

## February 2023

Dear ÉWES Families,

February has found us, and it is certainly a little frostier than the warm January we had! We are staying busy, bundling up and very excited about the month ahead!!

We kick off every February with Indigenous Storytelling month and have several new books being featured in our resource centre written by Indigenous authors. We are also very excited to welcome special guest, Métis Storyteller and local author, Cort Dogniez to ÉWES to share his stories, artifacts, and love of playing the spoons with us this month!!

ÉWES is also celebrating a love of literacy with World Read Aloud Day and will be spending time reading aloud together as a school, in our classrooms as well as encouraging families to celebrate by reading aloud at home. Our SCC is hard at work planning a One Book One School initiative to provide even more opportunities for at-home read-aloud with the story, A Boy Called Bat. We can't wait!!

We continue to work together toward our school goals in Literacy, Mental Health, Well-Being and Reconciliation and have been working very hard to build our capacity in using the new Edsby program not only for attendance and reporting purposes, but in maintaining strong communication between home and school through the "news river" and starting to post student learning to share with the home.

Also up ahead this month, we are looking forward to welcoming families in again to continue our supportive learning conversations and goal setting within the structure of our classroom Student-Parent-Teacher conferences. If you have not yet signed up for your timeslot, please do asap as we strive to have 100% attendance at these very important connects between classroom teachers and families.

Happy Valentine's Day/ Joyeux Saint-Valentin everyone,

Yours in Learning,

Mrs. Olson & Mrs. Lacoursiere



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### February

Indigenous Storytelling Month

#### February 1

World Read Aloud Day

#### February 2 & 3

Métis Storytelling Workshops  
with Cort Dogniez

#### February 6-10

French as a Second Language  
Week

#### February 7 & 9

Grade 1-5 Learning Conferences

#### February 7 & 9

Book Fair 3:00 - 6:30 pm

#### February 9

Healthy Hunger – Taco Time

#### February 13

SCC Meeting – 7pm

#### February 13-17

Staff Appreciation Week

#### February 14

Valentine's Day  
SRC "Wear Red/White" &  
School Sockhop Event

#### February 15

Let's Lift Each Other Up!  
Pink Shirt Day

#### February 15

Grade 4 & 5 Track Relay Club  
Meet in Saskatoon (evening)

#### February 20-24

Winter Break/ No School

#### February 27-March 3

Rocks and Rings Gym Curling at  
ÉWES





## Student-Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences Grades 1-5

École Warman Elementary School will be hosting in-person conferences for students, families, and teachers this school year.

**Who?** All families, students, and teachers at ÉWES

**What?** Meet to support student learning as a home/school team

**Where?** Meetings are being held in student classrooms. (in-person)

**How?** Use the emailed instruction sheet to **sign up** for your interview time.

**When?** 3:00-6:30p.m. Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and 3:00-6:30p.m. Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Why?** We know that maintaining **ongoing communication** and **relationships** between the home and school are of utmost importance in supporting student learning. In our conference, students get a chance to bring their family and teacher(s) together to meet, set goals and discuss next steps in learning in a supportive manner.

*Note: We would like to ensure that every student/family attends an in-person conference. If there is a reason you are unable to attend a conference on one of the two days provided, please connect with your classroom teacher to schedule an alternate connect.*



### Let's Lift Each Other Up!!

As this year's Pink Shirt date, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is over our Winter Break, Prairie Spirit schools will have our **Pink Shirt Day one week prior on February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week February 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Theme: "Champions of Learning"



## French-Second-Language Education Week

February 6-10, 2023

### Find Your Own Story!

Découvrez votre propre histoire!



**Peter Katz**  
JUNO-Nominated Musician  
and Storyteller

Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
Zoom  
1:30 pm CST  
Grades 4-12  
Open to Saskatchewan FSL Schools  
Free of Charge



**Stéphanie Morin-Robert**  
Multi-Award Winning and  
Multi-Disciplinary Artist

Thursday, February 9, 2023  
Zoom  
10:30 am CST - Kindergarten to Grade 3  
1:30 pm CST - Grades 4 & up  
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Renowned CBC radio host Tom Power described Katz's music as "one of the most heartfelt, beautiful, and vulnerable records of the year... an astonishing record". To date, his music has been streamed over 6 million times and his music videos have over 25 million views on YouTube.

