

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

May 2016

The weather forecast for the first week or so of May reminds us that we are moving into the last part of the year. The last few months of the school year are always very busy as classroom projects culminate, field trips occur, and both school, and community extra-curricular activities fill up calendars.

On May 11, a school team from WCMS made up of staff, students, and SCC Members will eagerly share our learning story with other schools as part of the learning for life process. Our school goal of improving literacy has been supported by continued growth and practice in strategy instruction, conferring with students and giving students choice in their reading. We have strategically continued to build classroom libraries, and have also been thankful to our school community council for their assistance. Many of our teachers worked collaboratively with our learning facilitators

for this year to develop new units of study and experiment with instructional strategies. We have worked hard to develop a culture of reading and readers at WCMS and know from research that the best way to grow as a reader is to read more.

On May 12th our School Community Council will be holding its Annual General Meeting. As this time of renewal approaches, we would like to thank our SCC members for all of their work in engaging parents and community and in helping WCMS be the best it can be. Whether you are interested in sitting as a member of the council or just helping out on specific projects, there is always room for your assistance. Feel invited to attend an SCC meeting, or speak to a member of our council or the school administration team for more information.

WCMS Admin Team

You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have.  
-Jim Rohn

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Grade 6F Girls Floor Hockey Team

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

### Grade 6 Badminton Club

The Grade 6 badminton club will wrap up with our final date on Friday, May 6th. We had a small but

committed group. Everyone got lots of court time and had fun.

Mr. Tebay



### Junior Badminton

The WCMS grade seven badminton team has just wrapped up a stellar season! We held a Knight to Remember and had an "elimination draw" where Elisa B. won a beautiful Black Knight racquet. We had lots of practices over the past few months and attended one home and one away mini-tournament, preparing for the CVAC playoffs, which we hosted on Tuesday, May 3. Eight players advanced to the second round of playoffs, which was held in Duck

Lake on Thursday, May 5: Daelyn and Sawyer – Girls Doubles – First Place, Nate and Spencer – Boys Doubles – First Place, Percy and Reese – Mixed Doubles – First Place and Dallas U. and Morgan – Mixed Doubles – Second Place. Special thanks to Abby, Olivia and Emma who stepped in to fill the Girls Singles Draw with a moment's notice. Thanks also to the amazing group of guys who ran the tournament – Aidan, Tyler, Jeremy and Austin.

The players this season were very dedicated and worked hard to improve their skills. The members of the team were: Wyatt, Aidan, Percy, Spencer, Raelle, Elisa, Makayla, Brendl, Trinity, Nate, Mollie, Bailey, Brennan, Steele, Taylor B., Kate, Rhys Y., Kaydance, Analiese, Jackson, Eli, Morgan, Jeremy, Austin, Amanda, Tyler, Logan, Dallas U., Taylor G., Daelyn, Sawyer, Reese M. and Gracie. Ms. Koroluk was immensely proud of all of you!!



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

### Grade 5 Girls Floor Hockey

5M girls sweep and take the win on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Grade 5 Floor Hockey Tournament. These

girls then had the opportunity to advance to the Gr. 5/6 Prairie Spirit Floor Hockey Tournament held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. They played hard and persevered to the semi-finals.

These 10 girls played with awesome team spirit, sportsmanship and style! Mrs. McKay is certainly proud of this crew! Way to go 5M girls!



## AIR BAND PERFORMANCE PICTURES

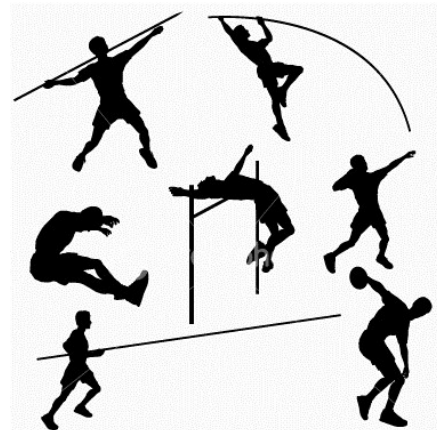


## TRACK DATES

### Track Dates

It is track and field season! Mark your calendars.

- Thursday, May 19** - CVAC Conference Meet  
(Grade 7 track club members - Griffiths Stadium, Saskatoon)
- Friday, May 27** - CVAC District Meet  
(Grade 7's who advance - Griffiths Stadium, Saskatoon)
- Wednesday, June 1** - Grade 6 School Meet  
(WCMS)
- Thursday, June 2** - Grade 5 School Meet  
(WCMS)
- Friday, June 3** - Grade 4 School Meet  
(WCMS)
- Friday, June 10** - WOMV Interschool Meet  
(Grade 4-6 who advance -Valley Christian Academy)



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Talent Show

Mark your calendar for our Talent Show on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the WCMS theatre. Please come out to see our talented students.

