

MARCH 2023

Dear ÉWES Families,

As they say, *"time flies when you're having fun"* and that really rings true as we return from the February Family Day Holiday and Winter Break. It's too bad that it was so cold out and we hope that families were still able to embrace the gift of time together and in the spirit of our Mental Health Literacy Committee's *Family Snowflake Challenge* – connect for some screen-free time reading, playing games, doing puzzles, visiting, and just simply playing, together.

This month, as we continue with our goals in *Literacy, Reconciliation and Mental Health and Wellness* for Students and Staff, it makes us think of the Cree language word we were recently taught, *"waskawitan"* (pronounced whas ka we than) which in one simple word, means *"Let's all move, work and learn together. Moving forward. Let's get started"*. After getting the chance to meet again at Student-Family-Teacher Conferences, we are all ready to move forward together to help our students succeed at school. This is always a group effort, and everyone has a role to play. Through encouragement, support and interest in student learning and growth, families demonstrate that they value their child's success and learning life. Through ongoing conversations, feedback and differentiation in instruction, educators demonstrate their commitment to supporting student growth and development. Through hard work, perseverance and striving for personal best, students demonstrate their ability to achieve their goals, to navigate challenges and to grow in their learning lives. What a beautiful thing!!

One of the best things about having a dual-track school is celebrating various special events- especially Carnaval!!! Each year, we get out and celebrate winter and this year will be the best yet!! We are getting the opportunity to partner with students taking Core French 11 and 12 at Warman High School who will be running morning activity stations for our students. They will join us for some Poutine before heading back to class for the afternoon and then we will enjoy some Hot Chocolate provided by our School Community Council (SCC) parents and a few indoor activities for the afternoon including a *"Cabane à Sucre"* craft with a special treat of *"La Tire"* (Maple Taffy). Yum!!

Have a wonderful month everyone!

Yours in Learning,

Danielle Olson & Nicole Lacoursiere

MARCH

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27-March 3

Rocks and Rings Gym Curling at
ÉWES (SCC Sponsored)

March 7

Carnaval de Quebec @ ÉWES

March 7 & 8 Healthy Hunger

Smokes Poutinerie

March 13

Prep Day – No School

March 22 Healthy Hunger

Booster Juice

March 17

St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green

March 17-

Progress Reports (Edsby)

March 21

Rock Your Socks For
World Down Syndrome Day

March 21

Grade 5 Ski Trip

March 22 & 23

PreK Conferences – No School
for PreK

March 24

Day in Lieu- No School

March 27

SCC Meeting 7pm (tentative)

March 28

Regional First Mobile Playgroup

(Ages 5 & under)

2:30-4:00 EWES Library



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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:

March 7th – Smoke's Poutinerie - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5. - *NEWLY ADDED FOR CARNAVAL WEEK

March 8th – Smoke's Poutinerie - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5. - *NEWLY ADDED FOR CARNAVAL WEEK

March 22nd – Booster Juice - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5.

April 6th – Boston Pizza - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

April 26th –Baba's Perogies - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5.

May 11th – Subway – Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.

May 24th – Pizza Hut – Kindergarten A & Grades 1-5

June 1st – Wendel Clark's – Kindergarten B & Grades 1-5.



If you already have an account, please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website (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. 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. 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

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/>



MARCH INTO OUR UPCOMING SRC SPIRIT DAYS



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!



ÉWES Carnaval

March 7th



Once again, we get to celebrate winter and all the activities that make it wonderful together through a long-standing tradition, dating back to 1894 known as Carnaval!! As a dual track school, ÉWES staff and students will be participating in many winter and French cultural activities on March 7th this year such as **toboggan races, snowshoeing, snow art and sculptures, Maple Syrup crafts and tasting, beanbag toss, and much much more!!** One very exciting thing happening this year is that we get to partner with French 20 and 30 students and staff from Warman High School who will be joining us for the morning to run each station- what a gift!!

Please remember to dress warm on Tuesday, March 7th - and let's hope for warm temperatures!!

Healthy Hunger is set up for **Smokes Pouterie** during this week (March 7th and 8th); it's a chance to have a traditional French Canadian lunch treat.

*Kindergarten A Classes will get to participate in student-led activities for a portion of their day on March 8th!!



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!



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
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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!

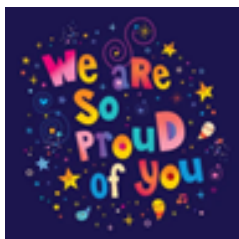
Please contact your local school for more information.

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ÉWES Indoor Relay Track Club

We are so proud of the dedication and determination shown in all our indoor track relay runners! Over 70 students in grade 4 and 5 attended the PR Track Relay Event on February 15th and did amazing! It was such a fun event for them to experience and was great to see them all try their best while cheering on the other running teams. We had 8 U11 teams advance to the finals and one U11 girls team finished on the podium with a bronze medal! Thank you to all families that came out to watch and cheer them on and to those that provided the celebratory treats to wrap up this short season. Stay tuned for more running opportunities in the spring!

Your coaches,
Mrs. Wruck,
Mrs. Mulligan,
Ms. Power



Coming Soon to École
Warman Elementary
School ...

