



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

November 2015

As you may know WCMS continues to work very hard at developing our literacy program. As we travel through classrooms and hallways talking to teachers and students about their learning and work in this area we are continuously amazed. First and foremost, we want to recognize the efforts and collaborations of our staff in this work. It is hard and complicated work with no easy, follow the recipe answers. Our success to date hinges largely on our staff being committed lifelong learners, willing to share, collaborate and take risks. It has depended on our staff engaging in professional conversations, reflecting on beliefs and practices, and trying new things.

How do we know we are headed in the right direction and what are our signs of success? There is an old adage that goes something like 'if you want to know what a student is thinking, just ask them'. From talking to our students, observing them in their classwork, routines and discussions with classmates, and seeing the kinds of work they are doing we know they are engaging more students, helping more students to see themselves as skilled readers with a variety of strategies and developing a rich common language about literacy at WCMS. It is amazing to hear students tell you about their 'schema' on a particular topic or how their stamina is growing. Students will routinely tell about a connection they are making, an inference they are drawing or telling what the most important information is. We have much to be proud of as we continue our literacy journey.

WCMS Admin Team



Parents enjoying CPR and Reading Party with students!

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Scholastic Book Fair - COMING SOON!

WHERE: WCMS Parent Room—Across from the office

WHEN: Tuesday, November 3rd: 3:30-7:30p.m.
Wednesday, November 4th: 12:12 –12:47 p.m.
Thursday, November 5th: 12:12-12:47 p.m.
AND 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Additional Details:

1. Send in the ballot from the flyer for the FAMILY EVENT draw before Wednesday, Nov. 4th. The draw will be made at noon on Wednesday.
2. We accept debit, credit, cash, and cheques payable to WCMS.
3. Visit <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd.1.php> to read reviews and watch book trailers

Thank you for supporting literacy and classroom libraries at WCMS! See you at the Fair!!!



Fundscrip Fundraiser Update

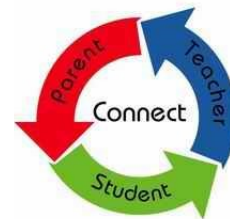
Our gift card fundraiser to support our school's extracurricular programs has been very successful. With your support, students have raised over \$8500! What a huge accomplishment. At the current time the orders are being processed and we hope to take delivery of the cards in time to distribute many of them at our upcoming student conference evenings on November 3 & 5. When the orders do arrive, we will notify students, parents and community through our email and social media systems. Purchasers will be able to pick up gift cards at the office during the school day and hopefully during the student conference evenings. Cards will only be released to purchasers unless other pickup instructions have been communicated to the school. All individuals picking up cards will need to sign for them. We will call purchasers directly in situations where cards have not been claimed within the first three to four days to make arrangements for those cards to be picked up. A big thank you to staff who were good sports in challenging the students to meet fundraising goals. The kids got a huge kick out of this. A very special thank you to local businesses Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, and Taco Time for supporting our individual sellers' draws with coupons.



Reading Party

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and guardians that came out to our Reading Party on Wednesday, September 28th. It was a HUGE success!! It was a wonderful way for parents to see what the kids do in CPR and in their classroom.

Student Conferences – November 3rd & 5th



A reminder to mark your calendars for Student Involved Conferences on November 3 & 5. Students will attend these conferences and be a part of leading them in various ways. The online scheduler for making your conference appointments was activated from October 15-29th. Any parent guardian wishing to book an appointment with their child's teacher after October 29th should contact the teacher directly. We look forward to seeing you and having your child talk to you about their learning and growth. Don't forget to check out the Lost and Found table and pick up your gift card orders when you are here.

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.

WCMS Book Lovers

Our club has been busy getting ready for the Book Fair and working on our **Fall in Love with a Great Book** reading promotion. Students at WCMS get to add a leaf to our Reading Tree for every book they finish before November 13th. We will then draw one student from each grade to receive \$20 to spend on Scholastic Book Orders. It's great to see our tree growing every day!

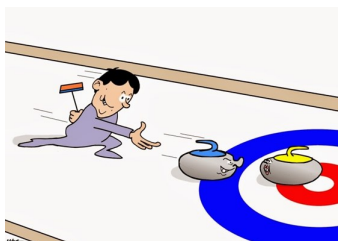
Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach Needed

WCMS is seeking a motivated and qualified individual (or individuals) from the community to coach our Grade 7 boys' basketball team. The season runs from mid-November to the end of January. More information can be obtained by contacting Greg Tebay, Principal at 306-683-3000.