### 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](mailto:wcms@spiritsd.ca)

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

### NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, May 20th—PD Day

Monday, May 23rd



### Follow the Blog

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

### Family Health Information

- ◆ [Mosquito Precautions](#)
- ◆ [West Nile Virus](#)
- ◆ [Healthy Relationships](#)
- ◆ [Secondhand Smoke & Children](#)

Find more family health info at:

(Search: school newsletter inserts)

**HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS**



Population and Public Health

### Contact Us

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

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<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms/>

## BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS ETC...

### Reminders about Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards, Etc.

With the warmer weather many students are choosing to ride bikes and such to and from school. The following will help everyone understand the routines and allow things to operate smoothly.

1. Bikes and scooters should be locked up in the bike racks upon arrival at school. Please do not lean these against the school buildings or fences – we have plenty of bike racks.
2. Skateboards, long boards and roller blades should be small enough

to fit inside of a student's locker for safe keeping during the day. Some of the large long boards will not fit inside of a locker, and if that is the case, we ask you not to bring those to school. We discourage students from wearing Heelies (wheeled shoes) to school.

3. All of these items need to be stored promptly upon arrival at school. Students are not allowed to ride these on the playground/play area at recess breaks. Students should not loiter around bike racks at recess breaks.

4. Students who have parental permission notes signed for off campus privileges at noon should ensure that they are clearly vacating the vicinity of the school grounds at noon if they wish (and have parental permission) to go biking or skateboarding.



## SCC TACO SALE



### SCC Taco Sale

There will be an SCC Taco Sale on May 26th (Gr. 4 & 6) and May 27th

(Gr. 5 & 7). Order forms will be sent home with students on May 16th and need to be returned by May 19th.

## GRADE 7 BUS REMINDERS

### Grade 7 Bus Reminders:

All current urban Warman Grade 3 and Grade 7 students must reapply for busing for September 2016, because they are switching schools. Students only need to apply if they live within Warman city

limits and are eligible for bus service next school year. If you are unsure of eligibility, please refer to the website <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>.

Urban student forms received later than Friday, June 10, 2016, may have to wait until the end of Septem-

ber for bus service and bus passes.

PSSD Bus Garage



## ARRIVAL TIME AT WCMS

### Arrival Time at WCMS

With warmer temperatures and early sunrise we have some students arriving at school on the adjacent park

areas very early in the mornings. A reminder that the school opens and supervision of students starts at 8:45. Students and families are asked to plan for students arrival

between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## INSTRUMENTAL BAND PROGRAM

### Instrumental Band 7 Program

We are happy to be beginning an instrumental band class for Grade 7 students next year. This program is being developed in conjunction with Warman High School as a wonderful opportunity students can begin in middle school and carry over into

their high school years. Instrumental Band 7 is offered as an elective class in our timetable as an option to Music within the Arts Education Curriculum.

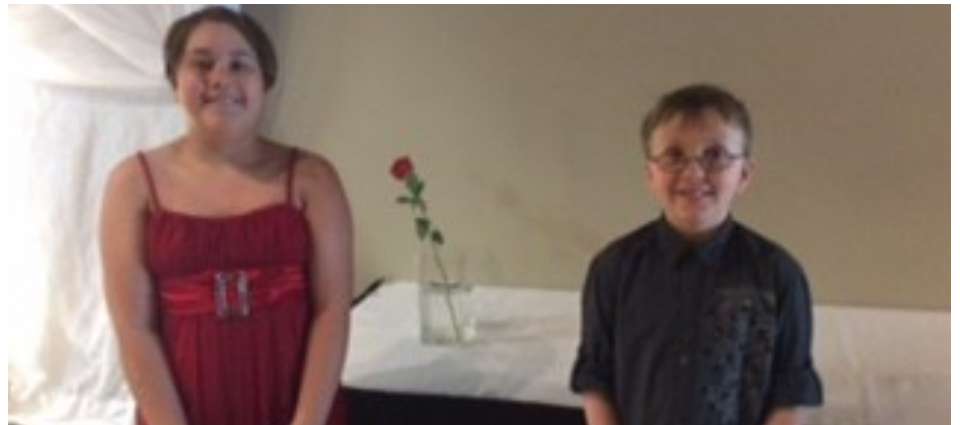
Parents and students currently in grade 6 have received more detailed information. Students interested in Band 7 for next year must complete

and return their commitment form to their homeroom teacher this week. An information evening is being planned for late this spring (date/time tbd.). Parents with additional questions are invited to contact Greg Tebay, WCMS Principal.



