

# SFEL MEMBER FEATURE



**Coming Soon!**



The Vanscoy and District Early Learning Centers (VELC) are the first Rural multi-site, multi-community centers in the province. The Vanscoy Center was built in 2010 with the support of volunteers from the community and Vanscoy and area. Families from the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy include Delisle, Asquith and Pike Lake. Over the years the center was supported by families from this RM. In 2020 the Delisle center opened, and now the Asquith center is scheduled to open in 2023. The centers encompass all areas of childcare and early childhood education, including infant, toddler, preschool and school age children. Recently the VELC opened the Asquith and Pike Lake before and after school programs, at the local schools. Day camps for school age children are available during some school breaks and summer. The centers employ local people from each community and offer paid training to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education.



The Centers have their own unique culture that encompasses Rural Saskatchewan. Many of the families are from Farms and Ranches therefore the children learn and experience everything that comes with farming from growing plants to cows and horses. Each community has a rink that many children spend countless hours at in the winter months. The centers have access to these facilities as well as the local school. And of course the sunrises across the prairies is spectacular!

