



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

June 2015

The month of June is a busy one filled with many transitions and planning in preparation for next fall. We look forward to some new faces with staff and students and wish fond farewells to some who are moving on to other schools and opportunities. We look forward to meeting with Grade 7 students in the month of June and presenting each of them with a card and school pin which is a tradition we began last year. You will find many items in this month's newsletter aimed at supporting a smooth conclusion to this school year and our start up next fall.

As this is the final full newsletter of the year we want to take an opportunity to thank staff, parents, members of our School Community Council and students for all of your contributions in and out of the classroom that have made for an engaging and learning filled year at WCMS!

WCMS ADMIN TEAM



Just hanging out

***HAVE A SAFE
AND ENJOYABLE
SUMMER !***



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Year End Reminders

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. Please be aware of the following:

1. Final day of student attendance will be Friday, June 26th.
2. Final progress reports will be sent home with students on the last day of classes (June 26th).
3. The last day of school bus operation will be Friday, June 26th.
4. If your child will not be attending school on Friday, June 26th and cannot pick up their progress report, the following alternative arrangements can be made:
 - A) Communicate with your child's homeroom teacher about someone else picking it up from their classroom at the end of the day on June 26th.
 - B) Progress reports may be picked up in the school office on Monday, June 29th (9am-4pm) or Tuesday, June 30th (9am-1pm).
 - C) Provide a self-address, stamped envelope before June 26th and it will be mailed.
 - D) Pick up the progress report from the school office between the hours of 9am-4pm after it re-opens on August 24th.

FALL REGISTRATION

If your child will **NOT** be attending WCMS this fall, please let us know by calling **306-683-3000** or emailing WCMS at **wcms@spiritsd.ca**.

This would be much appreciated and helpful in assessing our enrollment in August.

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!

Last Day of School for Students June 26



Progress Reports will be sent home with students on June 26

SRC News

Well it's almost the end of the school year! The SRC would like to thank everybody who supported us and participated in events throughout the year. To end off the school year, we are having one final spirit day. The students will be able to wear their sunglasses or hats to show that they are "2 Cool 4 School" on Friday, June 19th. **There will be a jumbo freezie sale for Grade 4/5 on June 17th and for Grade 6/7 on June 18th.**

SRC Team

The WCMS SCC would like to thank everyone for supporting our Subway and Pizza Hut lunches. The money raised from these lunches throughout the year will go towards classroom libraries and extra-curricular activities.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who volunteered to help out at the Track & Field Concession.

Tentative Classroom Assignments for 2015-2016

We will include a welcome letter for your child's homeroom teacher for next year in the final progress report on June 26th. This has proven to be a beneficial way for the first day of student attendance and supportive of the grade to grade transition. Please note that the assignment is tentative in the event that significant changes to enrollment over the summer require us to change our plan. In the rare event that this should occur, the school will contact any families affected the week of August 24-31.

Grade 7 Bus Service for Fall 2015

PSSD requires **all current urban Warman grade 7 students to reapply for busing for September 2015, because they are switching schools.** They only need to apply if they want bus service and they are eligible for next school year. **If families are unsure, they can refer to the website or call Nancy Matechuk at the bus garage (306-374-2496).**

Urban student forms received later than June 12, 2015, may have to wait until the end of September for bus service and bus passes.



Thank you.

School Year 2015-2016

We welcome back students to classes on Tuesday, September 1st. Students should use wing doors and proceed directly to their homeroom locations. Maps and directions will be posted. New students and anyone needing assistance should proceed to the school office area where there will be staff representatives from our School Community Council to assist.

Calendar Magnets for 2015-2016

Thank you to our School Community Council for providing families with a school year calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Our plan is to send these home with students in their final progress report package on June 26th (providing delivery date confirmation). Information on school pictures, progress and progress reports, school breaks, and the SCC meetings for the upcoming school year will all be conveniently located on the magnet.

New SRC Fee for 2015-2016

Please be aware that our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be charging a \$7.00 SRC fee to all students in the fall. These funds will supplement fundraising dollars and support the initiatives and development of our SRC. A fee schedule with the SRC fee (required) and other optional fees that students may wish to partake in (yearbook, gym clothing, etc.) will be included on one form.

