



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

January 2015

Happy New Year! As we settle into a new year at WCMS, we have lots to be proud of and lots to look forward to. Our staff continue to work hard towards our literacy goal and explicitly teaching comprehension strategies across the curriculum.

In ongoing efforts to maintain good communication with families and share our story we continue to develop our plan in this area. There are a number of ways to stay up to date with what is going on around WCMS – check out our newly designed school website, we also maintain a Twitter account where the aim is to share stories and celebrate the great things that are happening around the school – in and out of the classroom, and as well the Warman Community Middle School—SCC Facebook page continues to be maintained as another place to access daily announcements and what's going on at the school. Monthly newsletters are emailed to all families for which we have an email address (which is most folks), and paper copies are also available for pickup in the school office.

We hope you and your family had the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate over the holidays and wish you the best in the new year!

WCMS Admin Team



“Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns.”

-Unknown

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Grade 7 Experiments



Fun Times in 7Dyck

Recess Procedures for Colder Weather

We believe that students benefit from and enjoy active time outdoors, but also hold student safety as a top priority. We use -25 degrees Celsius as a guideline to determine whether we will send students outside or not at recess. We use Environment Canada's Warman forecast to obtain our information.

When the temperature with wind-chill factor falls between -26 and -30 degrees Celsius, children will be expected to spend a shorter recess outside. When the wind-chill factor is -31 degrees Celsius or colder, students will not be required to go outside.

Should a student's medical condition require him/her to temporarily stay indoors, we ask that the parent to notify the homeroom teacher. Your child should always come to school with proper cold weather attire, regardless of the season.

Updating Your Contact Information with the School Office

We depend on having accurate and up to date information about parents, guardians, and alternate emergency contacts in our Student Information System to be able to contact you in an emergency and share other types of information. If you have had changes to your address, telephone numbers, email address or alternate emergency contacts please call the school and update your information.

Sewing Supplies Needed!

WCMS will be introducing a sewing module in grade seven Practical and Applied Arts beginning in February 2015. We have sewing machines and basic supplies, but we are *looking for donations of thread, buttons, felt, fabric (usable scraps are fine) and yarn (for crocheting), or any other sewing supplies* that you can think of.

We hope you are as excited as we are to have your children learn to sew their own buttons on and do their own laundry and mending!



You can drop off donations at the office – thanks so much!

**No School for
Students
January 30th**



Grade 6 Boys Basketball

Mr. Tebay will be starting a basketball team for boys in Grade 6 shortly. Interested students should listen for a morning meeting the last week of January. Interested players will bring home a schedule of practices and games, and a permission/commitment form to sign at that time. The season starts on February 4 and ends on March 19. Information will also be posted to our website under Extracurricular once dates are finalized.

Indoor Track

Indoor track is up and “running” for another season! All grade 4 – 7 students are welcome to join us for practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00am – 8:45am. Students are encouraged to arrive at 7:55am so we can begin promptly. Practices will run for the month of January and will include two meets at the Field House in Saskatoon. For students interested in attending track meets, those meets are tentatively scheduled for January 23rd and January 24th as well as January 29th and January 30th. Students will receive more information and permission slips for these meets during practices. We are looking forward to seeing many new and familiar faces!

Mrs. Baudais, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Bachmeier and Mr. Pavloff

Notes from the Music Room:

Music 4: Students are stretching their vocal chords by learning to sing some First Nations and Métis music and create an accompaniment using our fabulous collection of instruments!

Music 5: Students are continuing to finish recording their parodies. Next, they will be investigating how music can communicate a message to the listener.

Music 6: Students are putting the finishing touches on their scripts for their audio collages and are ready to start recording and mixing in the recording studio! Next we'll be studying how music of various cultures expresses identity.

WCMS Extra-Curricular Music: January 2015

Congratulations to everyone who performed at the Christmas concert! Well done!

WCMS Band, Choir, Guitar/Ukulele, and Percussion will resume the week of January 12. Now is a great time to join for anyone interested!

WCMS will also be holding auditions this month for various roles in the musical “Alice in Wonderland”. We will need lots of help to put this production together, and parent volunteers are certainly welcome! Please contact Mrs. Styles if you are interested in helping out.

Music Monday is approaching... May 4th, 2015 is the date! The idea is that everyone participates in a music-related activity on the first Monday in May, and this year, Mrs. Styles is looking for some student input. Check Edmodo and reply to her post to make a suggestion! Go to <http://www.musicmonday.ca/> and see what has been done in the past.

Contact Mrs. Styles with any questions, or to get a copy of the music activities schedule: michelle.styles@spiritsd.ca



A friendly game of Dodgeball

Bus Cancellation Information

Buses will not run should the temperature be -40 degrees or colder **with wind chill** or if road conditions are considered dangerous. The 6:00am Environment Canada information for Saskatoon is used to make temperature determinations.

On days when buses aren't running it will be posted by 7:00 a.m. on the Prairie Spirit School Division website (www.spiritsd.ca) and advertised on various radio stations. Cancellation announcements are provided to the following radio stations: The Bull 92.9; C95; News Talk 650 CKOM and CJWW 600.

If any or all buses do not run, parents need to know that **urban bus students will not receive a phone call**. If weather is such that you are not sure if buses are running you must check the Prairie Spirit School Division website.

If buses do not run in the morning because of cold weather or unsafe roads, they will not run after school that day, even if conditions have changed.

