



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

September 2014

Welcome Back!

On behalf of staff and students we hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. It is truly exciting to say, "Welcome Back!" to WCMS this fall. Compared to last year the first days of school have run much more smoothly as we all have a year of experience under our belts and we are not working around a significant amount of construction as we were last fall. Our caretaking staff did a phenomenal job of getting the school looking great for school opening and while there are still some building projects to complete (mostly outside) it definitely feels more like home for staff and students as we begin this year. We are excited to be opening our Practical and Applied Arts wing of the school this fall and offering a wide variety of hands on and practical courses to Grade 7 students. Some of the exciting offerings include woodworking, cooking, sewing, electronics, photography, and cosmetology. We have invested a tremendous amount of time on planning for this program and hope that students will find their learning opportunities highly engaging.

We look forward to seeing you around the school at one of the many upcoming functions this fall.

WCMS Admin Team

"Whether you think
you can or think you
can't, you're right."

- Henry Ford



Mr. Bachmeier's Grade 5 Class

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Thumbs up in Mr. Fast's Grade 6 class

School Picture Day

Jostens Photography will be here on **Tuesday, September 23** to take our annual school photographs.

Students will bring home a photo information sheet a day or two prior to our picture day.

Retakes are scheduled for October 27

Communications Protocol for Parents/Guardians

It is only natural that parents/guardians are going to occasionally have questions or concerns. At Warman Community Middle School (and in our school division) we follow a communications protocol that has proven to be very effective. When there are questions or concerns the first step is to talk to your child's teacher as they are the one who knows your child best. We know from experience that when this first step occurs most questions are resolved at this point. In the event that a resolution cannot be found at this first step, the next step would be to contact the school administration for support.

Please use your child's homeroom teacher (or the specific teacher involved) as your first step when you have a question or concern.

Building Project Update

There are still some outstanding pieces of the building project that are currently being addressed. Landscaping work continues on the north side of the building. Students will be using the boot rooms and are reminded to stay on the paths and out of the dirt. We ask for your cooperation in not using this area in the evenings as it is developed. The cooling system is currently not operating correctly and making the school a little warm. We are being informed that this should be repaired by the end of September. We are excited to open our Practical and Applied Arts facility this fall and look forward to offering a number of exciting programs in this area to our grade 7 students (and grade 8 & 9 students from Osler School).

Yearbook

Welcome back to school! Yearbooks for the 2013-2014 school year are now in and they look great. Thank-you to everyone for contributing photos and making the yearbook a success. As yearbooks make their way home, students are invited to consider joining this year's yearbook club. Stay tuned for a sign-up in the middle of September. Grade 8 yearbooks will be dropped off at Warman High School for distribution.

Noon Supervisors Needed

We are in need of noon supervisors.

This is a paid position and we are looking to fill slots from 12:28 – 1:18.

Please contact Lisa Mason at 306-683-3000 if you have questions or are able to help.

No School for Students

September 19th





Students from 4Werle engaged in learning

School Clothing

Storm clothing proved very popular with students last year not only as a gym change (required at Grade 6 & 7) but as every day wear. We have a good inventory of T shirts, shorts and sweat pants in youth and adult sizes.

Students should place their orders through their homeroom teacher. Others wishing to purchase school clothing can inquire at the school office.

T-shirt- \$15

Shorts- \$15

T-shirt/shorts combo- \$25

Sweats- \$30

T-shirt/sweats combo- \$40

T-shirt/shorts/sweats combo- \$55

Magazine Sale

Our annual magazine campaign will kick off on **Thursday, October 9th.**

Please consider supporting our school by renewing your magazines through our QSP campaign. A portion of each magazine subscription sold stays with the school. Thanks for your anticipated support!

Anonymous Anti-Bullying Online Reporting Tool

The Government of Saskatchewan has recently launched an online anti-bullying reporting tool. More information is available on our blog or at www.iamstronger.ca.

BELL TIMES/DAILY SCHEDULE

8:53	Warning bell
9:00	School day begins/ CPR
9:19	Period 1
10:17	Period 2
	11:15 - 11:30 Recess
11:30	Period 3 of instruction
	12:28 - 1:23 Lunch break
1:15	Warning bell (8 min)
1:23	Period 4 of instruction
2:21	Period 5 of instruction
3:19	Dismissal

Cross Country Track

The WCMS Cross Country Track Team is already up and "running"! **Practices take place Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:28 pm.** We meet outside of the A wing entrance (facing Gowan Road). Students will eat in their classrooms following their run. Participants need to wear proper footwear to practice i.e. no flip flops, Dawgs, etc.

Attendance at practice is crucial as our first meet is in less than 2 weeks. We are excited to see all the interest in running and we are looking forward to another fun and successful cross country season.

Ms. Raison and Mrs. Baudais

Grades 4 and 5 Boys and Girls Soccer

Practices will be at noon every Monday and Wednesday.

Games will be offered for students in grade 5. Stay tuned for more information.

Mr. Flett

Grade 6/7 Boys Volleyball

Practices will start Septmeber 8th and will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45 – 8:45 am.

