

## December 2023

Dear ÉWES Families,

What a unique fall we have had and watching our students out at recess making snow angels in the sand, leaves and/or gravel on the playground instead of in blankets of snow. We know it will come though!! The other thing this unseasonable weather has brought is probably a lot of lost winter clothing for families. Rest-assured...it is here in our lost and found...but as we come bundled up in the morning, we often see mitts and toques left on the bench and forgotten by accident- so don' forget to label everything and remind your little one to check out the Lost and Found bin often.

November was a busy month and one of the best events was our SRC/SCC Family Dance!! It was so fun to get dressed up and see all the kids having a blast dancing the night away with their families. A huge thank you for coming out- these are memorable experiences for our students and help build their Sense of Belonging at school when they get to come and bring their families in for some fun!!

A special 'tip of the hat' to all our students and staff who led our Remembrance Day assembly. All our students were extremely respectful we learned important messages of peace, remembrance, and compassion.

We can't wait to have you back again this month for our ÉWES Holiday Festival on the evening of Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Getting the chance to do some crafting, singing, playing, and visiting over a cup of hot chocolate brings us together and gets us all out and about across the entire school spreading joy and the festive spirit before the Christmas holiday break.

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

Yours in Learning,  
Mrs. Olson & Mrs. Sproule



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 1

Handup Cupboard Donation  
Collection Begins

Dec. 1

Grades 1-6 Learning Summaries  
on Edsby

Dec. 6

Wendel Clark Healthy Hunger

Dec. 13

Holiday Festival Evening

Dec. 14

Last Day for Hand Up Cupboard  
Non-Perishable donations

Dec. 19

SRC Christmas Caroling Morning  
Greeting

Dec. 21

SRC North Pole Spirit Day

Dec. 21

Pizza Hut Healthy Hunger

Dec. 21

Christmas Movie Afternoon

Dec. 22

SRC Holiday PJ Day

Dec. 22

Christmas Movie Afternoon

Dec. 22

Last Day of Classes

Jan. 8

Classes Resume



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## Playground Fundraising Committee Report

Thank you to everyone who generously donated at the Family Dance toward playground recess equipment bins for each class this fall!! We raised \$538.85 and together, with funds leftover from all our fundraising and donations last spring, we are now able to purchase one bin per classroom FILLED to the brim with various FUN recess equipment. Stay tuned for deliveries!!



## 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.

### ÉWES December Non-Perishable Food Drive - Hand Up Cupboard

This fall we have seen families needing a "hand up" to help them through tough times. The December food drive will help many local families 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!!** The Last Day to bring in donations to ÉWES is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### École Warman Elementary Holiday Festival – December 13<sup>th</sup>

Save the date... December 13<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 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. 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!



**Happy Holidays!**



## SRC DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS



### ÉWES SRC Caroling Morning Greetings

Enjoy some Christmas Music as you come into School!

**DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### North Pole Day

Students can dress up as holiday elves, and the Staff as Reindeer.

**DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

### Holiday Pajama Day

Come to school cozy in your Christmas pajamas for the last day before the holidays!

**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

# C L U B S



## GRADE 3 CHOIR NEWS

Our choir members have been eagerly rehearsing and preparing for our upcoming performances. We will be singing our Christmas songs in the gym, alongside the Grade 1 class performances which starts at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th before the Family Winter Festival begins. We are excited that our choir families will get a chance to hear us! Students are to meet in Mme. Bélanger's room at 5:45pm and wear something festive and comfortable for the evening. Thank you, so much to the choir kids themselves for their enthusiasm and dedication!

Mme. Jarema wishes 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, the Warman Community for their generous donations to "Toonies for Tummies" and Saskatoon Co-op. Their donations help our students to access fresh fruit daily, and snacks and lunches to fill tummies when they need it. We used the donations to provide a tasty snack for our Mental Health Literacy Movie Days in November. Thanks again!



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To access the Hand Up Cupboard, visit their [Facebook page](#) 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 2023-2024 school year. **Proceeds will be going toward the school enhancement fundraising initiatives.**

Healthy Hunger Lunch ordering is offered to all staff and students from K-Grade 6. 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:

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Wendel Clark's - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-6.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Pizza Hut - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-6.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Quiznos - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-6.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>** - Pizza Hut - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-6.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** - Booster Juice - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-6.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Wok Box - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-6.



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 (more dates 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)



## 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. **A great Christmas gift idea!!**

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



The Government of Saskatchewan has partnered with the Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health for the distribution of free menstrual products to support equitable access for transition homes, women's shelters, and schools over the next three years.

