



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

January 2016

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.

Grades 5-7 each have ski trip days organized for students in the upcoming months. Each grade group will be sending home more detailed information prior

to their trip (*also see information on the Grade 6 and 7 ski trips included in this newsletter*). We have offered these ski trip opportunities to students based on interest and participation in the past. We require approximately 80% participation for the trips to remain feasible. Please respond promptly to the specific ski note that is sent home with your child, so that plans may be confirmed. If we do not have enough interest, trips may be cancelled. Students not participating in their grades ski trip, should attend school on that day as other educational activities will be organized by a teacher staying back to support those students.

We have been fortunate to have had unseasonably warm weather in the first month of winter. Colder weather is likely on the way. We have included a number of items to remind everyone about cold weather procedures in this month's newsletter. Some students continue to arrive at school underdressed for the weather. Some of the examples we see are only a hoodie or spring jacket, nothing to cover head/ears, or no mitts/gloves. Please support your child in making appropriate choices for outerwear as students do go outside at recess and noon breaks.

WCMS Admin Team

**"The more that
you read, the
more things you
will know. The
more you learn,
the more places
you'll go!"
-- Dr. Seuss**

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Family Reading

GRADE 6 & 7 SKI TRIP

Grade 6 & 7 Ski and Snowboard Experience



Downhill ski experience for grades 6 & 7 students will take place at the Wapiti Valley Ski Resort. Grade 7 students will be going on **February 9th** and grade 6 students will

head out on **February 10th**. For more information on Wapiti parents can visit <http://www.skiwapiti.com/http://www.skiwapiti.com/>

Forms for the Grade 6 & 7ski trips will be handed out the week of January 4-8th. Parents are reminded to complete and have them returned by **January 22**. If there are any ques-

tions or concerns please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Busses will leave the Legends at 7:00 a.m. sharp and will return to the Legends at around 6:30 p.m. Parents need to arrange transportation to and from school that day. Looking forward to it!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

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

Grade 7 Boys Basketball

Grade 7 Boys Basketball winds up this month. We have had a tremendous turnout of over 30 boys who have stayed committed to playing basketball and showing up for the morning practices. There is a lot of enthusiasm and we have seen improvement over the season. Players and parents have information about remaining games and practices through Team Snap. Thank you to intern Mr. Crockett who assisted with the Blue Squad up until Christmas. -Mr. Tebay



CYBERSAFETY

Cybersafety – Cyberbullying Presentation for Parents and Community

Young people's lives are increasingly intertwined with online activities. Parents and guardians often have questions about their children's online behaviour and safety but are unsure of what's important to monitor or where to get information.

The WCMS and Osler School Community Councils cordially invite parents, guardians, and other community mem-

bers to an informational presentation on Cybersafety and Cyberbullying hosted by Sgt. Brian Trainor (ret.). Sgt. Trainor is a nationally recognized and much sought after presenter on 'cyber' topics and has presented to 1000s of students and adults across North America. Admission is free/sponsored by the WCMS and Osler SCCs. The presentation will take place: Wednesday, February 3, 7:00-8:30pm THE PRESENTATION HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO OSLER SCHOOL (205- 4TH Avenue in Osler) DUE TO

REPAIRS IN THE WARMAN COMMUNITY THEATRE.

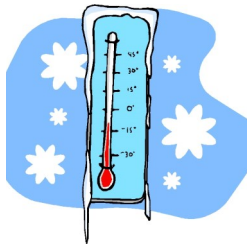
Internet Safety



COLD WEATHER PROCEDURES & BUS CANCELLATIONS

Recess Procedures for Colder Weather

We believe that students benefit from and enjoy active time out-doors, 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 notify the homeroom teacher. Your child should always come to school with proper cold weather attire, regardless of the season.

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 web-

site

(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.

ARRIVAL TIME FOR STUDENTS AT WCMS

Arrival Time at WCMS

A reminder that school opens at 8:45 in the morning. This is the time at which buses begin to arrive, school staff begin supervision, and the student doors are unlocked. Students are asked to arrive between 8:45 and

8:55am in order to be prepared to start classes at 9:00am.