Shane Bachmeier

Paul Zapotoczny (intern)

Tech Club

Our tech club is starting to get underway for the 2014-2015 school year. This year's club is open to any students who participated last year, and any other students in Grade 7 who would like to join.

Students are planning presentations for assemblies, learning how to create audio books to support literacy in the classroom and are again in charge of our morning announcements around the school.

Our regular **meetings will be Wednesday at lunch** – new members always welcome!

WCMS Grade 6 Soccer Teams are Gearing up for another Championship!

The WCMS Boys and Girls Grade 6 Soccer Teams will **start practices on Tuesday, September 9th at 3:30.** **Practices will run from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesday and Thursday at RJ Gidluck field.**

The season runs until mid-October. A game schedule will be sent out in the near future. Come out and cheer on our Storm!

Mr. Fast (Boys coach) and Ms. McLeod (Girls coach)

Notes from the Music Room

Music 4: In small groups, students will create a musical accompaniment for a poem they have written about Saskatchewan using various percussion instruments.

Music 5: Students will write a parody of a pop song either individually or in a small group, then perform and record it (while learning how to use GarageBand).

Music 6: Students will each create and record an audio-collage that represents their musical identity.

Extra-Curricular Music

WCMS Choir: The more singers, the merrier! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays 12:43-1:23 and will begin on September 23.

WCMS Band: Learn how to toot your own horn! If you need information on how to get a band instrument, please contact Ms. Styles via email or Edmodo. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 and will begin on September 24. On the afternoon of Sept. 21, Ms. Styles will be hosting a beginner's workshop with a few members of the Warman Community Band. This is to help the WCMS Band students get a head-start on their new instruments.

WCMS Percussion Group: Come make music by hitting things with sticks! Rehearsals are on Thursdays 12:43-1:23 starting on September 11.

WCMS Guitar & Ukulele Group: Strum away on Wednesdays 12:43-1:23 starting on September 10. Feel free to bring and use your own guitar or ukulele!

***Your child can sign up for an Edmodo account to receive notifications for WCMS extra-curricular and classroom music, including assignments, schedules, and other information about the music classes and performing groups. Your child's account will have a parent code attached that you can use to sign up and also keep up to date with the WCMS music happenings! Please contact Ms. Styles with any questions.
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Staff

One of the many strengths of our school is our tremendous staff. Our 2014-2015 staff is:

Greg Tebay – Principal Amy Orth – Vice-Principal Lisa Mason – Vice-Principal
Patty Kirby – Admin. Assistant Natalie Black – Admin. Assistant

Jody Baker-Gr.4 Joelene Linner – Gr.4 Alana Raison – Gr. 4
Dave Read – Gr. 4 Colleen Rowley – Gr. 4 Rhonda Werle – Gr. 4

Shane Bachmeier – Gr. 5 Amanda Baudais – Gr. 5 Shawn Flett – Gr. 5
Bonnie Williams – Gr. 5 Nicole McKay – Gr. 5

Kathryn Kulchar – Gr. 6 Karen Georgacacos – Gr. 6 Erin Hoffman – Gr. 6
Laura McLeod – Gr.6 Corey Fast – Gr. 6

Michelle Schaff – Gr.7 Mike Pavloff – Gr. 7 Victoria Dyck – Gr.7
Craig Folden – Gr. 7 Clark Bymoen – Gr.7 Deanna Koroluk – Gr. 7

Michelle Styles – Music Ed Amy Korver (Hamel) – Librarian/Teacher
Brandi Kelsie – SERT Linda Balon-Smith – SERT
Adele Laye – Counsellor Cassandra D'Amore –Counsellor

Maureen Forsberg – EA Lori Vellacott – EA Pam Carpenter – EA
Linda Schnurr – EA Donna Parsons – EA Cindy Brisbin - EA
Karla Kazmiruk – EA Cheryl Fortier – EA Linda Wiebe - EA
Darlene Heide - EA

Kelly Friesen – Head Caretaker Jay-Ann Sochaski – Caretaker
Cynthia Klassen – Caretaker George Nievergelt – Caretaker

A special welcome to our new staff. As well, we welcome Madison Kjargaard who will be filling in for Mr. Folden until October.

Contact Us

Give us a call or email any time with questions, concerns or suggestions.

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Toonies for Terry

WCMS will be participating in the Terry Fox run on September 26th from 2:30—3:15 pm. Each student is challenged to bring at least \$2 to their homeroom teacher with a grade goal of \$500 each. Please bring your donations any time after September 15th.