Katz is also one of Canada's most in-demand speakers and facilitators, being called on to give his highly customized "keynote concerts" to hundreds of companies and organizations across various industries like Bell, Xerox, Royal LePage, American Express, Mars, Trillium Health and the Royal Bank of Canada, to name a few. Over the last 18 months, Katz's impressive move to virtual has seen him perform to over 75,000 people virtually around the world, including being asked to address the House of Commons of Canada.

"His ability to connect is unlike anyone I've seen. To be the highest standard of being a storyteller is to be like Peter Katz." Jeff Pulver - Founder of Vonage

For more information, visit <https://www.peterkatz.com/>.

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**Stéphanie Morin-Robert**

Stéphanie Morin-Robert is known throughout the Canadian arts community for her vibrant spirit and talent to inspire.

When she was two-years old, Morin-Robert lost her left eye to cancer and has had a glass eye ever since. Through her storytelling workshops and her solo show "BLINDSIDE", she establishes a trusting and safe environment by sharing her experiences with bullying and how she managed to work through her insecurities and come to terms with her disability.

Morin-Robert is a graduate of Concordia's Performance and Contemporary Dance Program. As a former summer camp activities director in Northern Ontario and a French Immersion performance teacher for nursery and primary school in Quebec, she understands the importance of learning language and social skills through connection and play. All of these experiences have shaped her passion to perform for and collaborate with the future generation.

Her performances and creativity have been celebrated with awards from dance, theatre and spoken-word festivals across the country. These include "Most Outstanding Production", "Best-Cast" and "Best-Over-All Show" in London; "Most Original Work" in Ottawa; "Best-Choreography", alongside nominations for "Best-Clown" and "Best Theatre English Production" in Montreal, and "Best-Physical Theatre" in Victoria.

Her work has been presented in some of the most prestigious theatres in the country, such as the Fredericton Playhouse (NB), Royal Manitoba Theatre Center (MB), Port Theater (BC), and many more. Stephanie's upcoming Canadian, European and American tours demonstrate her great dedication to continue sharing her work internationally.

For more information, visit <https://www.gebbestartists.com/stephanie-morin-robert>.



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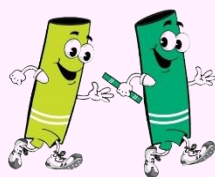
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## Indoor Relay Run Club

We are excited to offer the opportunity for students to be a part of indoor track once again this winter! We have approximately 70 students signed up in grades 4 and 5 who are currently training for the PR Elementary Relay Meet that will take place on February 15 at the Saskatoon Field House. Our training times are every Monday at lunch recess and Wednesdays after school from 2:45-3:20. We will be adding a few more after school practices leading up to race day as well as more details about race times as they become available on our Edsby run club group so please ensure your family is connected. Good luck to our athletes!

Your coaches

~ Mrs. Wruck, Mrs. Mulligan, Ms. Power

## SRC FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAYS

♥ Wear Red/White for Valentine's Day - January 14<sup>th</sup>

♥ Get moving "Sockhop" - January 14<sup>th</sup> (during school hours)



On behalf of the staff and students at École Warman Elementary School, we would like to thank Affinity so much for designating our group as recipients of their Community Spirit Fund!!

We are so excited to be considered for this initiative as we are currently working very hard to raise enough money to put in a playground structure for our older students at ÉWES and we believe our Playground Project aligns with Affinity's vision "to build a better world for everyone, everyday" through "initiatives that make our communities stronger".



# École Warman Elementary School Healthy Hunger Information

Healthy Hunger is Back for the new year, please check the dates to ensure you have placed your orders for these new events!! 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. Please only order for kindergarten students on their attending day - double check your calendars!

## Schedule:

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Taco Time - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

March 7<sup>th</sup> - Smoke's Poutinerie - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. - **\*NEWLY ADDED FOR CARNAVAL WEEK**

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Smoke's Poutinerie - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. - **\*NEWLY ADDED FOR CARNAVAL WEEK**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Booster Juice - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5.

