

September 2024

Dear ÉWES Families,

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year!! We are excited to welcome all of our students and staff back from summer vacation and we hope that you had lots of time for fun, for play, to grow and to rejuvenate!! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families to ÉWES as well as to our new staff members, EAs: *Mrs. Penner and Mrs. Scott*; Teachers: *Mrs. Benaschak, Mme. Nelson, Mme. Myers, Mrs Cosgrove (Ms. Leslie's leave)*; and Vice Principal: *Mrs. Lockinger*. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Moir's Intern from the U of S, Ms. Powell and our College of Nursing Students whom we will meet this month! We are so fortunate to be a part of a large, caring, diverse and committed school family and welcome you all with open arms!!

A huge THANK YOU/ MERCI to our School Community Council (SCC) for hosting yet another wonderful Meet the Staff/Back to School BBQ this year!! What fun it is to get to meet our Teachers and Support staff, re-connect, drop off supplies, get re-oriented with the school, see old friends and welcome new ones and enjoy a hotdog and even this year, maybe a snow cone!!

We look forward to the month ahead as we begin our new learning journey for the school year together. Together, we will work hard, support one another's growth and help one another as we realize our school motto, "I learn. I matter. I belong. / J'apprends. Je compte. J'appartiens. Have a wonderful September everyone!!

Yours in Learning,
Your Administrative Team,
Mrs. Olson & Mrs. Lockinger



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 3
Back to School Gr 1-7; PreK & K
Visits Begin

Sept 9
SCC Meeting

Sept 13
Terry Fox Walk
Dress in School Colors

Sept 17
Kindergarten B Begins Full Day

Sept 18
Kindergarten A Begins Full Day

Sept 19
Healthy Hunger Lunch
Quizzes

Sept 22
Step Up for Mental Health Run

Sept 23
Teacher Prep Time/PD
No School for Students

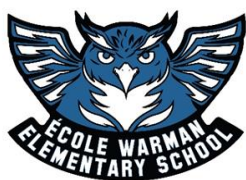
Sept. 24 & 25
School Picture Days

Sept. 27

Wear Your Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30
No School
National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation

École Warman Elementary Bell Times



8:25 AM Welcome Bell
8:30 AM Morning Classes Begin
10:00 AM Recess (Staggered)
10:30 AM Recess (Staggered)
12:00-12:29 PM Lunch / Staggered
12:20-12:42 PM Lunch / Staggered
12:42 PM Classes Resume
2:42 PM Dismissal

* Outside supervision begins at 8:15am, we ask for the safety of our students that they **do not arrive at school before this time.**



Edsby

If you are new to the school, you will have received an invitation to Edsby via email; all returning students' Edsby accounts have been updated with the current school/teacher information. Please ensure you are signed in and checking your account regularly for updated information from the school and your student(s) teacher.

Edsby will be used by teachers to:

- Do their attendance
- Enter grades
- Communicate with parents



As a parent with the app, you will have access to each of your children in one spot, even if they go to different schools. You will be able to use Edsby to do attendance without having to call the office and to engage in your child's progress in their classes. It is the main communication tool for our school/division, ranging from school wide announcements and classroom newsletters to individual contact between parent and teacher. Lastly, your child's progress reports will be posted directly to the app. Instruction Help Documents can be found under the Edsby link on the PSSD website. <https://www.spiritsd.ca/parents/>

We strongly encourage every parent to accept their invitation to Edsby by Monday, September 9th. When your invitation arrives, you will be asked to confirm your **name, address, phone number, email, and the name of your child.**



ÉCOLE WARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Use the following link to access the school website for all things ÉWES. We work hard to keep you up to date on things happening at our school.

<https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes/>

Please bookmark it in your browser and check-in frequently for things like *bell times, calendars, newsletters, registration information, student handbook, etc.*

EWES Picture Day!

Tuesday, September 24 – Pre-K AM/PM Class, & Kindergarten (B Day) to Grade 2 (including Grade 2/3 Bond)

Wednesday, September 25 – Any Missing Pre-K Students, Kindergarten (A Day), & Grades 3 to 7



***Retakes are scheduled for Oct. 29th**



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honors the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

This federal statutory holiday was created through [legislative amendments](#) made by Parliament.

