

## December 2022

Dear ÉWES Families,

The month of November was filled to the brim, we can't believe it is December!!

We were so grateful to all the staff and students who put on a meaningful and heartfelt Remembrance Day Service Assembly for our school family and to our community helpers such as our local RCMP School Resource Officer for attending.

This month, our teachers have been working long hours as they have been learning and navigating our new Edsby reporting system. We know that there are always bumps along the way with change but can definitely see the benefits to the changes made to our Division Reporting Documents and are happy with the streamlined result. We cannot thank families enough for getting signed up and maintaining patience as we all learn how to log in, update information, convey information and do so in a timely manner. We know it can only get easier as time goes on and we're in it together!

We look forward to seeing you all again during our ÉWES Family Holiday Festival on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 15th. We know how important it is to our students to get to bring their families into their school and to get to know the staff and spread joyous spirit of the season into our school and community.

On behalf of our École Warman Elementary School Staff Family, we wish everyone a very safe and merry holiday season!!

Yours in Learning,

Mrs. Olson & Mrs. Lacoursiere





Dec. 1 Booster Juice Healthy Hunger Dec. 7 SRC Bake Sale – EWES Playground Fundraiser Kindergarten A, Grades 1 & 2 Dec. 8 SRC Bake Sale – EWES

Playground Fundraiser Kindergarten B, Grades 3-5

Dec. 15 Holiday Festival Evening

Dec. 16 EWES Caroling Assembly – for students

Dec. 16 SRC Christmas Spirit Day

Dec. 21 SRC Christmas Hat/Sock Day

Dec. 21 Wendel Clark Healthy Hunger

Dec. 21

**Christmas Movie Afternoon Day** 

Dec. 22 SRC Christmas Pajama Day

> Dec. 22 Last Day of Classes

Jan. 9 Classes Resume



# Holiday Happenings at ÉWES ....

December activities are always super fun, full of excitement and happiness as we celebrate and learn together heading into the holiday season.

#### SRC Bake Sale - December 7th & 8th.

The SRC is planning a Holiday Bake Sale, with proceeds in support of the ÉWES playground. Kindergarten A classes & Grades 1-2 will be able to make their purchase on Wednesday, December 7 and the Kindergarten B & Grades 3-5 can make their purchase on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. **They are asking for baking donations from ÉWES families to sell; all donations can be dropped off at the school beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please ensure items are made with school safe ingredients and individually wrapped. <u>The bake sale will have a pre-</u> <u>packaged nut safe option to purchase for those students with allergies.</u> **All items will be \$1**.

#### Ecole Warman Elementary Holiday Festival – December 15th

Save the date... December 15<sup>th</sup> is our ÉWES Holiday Festival! A variety of crafts and festive activities will be set up in classrooms around the school for families to visit and participate in from <u>6:30p.m. to 8p.m</u>. Come on out... This family engagement activity is sure to get you in the Festive Spirit. Students must be accompanied by an adult, no drop-offs. More details will be provided as the event draws near. See you all very soon!

#### Whole School Caroling Assembly

Staff and students will attend a caroling assembly in the afternoon on December 16<sup>th</sup> for festive fun! The ÉWES choir will be sharing a performance of the songs they have been practicing.

#### Christmas Is For Kindness

Once again, ÉWES is learning about "**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!

### Happy Holidays!



## SRC DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS



#### Christmas Spirit Day

Wear your Christmas or holiday sweater...feel free to be as festive as you like!

DECEMBER 16<sup>™</sup>

Christmas Hat/Sock Day

Wear your favorite festive hat or some fun, colorful socks!

DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

### Christmas Pajama Day

Come to school cozy in your Christmas pajama's for the last day before the holidays!

DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

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# GRADE 3 CHOIR NEWS

Our choir members have been eagerly rehearsing and preparing for a couple of performances. We will be singing our Christmas songs in the gym at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th before the Family Christmas Festival begins. We are excited that our families will get a chance to hear us! We will also have a chance to sing them at an assembly for students and staff on Friday, December 16th.

A big thank you to parents for making sure the choir members are staying for lunch on Tuesdays so that our rehearsals can get started on time. Thank you, also, to the choir kids themselves for their enthusiasm and dedication!

Mme. Jarema and Mrs. Tempel wish everyone a joyous and restful holiday season.

## **Thank You Nursing Students!**

We would like to take a moment to thank the **College of Nursing Students** who have made such a wonderful contribution to ÉWES students and staff in sharing their learning, their energy and their leadership with us this fall. Although their last day with us is December 6<sup>th</sup>, we know that we will likely cross paths again as they move into supporting the wider community in Saskatchewan Health in their nursing endeavors. Merci!!



