary School

401 Traditions Boulevard 306-683-5200 • tes@spiritsd.ca

Both schools offer a warm, welcoming and supportive Kindergarten program. École Warman Elementary School will offer French Immersion programming for Kindergarten through to Grade 5 this fall, in addition to a full English program.



Our goal is to have healthy enrolments at our elementary schools in Warman, providing the space for all students to learn and grow.

School capacity and other factors may have an impact on Kindergarten placement.



CHOOL DIVISION

Kindergarten Open Houses will be held at each school later this spring.



To register, contact the school or go to: www.spiritsd.ca/register



Virtual Mental Health Counsellor

Prairie Spirit currently has a full-time **Virtual Mental Health Counsellor** who is available to support students and families across our Division.

Prairie Spirit School Division has school-based counsellors available at every school.



Available by

appointment

Monday to Friday