Wear Orange at ÉWES on September 27th

There will be no school on September 30th in recognition of National Truth & Reconciliation Day.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. (www.canada.ca)





Terry Fox Marathon of Hope 2024

The students and staff of ÉWES will be participating in a Terry Fox Walk on **Friday, September 13th at 12:45 p.m.** Students are encouraged to wear comfortable outdoor walking shoes and dress in ÉWES colors - white and blue. We will walk even in the event of inclement weather. Families are welcome to join in the walk, however classes will resume once our walk is complete.

Families who would like to **donate** to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research may send a **cash donation** with their student to give to their classroom teachers for collection or use the School Fundraising **Link:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/76329> *This link will stay open for the whole month of September.

The school cannot issue receipts for this event. If you wish to make a larger donation and receive a tax receipt, please go on-line to www.terryfox.org or forward it directly to:

The Terry Fox Foundation 1812 9th Avenue North Regina, Sask. S4R 7T4

In using this website, please note that terryfox.ca is not affiliated with Ecole Warman Elementary School and that you are trusting terryfox.org with your personal information. Details on the Terry Fox Foundation's Privacy Policy can be found on the fundraising website.

Counselling Support at ÉWES

We are excited to have Miss Jenna back for a fifth year as the ÉWES Counsellor! This year Miss Jenna is at the school to support students Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Miss Jenna provides direct support to individual students, specifically short-term individual counselling, focusing on concerns that impact and are related to the school day. If you have questions or want to discuss options for supporting your child's social/emotional/behavioral school related concern, you can reach her by email at jenna.pokol@spiritsd.ca or by calling the school.

Jenna Pokol M.Ed., Registered Psychologist
School Counsellor, Prairie Spirit School Division



Before And After School Program

Program Hours:

Before School programs open at various times, depending on each school site. All sites are open at 7:30 am or earlier. After School programs run from school dismissal until 6:00 pm.

Registration form link:
<https://app.enrolr.com/bgc-saskatoon/register>

[BASP Parent Handbook](#)

Phone: 306-244-7820



ÉWES Clothing Orders



École Warman Elementary School clothing is now available year-round through an Entripy Shops online store. Log in, make an account and the orders are shipped directly to your home. Please click on the following link to get your EWES gear for this school year – lots of upcoming spirit days to wear your ÉWES gear this school year!

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

School Community Council (SCC) NEWS

A big welcome back from the SCC!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer, but doesn't it feel great to be back? Thank you to all the families who made it to the welcome back BBQ and made it a huge success. It was so nice to see community and school come together once again. A big thank you to Save-On foods for their generous donation and all their help in planning and executing the BBQ. Also thank you to the Kona Shaved Ice truck for coming out and being a part of our welcome back night! The SCC is looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year and planning more events that bring families and school together. We are working on many things to help the school, students and families reach new goals, both in education as well as ways to increase community/family engagement within the school.

WELCOME BACK!

**THANK YOU
MERC!**

We want to say a big Thank You/Merci to Save On Foods and the Kona Shaved Ice Truck for their generous donation to our Welcome Back BBQ!

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Grade 4 -7 Cross Country Run Club



This fall we are kicking off our first running club group with Cross Country! Students are currently training for our two cross country meets that will take place on the beautiful trails located at River Ridge, north of Langham. Our first meet will take place on Monday September 16 and the district finals will be held in the same location in early October. Training for students take place during lunch beginning this Thursday. More information will be sent home shortly about our upcoming meets! Good luck everyone!

Student Water Bottles

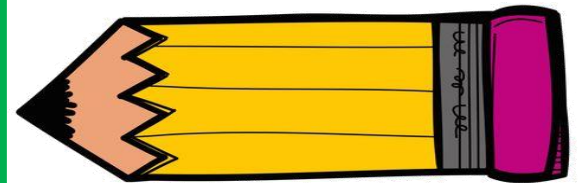
Our school has been outfitted with water bottle filling stations. We ask that all students bring a reusable water bottle full of water every day to school (and take home every evening to sanitize). Please label with their full name and grade.



The Step Up for Mental Health 5km/10km run & walk is set for September 22nd in beautiful Saskatoon.

