

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

March 2015

February is always a short month of school, but it seemed to go by especially fast this year as we were so busy at WCMS. There was rarely a day this past month when there was not some type of special or extracurricular event going on for our students. Aboriginal storyteller/puppeteer, brass quintet, Scott McHenry and Dan Clark from the Saskatchewan Roughriders and school resource officer Const. Marshall speaking about violence prevention and Grade 6 and 7 ski trips are just a few things that come to mind. Many people on staff have been using Twitter to help tell our story and celebrate all the great learning that is happening around WCMS - follow our school at @wcmsstorm. We look forward to seeing parents and guardians at student conferences at the end of the month. The online scheduler has recently been opened up for parents/guardians to book their appointments with their children's home-room teacher. We look forward to warmer weather in March and anticipate some muddy conditions on the north side of the school in particular as the melt begins. We ask for the cooperation of all in using the asphalt pathways and staying off the dirt/mud. We look forward to work being completed and a full summer of growth on the north play field area.

WCMS Admin Team

***"Every child is a different kind of flower and all together they make this word a beautiful garden."***

***-Author Unknown***

## In This Issue

- Student LED Conferences
- SRC Update
- Yearbook
- Library Board AGM
- Extracurricular Activities
- Music News & Events
- Grade 5 Ski Trips
- Literacy
- Library News
- PSSD Bus Rules
- Engineering for Kids



**Learning about Brazil in 6Boyle**

## Progress Reports

Our progress reports will be distributed on **March 23rd**. These documents are intended to give you a “snapshot” of what your student is able to do, what they need to work on and how they can improve. Communication between parents and teachers is a crucial part of student learning so if you would like further information about how your student is doing or what you can be doing to support your child, please feel free to contact the teacher directly.

## Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences- March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>

Our spring student/parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Conferences will be scheduled with the student's homeroom teacher.** (Parents wishing to speak to their child's other teachers are invited to do so by contacting them directly at another time.) The purpose of these conferences is support the process of self-reflection and evaluation for our students and to promote communication between students, teachers, and parents. We request that students attend the conferences and look forward to their participation.

Our music teacher, Ms. Styles, will be hosting a drop-in Open House in the Music Room during the conference hours on Monday and Wednesday, so please stop by if you would like to meet with her or hear more about our music programs.

Please register and book your student/parent/teacher conference at: [www.parentinterviews.com/warmanmiddle](http://www.parentinterviews.com/warmanmiddle) . If you need assistance, please contact the school office at 306-683-3000.

## Yearbook

Yearbook orders have now gone home with students. The cost of the yearbook this year is \$35.00. Parents are encouraged to place the orders online, however the school will take orders as well. Please return your orders to your homeroom teacher with your payment. Cheques can be made payable to Warman Community Middle School. Yearbook orders will be due on April 30, 2015. If you need a new order form, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dyck.

## SRC News

Winter Wonderland was our theme for February. The SRC kicked off this them by getting the school into the Valentine's Day spirit by selling pink and white popcorn throughout the week of February 9<sup>th</sup> which was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated! The WCMS students geared up for the break by wearing pink, red or white to celebrate Valentine's Day. Students sported some fabulous attire! They also had a blast dancing in our school wide SockHop! Check out our SRC Bulletin Board on the Main Level to learn more about your SRC, Calendar Events and Upcoming Spirit and Activities.

### Upcoming Events:

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**- Moustache Monday  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>**- Chewday Tuesday (Classroom Bubble Blowing Contest)  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>**- Just Dance off Classroom Activity  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>**- Throwback Thursday (Dress from any Era)

Mrs. Mckay, Miss Hartl, Ms. Kover and YOUR SRC TEAM



SRC Popcorn Sale



## Upcoming Events

**We have number of exciting opportunities coming up for students over the next month.**

March 6 – John Dunn Arctic Presentation (All grades)

March 13—Assembly at 2:30

March 17/18 – Square dancing (All grades)

March 20—No School

March 23—Progress Reports

March 24—Subway Lunch for Grade 5 & 7

March 25—Subway Lunch for Grade 4 & 6

March 25 – Grade 5 ski trip to Table Mountain

March 26—Grade 5 Badminton Tournament

March 30/April 1—Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 30—April 1—BookFair

**An up to date calendar of events can be accessed on our webpage and can be synched to your phone or computer—contact Mrs. Orth if you would like more information.**

## Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of parent or community volunteers to meet a variety of needs in our school. Some of these include:

- Reading support for individuals or small groups
- Noon hour supervision (this is a PAID position!)
- Adult experts (share your knowledge!)
- General classroom support

If you are able to help out, please contact Mrs. Orth at the school.