2015-2016

PICTURE DAY:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

RE-TAKES:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26



Special Olympics

Fall Fundraiser Plans

Please be aware that WCMS will not be doing the magazine subscription as a school-wide fundraiser this fall, based on feedback that we have received and diminished profits.

A successful school-wide fundraiser is essential for us to be able to offer the array of extra-curricular opportunities in athletics, arts and other areas to students at no cost. We know that we support these programs through fundraising to the tune of \$10,000 annually.

In place of the magazine fundraiser we will be trying out a gift card program through FundScrip. The basics of this program are that supporters buy gift cards (same as cash value) for major retailers and the school gets a percentage back. We will run a paper campaign in October and our supporters will have the option of purchasing additional gift cards online at any time throughout the school year that can be shipped directly to you. We will share more details in September.

Cross Country Ski Club

We are planning to develop a Cross Country Ski Club for students next winter. With the City of Warman's plan to maintain groomed trails through the Legends Golf Course, we are ideally situated. A big thank you to the following organizations for their contributions in assisting us with the purchase of some equipment:

- City of Warman/Saskatchewan Lotteries
- Crystalbrook Community Group



Teachers take part in Spirit Day—Dress as a Book Character Day

Mark Your Calendar - Important June Dates:

June 15	Grade 7	Moose Jaw/Regina Trip (6:45am board Bus @ Legends)
June 16	Grade 5	Fort Carlton Fieldtrip
June 19	Grade 4	Batoche Fieldtrip
June 23	Grade 4	Spray Park
June 26	Grade 5	Pike Lake



Alice in Wonderland

Prairie Spirit introduces *Safe and Secure Protocol*

Each Prairie Spirit school provides a safe environment for students and staff, while offering a learning environment that is welcoming to visitors.

In September 2015, Prairie Spirit will be launching our new *Safe and Secure Protocol*, which will promote safety and restrict unauthorized access to the school building. As a result, there may be some changes in the way students and parents access their school. This change was recommended by the RCMP and better aligns our practices with our partner school divisions in the Saskatoon and area *Community Threat Assessment Support Team* (CTAST).

During the school day, access to the school will only be allowed through the main entrance doors. If a student is late for school, they will be advised to go to the main doors. As the protocol is being implemented, staff will be directed to check for young students who may be waiting outside their usual entrance. Other school doors may be unlocked by school staff at the beginning of the day and at break times to allow students to access the school.

In some instances, schools may not be able to immediately comply with the protocol, due to facility considerations. Prairie Spirit staff will be working with the principal to address the changes that need to be made for the school to comply with this new practice. Schools have the option to implement this protocol prior to September if they feel that they have adequately prepared their students and community members.

If you have any questions about the *Safe and Secure Protocol* or would like a copy of the document, please speak to the principal.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to continue to provide safe and caring environments for all of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dave Carter

Coordinator of Schools and Learning



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.



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Contact Us

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

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News from the Library...

As the end of the school year approaches, we are asking students to be sure to return any library books they have finished using. As we are a public library, students may continue to have books on their account that they are using over the summer. These books still need to be returned or renewed within the public library timelines. Books that are over three weeks overdue will incur a minimum replacement fee of \$5. Student accounts can be accessed online at www.wheatland.sk.ca using the library card barcode and the last four numbers of your phone number.

Are you finished reading your book from the Book Fair? Consider donating it to your classroom for future students to enjoy!!!! See Mrs. Hamel in the library for a **"GIFT OF READING"** sticker that can be placed in the front of the book to recognize your donation!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING LITERACY AT WCMS!



Studies show that kids who keep reading during the summer do better when they return to the school in the fall.

The TD Summer Reading Club, a free program developed by Canadian public libraries, is a great way to keep your kids engaged with reading. Kids can choose what they read, track their reading, interact with our website, and connect with kids from across the country.

Visit the library for more information and your reading passport.

**SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF –
Friday, June 26th at 3:30pm**