The start time for the 5km is 8:30 a.m., with the start/finish line village opening one hour in advance. The 10km will start at 10 a.m.

More info. to come for our ÉWES School Team!! Watch the Edsby news river and join the Step Up Edsby Group for updates as we get closer to the event.



Volunteering in Prairie Spirit schools



Criminal Record Check
Volunteer on field trip



Vulnerable Sector Check

- Volunteer coach
- Overnight chaperone
- Volunteer driver with students



Volunteer Driver Authorization
All volunteer drivers, including Prairie Spirit staff members

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 2024-2025 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 7. 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:

September 19th - Quiznos - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-7

October 2nd - Booster Juice - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-7.

October 17th- Wok Box - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-7.

October 30th - Subway - Kindergarten A & Grade 1-7

November 14th- Wendel Clark's - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-7.

November 27th- Taco Time - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-7.

December 11th - Quiznos - Kindergarten A & Grades 1-7.

December 19th - Pizza Hut - Kindergarten B & Grades 1-7.



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 (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. 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



Student Pickup and Drop Off Parking Reminders



For the safety of everyone please make sure student drop off/pickups happen in the drop off loops to the West (in front of Before & After School building) or East of our school (behind the staff parking lot – down the alley), in the parking area across from the school or in the alley ways. At NO TIME should parents have students meeting them in the staff parking lot.

Parents must refrain from dropping off or picking up students in the bus lane in the front of the school – even after the buses have pulled away. Reminder our **Welcome Bell Time is 8:25am**; if you are dropping your student off after that bell time, please use one of the student drop off locations and have your student enter through the main doors at the front of the school. ÉWES is back to having field trips and buses must stay on schedule, so they must always have access to the bus lanes before, during and after the school day. The bylaw officer will be issuing tickets for those continuing to park in non- parking areas and stopping in bus lanes between the hours of 8am – 3:30pm.

For the safety of everyone, students and adults should be crossing the street at the marked crosswalks. Drivers, please take extra caution when driving in front of the school. Please be aware that things will slow down during the beginning and end of school times.

Air Quality Guidelines (AQHI)

Over the past several months, we have experienced a variety of clear days and smoke-filled days. Our division has responded with guidelines for practice to help us ensure the health of our staff and students is of priority.

We will closely monitor the AQHI daily and respond for both the “general population” as well as our “at-risk population”.

Thank you for your help and patience as we learn and implement these new practices.



PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

Air Quality Guide for Schools

Health Risk	Air Quality Health Index	School Messages for Outdoor Activities
Low Risk	1 - 3	All planned outdoor activities can proceed.
Moderate Risk	4 - 6	All planned outdoor activities can proceed.
High Risk	7 - 10	Recesses and lunch breaks can proceed but allow the option of coming indoors. Consider moving strenuous PE indoors. Consider postponing or adapting extra-curricular events with clean air breaks. Follow all relevant school division guidelines, including Sport and Activity Handbook (Outdoor Education), AP-418 Learning Activities Outside the School.
Very High Risk	11	Allow for indoor recesses and lunch breaks. Outdoor PE should move indoors. Extra-curricular events should be postponed or moved indoors, if possible. Follow Backcountry/Field Trip/Outdoor Ed Air Quality Guidelines.

Adapted from Environment Canada [Air Quality Health Index Messages](#)

*Those individuals in the “At Risk Population” should consult the local Health Authority or health professionals for accurate medical guidance and precautions.

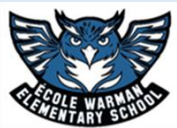
Bus Students and Families

It is always important to take a moment to discuss expectations for behaviour when taking the bus to and/or from school. This privilege also comes with the responsibility to behave appropriately at the bus stop and while riding the bus.

As our school demographic is of a young age and we are all still learning, whenever possible, having an adult, parent or caregiver accompany your child at bus pickup and drop off will reduce unsupervised times and help increase positive behaviours in getting to and from school safely.

Bus Pass applications are completed online, please use the following link to apply directly through the bus garage.

<https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>



✂ Welcome 
To Our School

ÉWES asks that all visitor's to the school check into the office upon arrival.

All volunteers coming into the school will need to check in with the office to receive their volunteer lanyard.