### Grade 5 Ski Trip to Table Mountain

**Wenesday, March 25th**

Bus Leaves: **7AM SHARP**

Bus Returns: **~6:30PM**



## No School for Students

**March 20th**

**April 2-3**

**April 6-10**



## Parents & Visitors at WCMS

A reminder to parents, guardians and other visitors who have school business to please check in at the school office upon your arrival. Thanks!



### A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training
- Is well supported by the school division
- Follows the school calendar
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community
- Could take their young child along on route

### Applications for Bus Drivers are now being accepted

*Call the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage at (306) 374-2496 for more information about this flexible opportunity.*



**PRAIRIE SPIRIT  
SCHOOL DIVISION**  
*Learners for Life*



## Grade 6 Boys Basketball

We have had an overwhelming turnout of almost 40 boys for the Grade 6 basketball program. The season is going to be very short but we hope to have some fun and learn a few skills. Schedules have been sent home with each of the boys. We are hosting a tournament on Thursday, March 19 (during the day) and hope you can come out and take in some of the action.

Mr. Tebay

## Grade 7 Boys Basketball Wrap-Up

The Grade 7 boys basketball season concluded on February 5th with a mini-tournament we hosted for other Grade 7/8 level teams in the school division. The team finished the season strongly with convincing wins against their opponents. Hats off to this great group of players for a fantastic season. Playing in the Junior B league, we regularly competed against teams up to Grade 9 and kept many of those games very close. It was a pleasure working with all of the boys involved in the team. I would also like to thank Mr. Dyck for his assistance with the team this year.

Mr. Tebay



**Gym Blast Activities**



## Containers Needed

The Foods room is ALWAYS looking for donations of clean plastic containers (yogurt, margarine, honey, etc.) with lids. Students use these to take home the food/baking they made in class.

## Notes from the Music Room

See Mrs. Styles' blog for information on music classes, the musical, and other extra-curricular activities (information is updated regularly). Subscribe to get email updates!

<https://wcmsstylesmusic.wordpress.com/>

## Cheerleading

WCMS has had a great season so far. We earned 2nd place in Regina and at the recent Cheer Classic in Warman we also earned second place.

We are looking forward to the provincial competition in Moose Jaw March 21st. I am very pleased with all our dedicated team members!

## Badminton

Grade 6 and 7 badminton is underway. We will be practicing on Monday mornings at 8am and Wednesdays after school. We have several exhibition games set up and round one of playoffs is on April 14th. Any students in Grade 6 and 7 are welcome to join and should pick up an information sheet and schedule from Mrs. Orth or Mrs. Dyck.

## WCMS Curling

This year we had approximately 25 curlers from grades 4-6. As a group we worked on learning the basics of the game and throwing rocks with accuracy and power. We ended the season in February with our now annual WCMS minibonspiel. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the curlers for their positive attitudes, their parents for driving them every week, all of our volunteer instructors, and to Martensville Curling Club for their donation of ice time.

Curling rocks! See you all next year!

-Mr. Flett and Ms. Korver

## Student Assessment:

### Parents as partners in learning

#### Moving from reporting to informing.

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

The goal is providing parents with ongoing information on student progress that reflects high expectations, rigorous standards and clearly defined learning targets.

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

**earning2learning.ca**



## Warman Community Library Board ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
6:30-7:15pm (Regular meeting to follow)

Where: Room 1001.2 - Parent Room at WCMS  
(Just inside the front entry doors of WCMS)  
Warman Community Middle School  
700 Gowan Road, Warman, SK

**Election of Officers**  
**Agency Reports**  
**Coffee and Refreshments**

*For further information, contact Greg Tebay  
(WCMS Principal) at 306-683-3000*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## Contact Us

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

**Warman Community  
Middle School**  
700 Gowan Road  
Warman, SK  
S0K 4S2  
(306) 683-3000

[patty.kirby@spiritsd.ca](mailto:patty.kirby@spiritsd.ca)

**Visit us on the web  
at :**

[http://  
blogs.spiritsd.ca/  
wcms/](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/)

## Follow the Blog

Click on the "follow" tab at  
the bottom of our blog  
([http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/  
wcms/](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/)) if you would like to  
receive an email each time  
a post is added.

## 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 explicitly teaching reading comprehension strategies to support students in their ability to comprehend what they are reading in all subject areas.