FAMILY PLAN

FOR A **WINTER STORM**

HAS YOUR FAMILY DISCUSSED

Safe options to wait out a storm?

Ways to contact each other?

What you will do if buses cannot run in the afternoon?

Ways to work together with your neighbours?

For information on severe weather and bus cancellation procedures, visit www.spiritsd.ca (Board of Education – Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures – Policy 805

Communication Update

Our school website at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/> has been updated to a new format. You can easily view the day's announcements and see a calendar with upcoming events. You can also check out what's going on daily at WCMS through our Twitter feed (@wcmsstorm). Parents and community members have also found our SCC's Facebook page to be a great way to stay up to date with events around the school. Please contact Mrs. Orth at the school if you have questions about how to best access information about our school.

Look at today's announcements [HERE](#)



Warman Community Middle School

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Welcome Back!

[ruperjai](#) January 4, 2015

We can't wait for all of the learning we will do together in 2015. Some words of wisdom from Kid President to get us started....



Latest tweets from WCMS

[@wcmsstorm](#) 2 hours
Dodgeball is better than -36. That is all. [@ruperjai](#)
[@realdaveread](#) [@mrgteb](#) [@mrsdvdyck](#)
[@prairiespiritsd](#) [@MsKorver](#) <http://t.co/nJT60y5jrl>



Literacy: Our WCMS School Goal this year is focused around literacy.

WCMS School Goal:

All students will improve in their ability to assess their reading comprehension and reflect to set individual goals.

All teachers will be engaging in strategies to teach literacy across subject areas by explicitly teaching reading comprehension strategies to support students in their ability to comprehend what they are reading.

Parent Connection: Conferring with your child about their reading

Conferring is using discussion to find out what students think while they read. Teachers confer with students in order to gain knowledge about comprehension, to learn about strengths and challenges, and to set goals for future reading. Confering involves asking questions and using prompts to guide the conversation.

At home, you can confer with your child by asking them about their reading. Here are some general questions and prompts that you can try at home:

Tell me about what you just read.
What's your favorite part so far? Why?
What do you do to help yourself when you are stuck?
Do you like the characters? Why or why not?
What did you learn from this book?
Is there anything else you want to tell me?
What do you plan to read next?

Share your Experiences

Remember that talking to your child about reading is a great chance to share your experiences as a reader. Children learn from hearing about both your successes and your struggles!

In the coming months, we will share ideas on how to focus on specific reading comprehension strategies when you confer with your child.

Contact Us

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

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Student Assessment:

Preparing for the "real world"

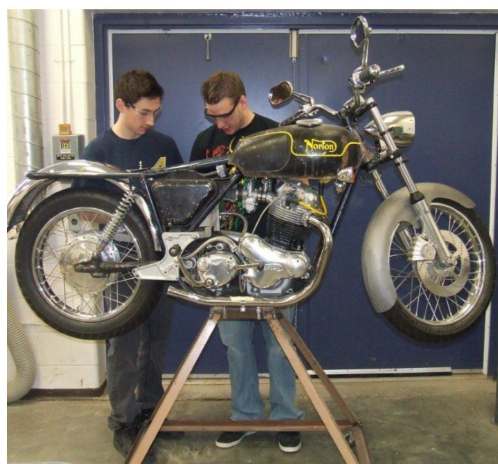
Responding to the needs of modern society and 21st century learning.

Prairie Spirit progress reports for Grade 1 - 9 students now use a learning progression scale to report student progress.

Students are accountable to the goals and expectations of the Provincial Curriculum, rather than comparing students to each other.

Go to the *Prairie Spirit assessment blog* for more information:

earning2learning.ca



Saskatoon and Area **ENGINEERING FOR KIDS**

CAMPS | PARTIES | CLASSES | STEM ENRICHMENT

WARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CLASS

Without electrical engineers our world would be vastly different. Items from simple radios to computers and even some cars are run on electricity.

During these weekly Electrical Engineering classes, your child will learn and apply the concepts of circuit design, building and maintenance through various hands-on activities. Your child will walk away with an in-depth knowledge on basic circuits.

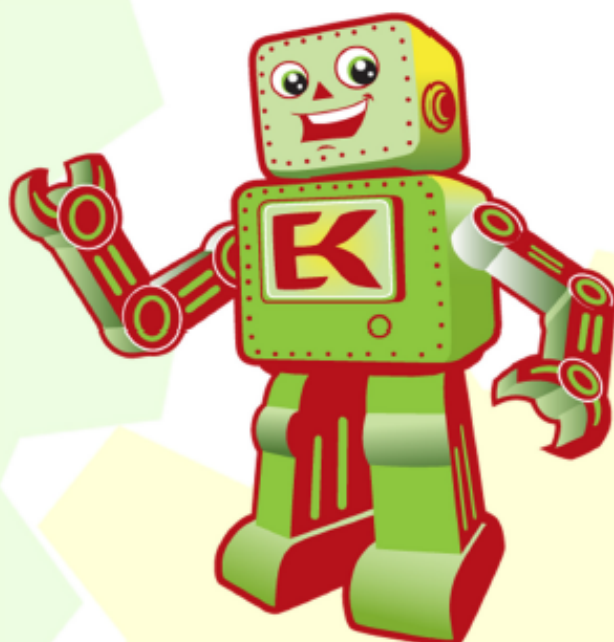
Wednesdays: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, and March 4.

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.

www.engineeringforkids.net/saskatoon

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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