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Boston Pizza - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

April 26<sup>th</sup> - Baba's Perogies - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5.

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Subway - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Hut - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Wendel Clark's - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

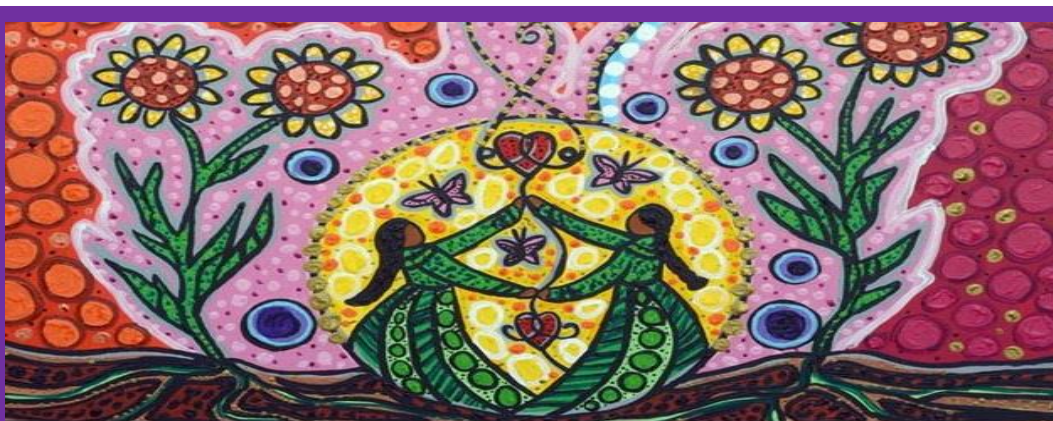


If you already have an account, please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website ([www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca)) and log into your account. At the end of the school year Healthy Hunger always erases your child(ren) from your account so you will be prompted to add your child(ren) and 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 [wes@spiritsd.ca](mailto:wes@spiritsd.ca). 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](https://healthyhunger.ca/privacy_policy.php)



## Indigenous Storytelling Month

*Winter is a traditional time for storytelling. Culture and language are preserved through oral history, legends and stories.*

*Get involved during the month of February!*





## Registering for 2023/2024

### Kindergarten/Maternelle

Registration is open for 2023/2024 Kindergarten at Warman Public Schools (Prairie Spirit School Division) for children born in 2018. Please register online using the following link: [Kindergarten Registration Form](#)

École Warman Elementary offers both French and English Programs.  
**Don't Wait Register Your Student Now!**



**REGISTERING**  
for  
**KINDERGARTEN**

If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2023 (born in 2018), it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Please contact your local school for more information.

 PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION



**FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN**  
**École Warman Elementary School**

Prairie Spirit's French Immersion program is growing!

Children from Rosthern, Hague and Osler are invited to enroll in **French Immersion Kindergarten** in Warman for the 2022/23 school year.

*Please note: Rosthern, Hague and Osler families will be responsible for student transportation to Warman.*

 PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION

## PSSD Division-Wide Email Information

We just wanted to inform all of our parents that in the case that an email needs to be sent from the Division- that it **only goes to once** to each email address. If a parent has multiple students in the Division (even at multiple schools) – **the system will choose** the first child alphabetically by first name and input that name into the greeting. They do not send one email for each student, as a parent with 5 children would get the same email 5 times, and the email is frequently considered spam by the sending or receiving email servers which has been known to reject the email altogether.





## ÉWES School Clothing

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.

<https://ecolewarmanelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/>



## **The Book Fair is Coming on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

The book fair will be open from 3:00-6:30 p.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to allow families to shop for books during their conference time.



## **Playground update!**

Our new playground is on the way! We are excited to announce that our new playground has been ordered and a 50% deposit was paid. Fundraising efforts are going well with only about \$13,000.00 left to fundraise. We have a couple more fundraiser events planned to help us reach our goal. The first will be a school wide chocolate sale which will be held in March and the second will be a Family Bingo Night in early Spring. We are looking forward to installation of the playground in May 2023.