Curling

Curling season is quickly approaching. Any students from Grades 4-7 that are interested in playing this season are welcome to join. We will start in late November and go until mid February, and all practices will take place at the Martensville Curling rink immediately after school. Be on the look out students for more details and dates to follow soon.



Your curling coaches
Mrs. Korver & Mr. Flett

Tell Them From Me Survey

Warman Community Middle School will be participating in an online school survey for students – *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM) during the last part of November. TTFM is an online survey that allows students to give their feedback and share their voice on their school environment, experiences at school, and any school improvement programs. During the last two weeks of November, all students will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. They are encouraged to complete the survey, but may choose not to as it is completely voluntary. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.

The student survey will be completed electronically and will require approximately 35-40 minutes to complete.



The student survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

TTFM was created by The Learning Bar, based on the work by Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known nationally and internationally for his work on educational monitoring systems, including the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Since 2004, Tell Them From Me has quickly grown to become Canada's largest national school survey.

Contact Us

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

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Family Health Information

- ◆ [Safe School Lunches](#)
- ◆ [Impetigo](#)
- ◆ [E-Cigarettes](#)
- ◆ [HIV Not your problem...Think Again!](#)

Find more family health info at:
www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca
(Search: school newsletter inserts)



Population and Public Health

Book Fair Hours

Tuesday, November 3rd
3:30—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th
12:12 - 12:47 p.m.

Thursday, November 5th
12:12 - 12:47 & 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Grade 6 Girls Storm Soccer Season 2015

Our Grade 6 Girls Soccer team had a successful season. If there was an award for the most improved, we would have won. The Girls practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout September and October, played a home and home series with Hague, and attended a mini-tournament in Osler on Friday, October 9th. In the mini-tournament the Girls beat Venture Heights, lost to VCA, and tied Hague.

The Storm hosted Hague, VCA and Stobart in one of 2 Final Tournaments on Friday, October 16th to determine who would advance to the League Championship Game. The Girls beat Hague 2-1 in a shoot-out before losing to VCA in the final game.

A special thanks goes out to all the players for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also goes out to my assistant coach, Ms. Gawdun for her efforts in making this season a success. Go Storm!

Our 2015 Storm team included:

Taryn MacDonald, Simrit Gill, Holly Glover, Jensyn Sherstabitoff, Laura Dyck, Cassie Vanneste, Madison Evans, Brooklyn Tkachuk, Lacey Wiebe, Abby Thibault, Maia Macatangay, Taya Stanzel, Jael Roffey, Kirsten Forgrave, Brooke Kohnke, Chelsea Clarke, Serenity Burke, Aaliyah Jones, Emily Fast, Madison Switzer, Ella Friesen, Sefra Quiring

Coach Fast
Coach Gawdun



Follow the Blog

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CROSS COUNTRY TRACK TEAM

Congratulations to the WCMS Cross Country track team on a short, but very successful season! The team members practiced Tuesdays and Wednesdays at noon and were able to attend two cross country meets. The first meet took place in Langham where the runners were very successful. Our last meet took place in Delisle where we put forth a great effort and showed much improvement. In addition, we had 11 top ten finishers as well as the Atom Boys' medal winner, Nowyl Martens. In addition, Ashlyn Paquin won the Pee Wee Girls' medal and the Pee Wee Boys' medal winner was Matty Healey. We would like to thank all of our Cross Country track team members for a great season and hope to see many of you next fall!



School Clothing Update

Additional school clothing arrived in mid-October so students who were waiting for their items should have received those by now. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

**No School for
Students**

November 6, 9, 10 & 11



MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Multicultural club: Every Monday at lunch, students from different countries get together to socialize and share experiences about their culture, lives and travel. On October 5, we had a potluck in which several students brought dishes of food from their culture. Thank-you to those who contributed. We have 11 different countries represented in WCMS.



Multicultural Club Potluck

Junior Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team who had a very successful season! Our season started in early September and went until the final tournament on October 16th. We would like to recognize the grade 5 and 6 boys who came out and dedicated their time, to this team, two nights a week and during noon hours. Great Job Storm!!