Assessment Update

Prairie Spirit School Division will be implementing a division wide K-9 progress report this year. Last year, we were fortunate to participate in a pilot program designed to provide feedback and inform decisions about this new progress report. Feedback from the pilot program has resulted in the creation of the following scale to report student learning:

	4	3	2	1	ME/NT
	MASTERY	MEETING	APPROACHING	BEGINNING	INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT as described by the curriculum expectations	Demonstrates a deep knowledge and understanding	Demonstrates a complete knowledge and understanding	Demonstrates a basic knowledge and understanding	Demonstrates a partial knowledge and understanding	ME – Missing Evidence NT – Not reported at this time
LEARNING BEHAVIOUR as described by the curriculum expectations	Consistently demonstrates the characteristics	Usually demonstrates the characteristics	Sometimes demonstrates the characteristics	Rarely demonstrates the characteristics	ME – Missing Evidence NT – Not reported at this time

On the progress report, you will see numbers instead of the letter codes used last year. If you would like more information about research that has influenced these decisions, the work of Anne Davies and Sandra Herbst may be of interest to you.

<http://blog.annedavies.com/2014/05/from-reporting-to-informing-students.html>

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Orth (amy.orth@spiritsd.ca) or your child's teacher at the school if you'd like clarification on progress reports or assessment.

2014/15 & 15/16 SNOW REMOVAL TENDERS

Prairie Spirit School Division #206 invites local contractors to tender for snow removal at all our facilities during the months of October through April for a 2-year term starting October 2014. Please review the tender package available after September 8th on our website at www.spiritsd.ca/tenders, at our School Services Building at 523 Langley Avenue in Warman, or by fax or email upon request at 306-683-2874.



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WARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

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Aerospace engineers are responsible for the design of aircraft, spacecraft and the subsequent assembly or construction process.

During these weekly Chemical Engineering classes, your child will learn the basic mechanics of flying machines through hands-on testing and revising their designs using elements of the *Engineering Design Process*.

Wednesdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, ad 29.

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Grades 4, 5, and 6

Warman Middle School

\$200 for 6 x 90-minute classes.

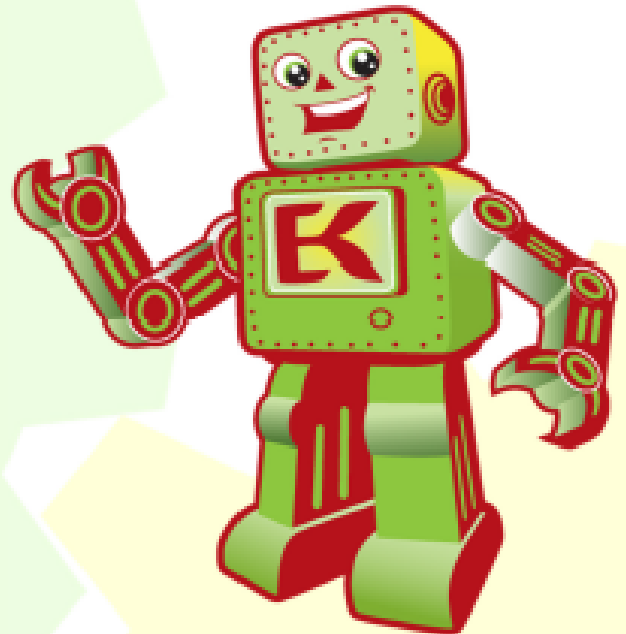
ONLINE REGISTRATION

Click on the 'Register' link to the left of the web page.

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ABOUT US

Engineering for Kids offers STEM enrichment for children ages 4-14 through a variety of camps, classes, birthday parties, and clubs. All of our programs are dedicated to teaching engineering concepts and methods through fun, hands-on activities. We continually inspire the next generation of engineers!



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25 Ways to Ask Your Kids 'So How Was School Today?' Without Asking Them 'So How Was School Today?'

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This year, Simon is in fourth grade and Grace is in first grade, and I find myself asking them every day after school, "So how was school today?"

And every day I get an answer like "fine" or "good," which doesn't tell me a whole lot.

AND I WANT TO KNOW A WHOLE LOT!!!!

Or at least get a full sentence. So the other night, I sat down and made a list of more engaging questions to ask about school. They aren't perfect, but I do at least get complete sentences, and some have led to some interesting conversations... and hilarious answers... and some insights into how my kids think and feel about school.

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? (Who would you NOT want to sit by in class? Why?)
4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
6. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. How did somebody help you today?
9. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
10. When were you the happiest today?
11. When were you bored today?
12. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would you want them to take?
13. Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
14. Tell me something good that happened today.
15. What word did your teacher say most today?
16. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
17. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
18. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
19. Where do you play the most at recess?
20. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
21. What was your favorite part of lunch?
22. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
23. Is there anyone in your class who needs a time-out?
24. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?
25. Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

So far, my favorite answers have come from questions 12, 15 and 21. Questions like the "alien" one give kids a non-threatening way to say who they would rather not have in their class, and open the door for you to have a discussion to ask why, potentially uncovering issues you didn't know about before.

And the answers we get are sometimes really surprising. When I asked question 3, I discovered that one of my children didn't want to sit by a best friend in class anymore -- not out of a desire to be mean or bully, but in the hope they'd get the chance to work with other people.

As my kids get older, I know I am going to have to work harder and harder to stay engaged with them -- but I know it's going to be worth the work.

<http://www.simplesimonandco.com/2014/08/25-ways-ask-kids-school-today-without-asking-school-today.html>