We are currently trying a different system for the before school routine that includes allowing students to either stay outside until 8:55 or enter the school commons and sit quietly until the warning bell. This is intended to

provide a smoother start to the day for students and staff and reduce congestion problems in the boot room and entrance door areas. We will monitor this routine and make adjustments as needed.



LITERACY

Literacy Update

A big THANK YOU to the SCC who has again donated \$1000 to help us create book bins for classroom use! This year we will be using the money to purchase books that support inquiry learning on a variety of curriculum themes.

WCMS enjoyed a successful Holiday Reading Party on December 16th. Family members had the opportunity to participate in CPR activities and then had time to find a spot and share some reading time. We love having family members in our school and we enjoy

seeing our students celebrate reading and great books. We would like to thank Tim Hortons for donating coffee for this event.

Every year, WCMS creates a Learning for Life presentation that is shared in our school division. The presentation reflects on school goals related to literacy and comprehension. We are proud to include the voices of students, staff, and parents in this presentation, so we would love to hear from you! If you have an example of how our school's focus on literacy and reading comprehension has impacted your child, we would like to hear about it!

Maybe your child found a "home run" book that has made them a reader? Maybe you have enjoyed coming in to our school to share in our reading parties? Maybe you and your child have BOTH enjoyed reading The Hunger Games or The Selection Series together? If you have a reading story to share, please email wcms@spiritsd.ca or post it to facebook or twitter (@wcmsstorm) with the hashtag #wcmsreads

Join us in making a Reading Resolution in 2016! See the following page to commit to a reading goal for the upcoming year.

LITERACY—READING RESOLUTIONS

Reading Resolutions

Make 2016 Your Family's Best Year of Reading Yet!

This New Year, make resolutions that will help you become a better, more sophisticated reader. Not only will it help with academic success, it can also be an activity the whole family enjoys! We know that kids become better at reading by reading, so by making a reading resolution you and your family are investing in the future far beyond the next calendar year!

In 2016, I resolve to...

- Read more! I'll find _____ extra minutes in each day OR _____ extra minutes each week to read.
Trade non-reading screen time for reading time for _____ minutes each week.
- Discuss the books I'm reading with my friends or family at least three times per week – perhaps by designating “book talk time” during lunch, dinner, or while in the car.
- Try 3-5 books in a genre I don't usually read:
 - Adventure
 - Biography
 - Fantasy/Science Fiction
 - Historical Fiction
 - Mystery
 - Non-fiction (science, history, sports, etc.)
 - Poetry
 - Realistic Fiction
- Visit a bookstore or public library at least once a month.
- Ask a teacher, librarian, bookseller, or friend for an extra book recommendation by telling him or her what books I have and/or have not enjoyed recently.
- Recommend one of our favorite books to a friend or to my teacher by writing a book recommendation or filming a book talk video. You can even visit the WCMS Student Picks section of our Learning Resources Website to post it on our blog!
- Memorize a poem and perform it for an audience—even if it's an audience of one.
- Stick with it! I'll read the first 20 pages any chapter book before deciding it's not for me.
- Read the book before seeing the movie OR read the book even if I've seen the movie.

Adapted from Reading Resolutions by Success Academy Charter Schools - <http://www.successacademies.org/>



Students enjoying potluck before Christmas Break



Students enjoying some quiet reading

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**No school for
students**

Friday, January 29th



**A Big Thank you to Tim
Horton's for Donating
the coffee for our
Reading Party on
Wednesday, December
16th. We really appre-
ciated it!**



Thank You!

Contact Us

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

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

Family Health Information

- ◆ [Second Hand Smoke and Chil-
dren](#)
- ◆ [Do More Watch Less](#)
- ◆ [Breakfast Gets Top Marks](#)
- ◆ [E-Cigarettes](#)

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

HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS



Population and Public Health

Library Communication

Please contact the War-
man Community Library
(306-933-4387) if you
would like to receive
emails about your
child's library due
dates.