The intent of this program is to provide access to these products to support students in greatest need. School staff will make the products available in a manner that reduces stigma, includes gender sensitivity and cultural appropriateness, and facilitates easy access to products.

Students will be able to access hygiene products in a sensitive way through the school office as needed.



## 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!!



## Farewell To Our Interns

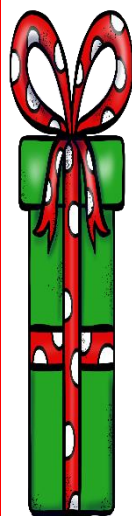
We have been so lucky to have Ms. Sydney Rowley interning in our Grade 2 classroom this year. It has been the most amazing 3 months, and we can't believe how fast time has flown by. She came to school each day excited to teach and happy to learn from her first group of kiddos! I think she would agree with me when I say that she has learned just as much from our kiddos as they have learned from her. I know that she will look back on these past few months with so many good memories and connections made between the staff and students at ÉWES. We will miss Ms. Rowley as she finishes up her internship this December. We want to wish her the best of luck as she begins her new career as a teacher and hope that one day, she will be back here at ÉWES with us.

Ms. Kiyara Linford, who has been interning at École Warman Elementary School since September, will be leaving us on December 22nd. She has been a wonderful addition to the Grade 5 Morin classroom. Her engaging lessons, genuine care for each student, and passion for teaching have made these last few months truly special. We want to wish her the best of luck as she completes her final semester of university and starts her teaching career.

Hopefully we will see her back at ÉWES soon!



ÉWES families please watch for our Grade 3 class Christmas letters to be published on Thursday, December 14<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 11<sup>th</sup>-19<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>.

## A Message from your ÉWES SCC ...

Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to our fall family dance!! It was such a fun and exciting night and just such a joy to see the kids and parents having so much fun together!!! With Christmas around the corner that means it's also time for the ÉWES annual Winter Festival!!

Mark your calendars for December 13th!!

We look forward to participating in fun, festive, family activities throughout the school (crafts, games, and activities) including a hot chocolate station sweet treat provided by the SCC. See you then and Happy Holidays!!





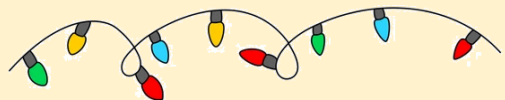
## Grade 6 Guitar Band



Our Grade 6 Guitar Band students have been so busy strumming along and learning so many songs this fall!! Led by our senior French Immersion teacher, M. Martin, students are learning chords, strumming techniques, how to tune and singing along to their songs- what fun!! Can't wait for a concert!

## Student Leadership Group

Our Student Leadership Group has been enjoying planning and facilitating lunch "fun club" for our Grade 2 classrooms this month! Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Moir's Grade 2s got the chance to come out and choose a storybook character from one of our library books and re-create them with plasticine!! We have some amazing creations decorating our library right now and had a ton of fun with our student leaders:) Next up, 2 Chivilo!!



## Working at Grade Level

The academic achievement scale used in Prairie Spirit School Division is designed to communicate a student's progress to their parents/caregivers. The scale helps answer the question, "How am I doing?"

There are four grades that show a student is working **at grade level**:

**MA**



### Evidence of Mastery

I can transfer what I've learned to new situation or use a higher level of thinking. I can do the most complex things asked for at this grade level.

The evidence I create is **sophisticated** for this grade level.

**PR**



### Evidence of Proficiency

I understand what we are learning. I can do everything except the most complex things asked for at this grade level.

The evidence I create is **competent** for this grade level.

**AP**



### Evidence of Approaching Proficiency

I understand the majority of what we are learning. I can do some of proficiency-level work at this grade level, but make significant errors.

The evidence I create shows **partial understanding** for this grade level.

**BE**



### Evidence of Beginning Knowledge

I remember and/or understand some of what we are learning. I can do the simplest work at this grade level.

The evidence I create is **novice** for this grade level.

The following grades indicate a student is **not yet working at grade level**:

#### Missing Evidence:

I have not yet provided evidence on what we are learning.

The work I do shows that I cannot yet do the simplest work at this grade level.

#### Not Reported:

I was not asked for this evidence. Usually this happens because we have not yet done this work as a class, or I was not here when the class did this work. (Perhaps I joined the class in March and this work was done in September.)

Looking for full details? Check out our parent assessment site at:  
<https://sites.google.com/spiritsd.ca/pssd-assessment/home>



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