## **Labeling Winter Clothing**

Families spend considerable money on warm winter clothing each year. At school we find that many jackets, boots, etc are identical as they are likely bought at the same stores. Please help us to help you by ensuring that you label jackets, boots, and other items with your child's name or initials. It makes things so much easier to sort out when

things get mixed up or misplaced



# Thank You – Merci!!

There is something to be said about the power of Community and the generosity of the Community of Warman is overwhelming!! We want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU, MERCI, MAARSII to Warman Buy-Low Foods and the Warman Community for their generous donations to "Toonies for Tummies". These donations help our students to access fresh fruit daily, and snacks and lunches to fill tummies when they need it. We need full tummies to learn and initiatives like this help so much!! Thanks again!

## **EWES Food Drive Update Hand Up Cupboard**

This fall, more than ever, we have seen families needing a "hand up" to help them through tough times. The November food drive was SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS because of the generosity of all our ÉWES families and we are forever grateful as we know this is just one more way for our community to access what they need to succeed. **So WONDERFUL!!** 

To access the Hand Up Cupboard, visit their <u>Facebook page</u> and arrange a time to drop by!





## École Warman Elementary School Healthy Hunger Information

Healthy Hunger is Back!! École Warman Elementary will once again be offering hot lunches through the Healthy Hunger program for the 2022-2023 school year. **Proceeds will be going toward the school playground enhancement fundraising initiatives**.

Healthy Hunger Lunch ordering is offered to all staff and students from K-Grade 5. Please note however, that for kindergarten classes, Healthy Hunger will alternate between Kindergarten A and B Days. <u>Please only order for kindergarten students on their attending day - double check your calendars!</u>

#### Schedule:

January 12<sup>th</sup>- <u>Pizza Hut</u> - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. January 25<sup>th</sup>- <u>Subway</u> - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. February 9<sup>th</sup> - <u>Taco Time</u> - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. March 22<sup>nd</sup> - <u>Booster Juice</u> - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. April 6<sup>th</sup> - <u>Boston Pizza</u> - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. April 26<sup>th</sup> -<u>Baba's Perogies -</u> Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. May 11<sup>th</sup> - <u>Subway</u> - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. May 24<sup>th</sup> - <u>Pizza Hut</u> - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. June 1<sup>st</sup> - <u>Wendel Clark's</u> - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.



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 <a href="https://healthyhunger.ca/privacy\_policy.php">https://healthyhunger.ca/privacy\_policy.php</a>



Students and Staff are very proudly wearing their school clothing. Thank you to all the families who have ordered apparel. Our online store will stay open all year for families to shop at their convenience. Use the link to see all the store options. A great Christmas gift idea!! https://ecolewarmanelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/ ÉWES is looking for skate donations. If you have any skates that you would be willing to donate, please send them with your student or drop off in the office.



Thank you/Merci!



## WHOLE-SCHOOL DEAR

Once again, this year, our whole school has been participating in afternoon DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) in support of connection and literacy. Transitioning in from recess to a learning time with soft music and some time to read a great book, has been a peaceful way to come together and celebrate a love of



reading.



# Feel Good Friday

We have thoroughly enjoyed music every Friday morning to get us pumped up on our way to school and often you will see lots of dancing and singing along the way! What a JOY!! This month, we will also get to have festive music at recesses outdoors on Fridays to keep us in good spirits as we move into the holidays. Enjoy!!



ÉWES families please watch for our Grade 3 class Christmas letters to be published the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> in the Clark's Crossing Gazette special edition Christmas Issue.

Lost and Found Items are going to be set up in the lobby of the school December 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to come in and claim your child's things.

All unclaimed items will be donated on December 22<sup>nd</sup>



Ms. Erika Power, who has been interning at École Warman Elementary School since September, will be leaving us on December 22nd. She has been an awesome addition to the Grade 4 Rowley classroom. She has made many connections with the students, and we will miss her dearly. Ms. Power taught us valuable and engaging lessons that we will not forget.

We do want to wish her the best of luck in her new career as a teacher - perhaps we will see her back at ÉWES soon!



## A Message from your EWES SCC ...

Our school year is continuing to fly by, and the holiday season is upon us. This season of giving and gratitude offers us all time to reflect on the good in our lives and to challenge ourselves to do more for others.

Quick October recap--the Family Halloween dance was a HUGE success. Thank you to all the parents, students, and teachers for helping to organize and make this a dance to remember!

Lastly, the SCC would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year! We hope that at every turn, we will hear the laughter of children, look forward to the "ho, ho, ho" of everyone's favorite jolly old elf, and partake in all the traditions that make the holidays fun, festive and special. Thank you for being part of the family here at ÉWES! See you in the New Year!



## **EWES Playground Update**

Our new playground is on schedule for installation this spring! To date we have raised just over \$25 000! Thank you to the entire school community for your generous support! Fundraising initiatives to raise the final \$20 000 will continue throughout the year. These will include Healthy Hunger lunches, SRC bake sales, and a whole school Chocolate fundraiser in the new year! Thank you all for your support!