Updating Your Contact In- formation with the School Office

We depend on having accurate
and up to date information about
parents, guardians, and alternate
emergency contacts in our Stu-
dent Information System to be
able to contact you in an emer-
gency and share other types of
information. If you have had
changes to your address, tele-
phone numbers, email address or
alternate emergency contacts
please contact the school.

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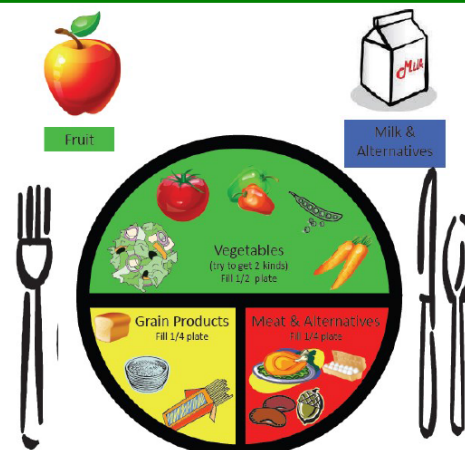
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a post is added.

Reach high, for stars
lie hidden in your soul.
Dream deep for every
dream precedes the
goal.
-Ralph Vaull Starr



Menu Planning

Menu planning can be a hard job when feeding a family of different ages and with different food likes. Planning a menu ahead of time can help you to create tasty nutritious meals for the whole family. Writing a quick menu for the week before shopping can help you to save time, money, and ensure you have all of the ingredients on hand.



At every meal:

- Use Canada's Food Guide to help you include food items from all four food groups.
- Vary your food choices within each food group to get a variety of different nutrients.
- Plan the timing of snacks so that they do not affect the child's appetite at mealtime.

When you have little time:

- Have healthy options on hand, such as washed vegetables and fruits or portioned leftover meat, for quick sandwiches and salads.
- Consider using a slow cooker so meals are ready when you arrive home.
- Use leftovers to create new dishes.
- Have homemade frozen meals on hand rather than buying convenience foods.
- Keep a list of family favourites handy for when you are out of meal ideas.

When you have lots of time:

- Involve your child in the planning and preparing of meals.
- Cook larger dishes and save leftovers for days when you have little time.
- Wash, prepare, and store vegetables and fruits to have them ready for later.

To help develop healthy eating habits, include many different tastes, textures, and colours, and provide children with opportunities to try new foods. Enjoy meals as a family.



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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?

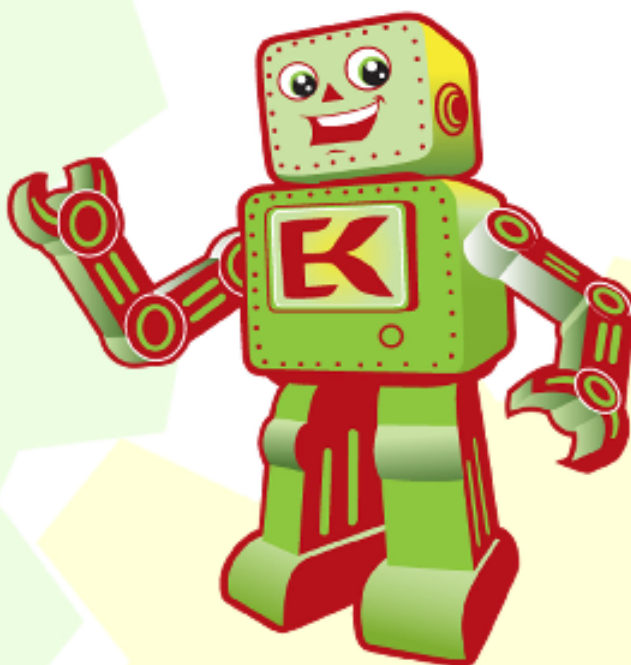
Wednesdays: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 2, and 9.

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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