### Parent Connection: Talking about Inferring

*Inferring* is when readers take information from the text and combine that with their own thinking to come up with their own conclusions or understandings. Inferring is NOT guessing, but rather it is using background knowledge and the information in the text to create meaning.

Some questions you can use to guide inferring:

- What can we infer about this book from the cover?
- How did you infer the meaning of an unfamiliar word?
- What evidence in the text supports your inference?
- How did you use your background knowledge to make an inference?
- Did you use any clues to infer meaning that wasn't directly in the text?
- Did you infer the theme of the book from the evidence and clues?

Information adapted from "Infer Meaning" from *The Comprehension Toolkit* (Harvey & Goudvis, 2005).

#### The Language of Inferring

I'm thinking that...  
This information makes me think...  
Maybe...  
It seems to me...  
Perhaps...  
That's probably why/what/how...  
From the clues, I am thinking that...  
The evidence suggests...

We'd love to hear about your at-home reading and conferring! Feel free to send us a note or a picture at [wcms@spiritsd.ca](mailto:wcms@spiritsd.ca) or on twitter @wcmsstorm!



Mr. Pavloff lost in a good book!



Grade 7's hard at work in the Library



## News from the Library

The **Breadcrumbs Book Club** is underway! We are looking forward to our breakfast meeting in mid-March so that we can discuss the fantasy and magic of the beautifully written story.

All students are invited to participate in **Library Club** at lunch time. Students sign up when they arrive, agreeing to be respectful members of the club. The club's purpose is to provide students with a safe place to read, study, or create. The "create" projects look different each week; last week we had students create a scene or character from a book using Lego and this week students are writing poems about a character in a book. These projects will often be on display in our library!

Our next **Book Fair will be held on March 30 – April 1<sup>st</sup>**. We hope that many of you will be able to stop by when you are at the school for Student-Led Conferences. We are thankful to everyone who supports the Book Fair; the profits are used to purchase new books for the library! We will also have a display of Teacher Wishlists at the Fair – if you purchase a book for your child's classroom library, a sticker will go in the book to honour your donation!

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: 12:45 – 1:20pm , 3:30 – 8:00pm

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: 12:45 – 1:20pm

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: 12:45 – 1:20pm , 3:30 – 8:00pm



**Some of the Lego creations for Library Club.**

*Please remember that you can always check your child's library account by logging on to **wheatland.sk.ca** with the library card number. The pin number is defaulted to the last 4 digits of your phone number.*

**Library Fines:** *WCMS students are charged fines for overdue and missing books. Please check your child's account regularly to ensure they are returning books on time.*

*You should receive emails from the library when your child's requested books come in or when their books are approaching the due date or are overdue. If you have not been receiving these messages, please check with the library staff to ensure we have the correct email address on record.*

**Magazines online!** *Magazine are available through the free app "Zinio." Find the link at: [http://www.wheatland.sk.ca/elibrary\\_subject.html](http://www.wheatland.sk.ca/elibrary_subject.html)*

# Prairie Spirit School Division Bus Rules



1. Students must show respect for driver, equipment, other students and their personal space
2. Student seating will be assigned by the bus driver
3. Students must remain seated and facing forward on the bus
4. Quiet conversation with close neighbors is allowed.
5. Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted. Water will be allowed.
6. Windows are to be adjusted only with permission of the bus driver. Keep head and arms inside the bus at all times.
7. Student personal items and books must be placed near feet or on lap.
8. The aisle must be kept clear of objects at all times
9. Students must promptly obey instructions of the driver

**Remember students are responsible and accountable to the Principal and Bus Driver for conduct and behaviour on the bus.**



# Saskatoon and Area **ENGINEERING FOR KIDS**

CAMPS | PARTIES | CLASSES | STEM ENRICHMENT

WARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

## ENGINEERING OLYMPIAD

Who has what it takes to be world-class? In this class your child will join a country and compete in various tests of mental and creative strength. Your child will earn "medals" week-by-week as they strive to be the next great team of Olympians.

Your child will explore the engineering disciplines of Mechanical, Marine, Electrical, and Civil as they endeavour to win glory for their newly created country.

Wednesdays: March 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, and 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.

[www.engineeringforkids.net/saskatoon](http://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!

Inspiring the Next  
Generation of  
Engineers

**306.978.4186**

[saskatoon@engineeringforkids.net](mailto:saskatoon@engineeringforkids.net)  
[engineeringforkids.net/saskatoon](http://engineeringforkids.net/saskatoon)