Grade 3 Choir



Mme. Jarema and Mrs. Tempel are currently planning for the Gr. 3 Choir to begin later this month (starting date TBA). Any Grade 3 students who are interested in participating are welcome to join our noon choir club. Practices will be held in Mrs. Tempel's room on

Tuesdays from 12:15 - 12:40 pm. Students are welcome to come to the first practice to see if they would like to join choir or not. Then, we ask students for a commitment to coming every Tuesday (unless they are away/absent from school) in order to learn the music for a performance in late May. Students who normally go home for lunch, will need to make sure and bring their lunches to school on those days.

We look forward to having a great turnout of enthusiastic and committed singers

Our SCC Report



The SCC wishes to thank families for participating in the Mental Health Literacy Family "SNOWFLAKE" Activity over the break!! Getting a chance to unplug a bit is such a great opportunity for our us all!!

Speaking of fun activities...we are sooo excited to bring back Rocks n' Rings to our school this year!! The SCC has sponsored a whole week of fun for all our students to enjoy the sport of CURLING in the gym!!

We are really looking forward to Carnaval on March 7th and will be delivering HOT CHOCOLATE to all the classes as a special gift from the SCC!!

Watch for more information to come out later this month regarding the next ÉWES playground fundraiser scheduled for the end of March. Families will be able to participate in a chocolate sale fundraiser with the money raised to help pay for our new playground!

ÉWES Winter Fun Tech Take Away Challenge

The Mental Health Literacy team encourages all ÉWES students and families to work together and create lasting connections by completing the six activities on the Winter Family Fun Tech Take Away Challenge.

All complete snowflakes can be handed into the classroom teacher by March 2nd and three prizes will be drawn March 3rd.

A reminder to parents/guardians that pictures taken of students and families participating in the challenge can be emailed to wes@spiritsd.ca. Pictures submitted will be posted on the ÉWES Facebook page and displayed on the school lobby TV.



Thank You/Merci!!

ÉWES staff had an amazing week during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in February. Thank you to everyone that provided treats, words of kindness and sweet gestures – we truly felt spoiled by your kindness!



Prairie Spirit School Division Virtual Parent Book Club

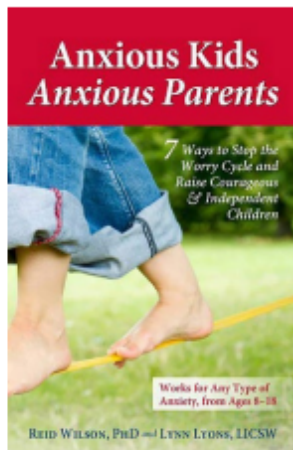
Reading: *Anxious Kids Anxious Parents* by Reid Wilson and Lynn Lyons

Facilitated by: Tanya Kennedy-Reid (Counsellor for PSSD)

Dates: Tuesday March 14,
Tuesday March 28,
Tuesday April 18

Time: 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Location: TEAMS



Come be part of the first ever Prairie Spirit School Division Parent Book Club! We know that there are many students struggling with anxiety which means there are also many parents working to help support their children through hard things. *Anxious Kids Anxious Parents* is written for parents and has many practical suggestions about how you and your child can work together to take control back from anxiety.

The purpose of the book club is to gain knowledge from the book but also to connect with, and learn from, other parents who all have anxiety along for the ride in their lives.

PSSD is working with School Community Councils to support parents who want to join the book club. There may be funds to help cover the cost of your book if you contact your SCC. The book is available as either a print edition or as an audiobook if you prefer to listen rather than read.

To register for this one hour event, please email [Tanya Kennedy-Reid](mailto:Tanya.Kennedy-Reid@psd171.sk.ca) on or before **Tuesday, February 17th**

Log in information will be shared with the registrants.

Participation is limited to 30 people so indicate your interest early!



The Impacts of Social Media on Youth

An online presentation hosted by:
MADISON CAMERON, Youth Specialist, CTIP
Thursday, March 16th: 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Madison will present to Prairie Spirit School Division parents, caregivers and teachers on:

- ♦ Rethinking Social Media for a better understanding of our children and youth
- ♦ Psycho-Dynamics of Social Media for children and youth

Madison was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta. She is the Youth Specialist at the Center for Trauma Informed Practices as well as the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Lethbridge. She is a former university athlete who spent her college basketball career playing in Michigan and Georgia. Madison has experience as an Educational Assistant, Crisis Intervention Worker, Community Support Leader, and has also spent time collaborating with youth organizations across Western Canada and the United States.

Madison has developed a series of comprehensive presentations for professionals, parents, and caregivers focused on the mental, emotional, and behavioural aspects that youth are facing due to the impact of Social Media use. This work was inspired by Madison's personal exposure to Social Media growing up as well as the many experiences she has had supporting children and youth as they face their own difficulties through Social Media engagement.



To attend this event, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to register.
A Zoom link will be provided to your email address the day of the event.



Please contact Peggy Mattila-Bains, Superintendent with any questions. (peggy.mattila@spiritsd.ca)