Grade 6:

Drew Glenney, Nikolas Hrapchak, Misgana Killoh, Layke Giesbrecht, Brahmvir Chandi, Jaxon Parenteau-Mawson, Kyle Friesen, Tyson Enns, Dallas Lindskog, Hudson Baier.

Grade 5:

Keiran Laskowski, Jake Powell, Jona Quiring, Nolan McDonald, Freddy Blackburn, Dominic Reddekopp, Lucas Obridge, Ethan McLean, Satvir Bajwa, Deandre Lewis, Logan Moskal, Davyn Mason

Storm Coaches



SRC News

Hi, it's Riya and Dayton, we are your SRC leaders. In this November newsletter, we are going to tell you what has happened this October and what is going to happen in November. This October, WCMS School's theme was "Spooky Wooky." In October, our first spirit day was to wear blue in support of our Toronto Blue Jays! Thursday October 21st we had our "We bake for Change" bake sale. Thank you to all the families who supported this cause and who donated their baking! The last week of the month, we also had a "Pumpkin Carving Contest." The students were asked to bring their pumpkin to school to be judged by your SRC members. On October 30th, there was also a "Halloween Dress Up Day." Your costumes were judged by the SRC and winners won a prize. In November, we are having a "Dress Formal Day" on the 13th. You can dress up in your fanciest clothes! Also on November 23rd- 26th the SRC will be having a Jelly Bean guessing contest. This month we also chose to support Operation Christmas Child again. The boxes will be distributed to each family and they will be collected November 18th & 19th.

Your Friendly SRC Members,
Riya and Dayton



We Bake for Change—Bake Sale

Girls & Boys Volleyball Season

Congratulations on a great season to the girls and boys WCMS volleyball teams. They showed up to practices in the morning, played home and away games throughout the season, scrimmages against the parents and staff, and capped it off by hosting a 25 team tournament this last week-end. Their play and sportsmanship were amazing! Way to go Storm!



Remembrance Day Ceremony

This year, students and staff will be putting on our own Remembrance Day ceremony on November 5th, at 11:00 am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to our students' leadership and participation in this important event. We would also like to thank Warman High School for inviting us to their ceremony for the past two years.



Cold and Inclement Weather

As we prepare for winter-type weather, the school plan for cold and inclement weather as shared in the school handbook is reprinted here for your convenience: We believe that students benefit from and enjoy active time outdoors, but also hold student safety as a top priority. We use Environment Canada's Warman forecast to obtain our information.

We use -25 degrees Celsius as a guideline to determine whether we will send students outside or not at recess. Minus 25 degrees and warmer students will normally be sent outdoors for recess breaks.

When the temperature with wind-chill factor falls between -26 and -30 degrees Celsius, children will be expected to spend a shortened recess outdoors responsive to the specific weather conditions being experienced.

When the temperature with wind-chill factor is -31 degrees Celsius or colder, students will be required to remain indoors at recess breaks.

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



Lost & Found

On the upcoming Conference Days on November 3rd and 5th, please remember to check the lost and found items located on the tables in the front foyer of the school. Any unclaimed items will be donated to Good Will.

After School Transitions From School to Home

School staff are on supervision at the end of the school day for 15 minutes to help transition students from the school day to home. It is our expectation that students are going home or to afterschool care promptly following dismissal at 3:19pm.

In some cases when the weather is nice, students report that they have permission to play in the park for a time period that extends beyond the 15 minutes after the school day when staff are providing supervision.

In these situations it is important for all to understand that children are no longer under the supervision or responsibility of the school. In these cases parents should work with their children to develop a safety plan in the event they encounter an injury or problem with another child, and organize supervision of these afterschool activities in the city park as they deem prudent.

Updating Your Contact Information

A reminder to call the school office and notify our administrative assistants if you have any changes to your personal/contact information.

We rely on this information to be up to date and accurate in a case of emergency when we may need to contact a parent/guardian.

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass
in the November sun bring more
happiness than the daffodils"

Saskatoon and Area **ENGINEERING FOR KIDS**

CAMPS | PARTIES | CLASSES | STEM ENRICHMENT

WARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

ENGINEERING OF PIRATES

Avast, me maties! Jump on board and join the crew to work together to explore the every-day engineering challenges that pirates were once faced with. New recruits will explore the ideas of buoyancy and surface area as they design their pirate ships, the sails for their ships, and a system to retrieve sunken treasures!