## YES I CAN AWARDS

Congratulations to Sara Derksen and Joe Siple for receiving the Yes I Can Awards hosted by the Saskatchewan Council for Exceptional Children on April 24, 2016 at the German Cultural Centre. Both won awards in the category of Academic Achievement. Well done, Joe and Sara!



## SRC

It's been a ROCKING month of April! WCMS has been preparing all month for WE'RE GONNA ROCK WEEK. The students were very excited to participate in the 3rd Annual Air band Extravaganza! The SRC would like to thank all the stu-

dents and staff who came out and auditioned! We look forward to your participation next year. Along with the air band performances, the students and teachers were asked to dress like a rock star. Students sported some fabulous attire!

Next month, the theme will be Sports Frenzy! Make sure to check out our SRC Bulletin Board on the Main Level to learn more about your SRC, Calendar Events and Upcoming Spirit and Activities

# LITERACY

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Scholastic

Book Fair this spring. Your support helped us purchase a rotating book bin for each grade and additional classroom library materi-

als. We love seeing great books in the hands of our students! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LITERACY AT WCMS!!!

## READING PARTY

We are looking forward to our final #WCMSREADS Reading Party of

the school year. It will be held near the end of school day in June – final date to be confirmed soon. We hope you can join us as

we celebrate a great year of learning at WCMS!



**Do you have books at home that you would like to donate to our classroom libraries for students to read?**

### Most Wanted Books for Classroom Libraries

#### Award Winners

**Newsberry Medal/Honor Books:** including The One and Only Ivan, Doll Bones, The Underneath, Rules, Criss Cross, The Tale of Despereaux, Hoot, Because of Winn-Dixie, Holes, The Giver, Charlotte's Web, etc....

**Caldecott Medal/Honor Books:** Award Winning Picture Books, including the Red Book, A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Casey at the Bat, No, David!, etc....

**Student Choice Awards:** Wonder, Out of My Mind, Counting by 7's, The Fault in our Stars, Oragami Yoda Series, Divergent Series

#### Great Authors

Roald Dahl  
Kate Dicamillo  
Deborah Ellis  
Cornelia Funke  
Anthony Horowitz  
Gordon Korman  
Kenneth Oppel  
James Patterson  
Gary Paulsen  
Rick Riordan  
Louis Sachar  
Jerry Spinelli  
Arthur Slade

#### Popular Series

Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
Dark Diaries  
Harry Potter  
The Hunger Games  
I Survived  
Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief  
Skeleton Creek and Trackers

#### Graphic Novels

Amulet  
Baby Mouse  
Big Nate  
Bone  
Books by Raina Telgemeier  
Lunch Lady  
Squish  
Superheroes/Action

#### Non-Fiction

Guinness Book of World Records  
DK/Eyewitness  
Poetry Collections such as Shel Silverstein  
Biographies of Inspirational and Interesting People  
National Geographic  
Ripley's Believe it or Not  
Educational books that teach and inspire deeper thinking – most requested themes include outdoor adventures, war, animals, and historical events.

#### Picture Books...yes PICTURE Books!

Teachers and students use picture books to teach and practice Reading Strategies. Books by authors such as Jan Brett and Robert Munsch (those targeted at around a Grade 3 level) are ideal.

**If you have any gently used books you are willing to part with, please send them to school with your child or drop off at the front office for Mrs. Mason.** *Thank you for supporting literacy at WCMS!*

# **WCMS TALENT SHOW**

**May 26, 2016**

in WCMS Theatre

**7:00-8:30pm**

*FREE ADMISSION*

*Treats & Refreshments provided!!!*





## School Community Councils Elections 2016

*A primary link between the home, community and school*

Our School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members. If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has FIVE positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2016. We have FOUR members who will be remaining for their second year for 2016/17.

**Our SCC election will be held: Thursday, May 12, 2016  
Warman Community Middle School – Parent Rm.  
6:30 pm**

***Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms.***

*Successful schools don't just happen.  
They need parent and community involvement!*

## Prairie Spirit School Division Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m.  
Martensville High School  
150 Mike Sands Boulevard, Martensville, SK**

The meeting will include a report from the Board of Education, the Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer.

The meeting will focus on learning, with a report from Martensville High School and other presentations.