So what do you say? Are ye ready to sail the seven seas?

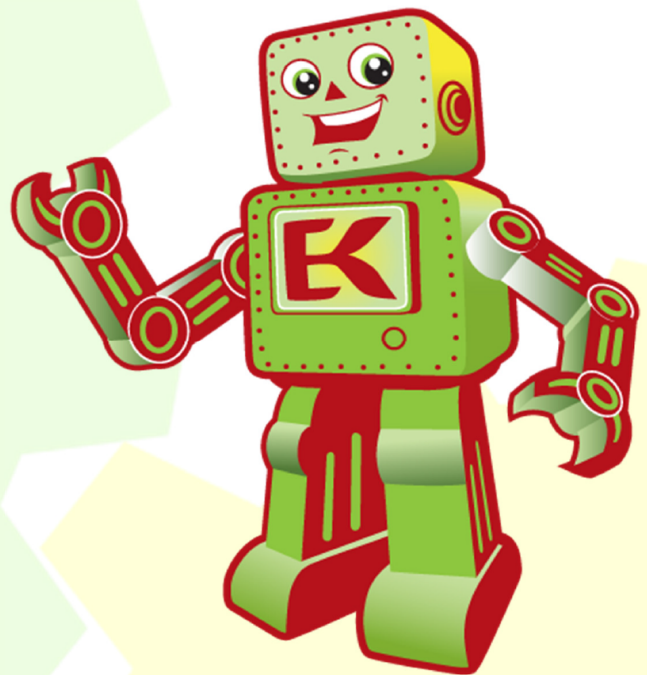
Wednesdays: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, and 16.

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Grades 4, 5, and 6

Warman Middle School

\$175 for 5 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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Nut Alert!

Nut allergies can be life threatening.

Even if your own child does not have a nut allergy, take time to teach your child some simple rules for when they are at school. This will help keep all children safe!

Simple rules to teach your child for school:

Eating or breathing in:

- Don't share food. Only eat the food that is made for you!
- Don't share things that can have any food or drinks on them such as utensils, cups, bottles, or straws.



Touching things:

- Wash your hands before eating or after touching your nose, eyes or mouth.
- Make sure you wash your hands long enough; sing a song that lasts about 30 seconds.



A quick snack idea that even your child can make for school:

Banana Tortilla Spirals

1 whole wheat tortilla
2 tbsp soy nut butter
sunflower seeds, shelled
raisins
1 banana, peeled

- Spread the soy nut butter on the tortilla.
- Sprinkle sunflower seeds and raisins over the nut butter.
- Place the banana on one edge of the tortilla.
- Roll up the banana tucking in the ends.
- Saran wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes before slicing into bite size pieces. Yum!



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Healthy Snack and Meal Ideas for School Family Nights

With school, work, meetings, and extra-curricular activities, it can be difficult to schedule time with your family. School family nights give opportunities to reconnect with your family in a fun-filled evening complete with tasty healthy meals or snacks that are easy to prepare!

Snack Ideas

- Raw vegetables with hummus (chickpea dip)
- Whole grain crackers topped with light cheddar cheese
- Cut up fruit with yogurt as a dip
- Plain popcorn sprinkled with parmesan cheese
- Fruit salsa with baked pita bread (see recipe below)
- Popsicles made with fruit and yogurt

Meal Ideas

- Quesadillas made with cheese, chopped vegetables, and beans
- Whole wheat pita pizzas with vegetables and cheese
- Baked chicken tenders with Tzatziki sauce and baked sweet potato “fries”
- Tuna salad sandwiches and vegetable kabobs
- Vegetable fajitas topped with cheese
- Hamburger soup with a whole wheat bun

Quick Tips

- Serve milk or water instead of pop or juice.
- Adding strawberries and lemon to water is a great way to boost the flavor!

Fruit Salsa Recipe

2 peaches, chopped
 2 nectarines, chopped
 4 kiwi, chopped
 2 16oz containers of strawberries, chopped
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1/4 cup strawberry jam

Add all of the fruit to a large bowl, drizzle with lemon juice and jam and lightly fold. Serve with baked pita wedges sprinkled with cinnamon.

