

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

October 2016

Wow! It is hard to believe that the first month of the school year has already passed. There have been many comments made about what a smooth and positive start-up this year has been. Students are busy learning in classrooms and a number of extra-curricular programs like volleyball, soccer and cross country running are underway. It was very exciting to take part in the first annual Squeak & Squawk event held September 26 at WHS. This event involved WCMS and WHS band program students working with musicians as they begin to learn playing their instrument, and concluded with a mini-recital in the WHS gym. It was fantastic to see so many parents out to encourage their children. A special bouquet of thanks goes out to our band teacher, Mrs. Mackenzie for all her organizational work, and to the many volunteers from the Warman Community Band and former Saskatoon East School Band who came out to instruct the students. We are very excited about the formation of our Band program, and look

forward to hearing some music from these students very soon.

Inside this newsletter you will find more information on our major annual fundraiser to support extra-curricular programs at WCMS. We will be running the popular Fundscrip program again. It was previously communicated that we would be running an online, direct shipping campaign this year, but for a number of reasons have determined it will be advantageous for all to operate a paper campaign once again. Students will be coming home with order forms and seller's information on Monday, October 3. WCMS will hold collection days on the next three Wednesdays – October 5, 12, and 19. We are very proud of the wide number of extra-curricular programs that we have been able to offer students at WCMS, and hope we can count on your support.

Have a wonderful October!

*Today you are  
you, and that is  
truer than true.*

*There is no one  
alive who is you-er  
than you.*

*- Dr. Seuss*

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Mrs. Orth enjoying some waffles the Grade 7's made

## WCMS ANNUAL EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

WCMS will be launching its major annual fundraiser to support extra-curricular programming at our school on Monday, October 3. After tremendous results and positive feedback we will once again be doing the Fundscrip gift card program. The success of this program is essential to the operation of our extra-curricular programs at WCMS.

It was reported in our September school newsletter that we would be going to an online ordering campaign. As we further investigated this method of fundraising it became apparent that for a number of reasons, the online ordering campaign would not lead to a successful fundraiser. As a result we will be running a **paper campaign** building on the success and learnings from last year.

On Monday, October 3, each WCMS student will be sent home with a Fundscrip Seller's Package. Each package contains:

- ◆ Three order form booklets
- ◆ Complete instructions on the first page of each order form
- ◆ Additional order forms available on request from homeroom teacher or school office

### ***What is Fundscrip?***

Fundscrip is an innovative program that lets you earn cash rebates for your organization based on things you buy everyday like groceries, gas and other household items. Every month you spend hundreds of dollars for things like food, gas, clothing, pharmacy, restaurants, electronics, home renovations, department stores, and so on. All you have to do is pay for some or all of your purchases using GIFT CARDS bought at face value from FundScrip participating retailers and a percentage of every gift card purchased is contributed to your group's fundraising efforts.

Most fundraisers ask you to take out your cheque-book to buy things you don't want or need....



### **Fundscrip costs you nothing!**

You make your usual visit to the grocery store. You fill your cart and go to the check out. Instead of paying with cash or a debit card, you use a gift card that you purchased through our group. It costs you nothing extra but you just earned money for your group.

Ask family & friends to support our group? We encourage everyone to invite their family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate in FundScrip as well. After all, they probably buy groceries and gas, just like you do. You could give them an order form and they can order at the same time.

The gift cards come preloaded and are available in various denominations. As you use the cards, the value of the purchase is automatically deducted from the value stored on the card. If you don't use the entire amount, the balance remains on the card and can be used for future purchases.

## STUDENT CONFERENCES - NOVEMBER 1 & 3

A reminder to mark your calendars for Student Involved Conferences on November 1 & 3. Students will attend these conferences and be a part of leading them in various ways. The

online scheduler for making your conference appointments will be activated on Thursday, October 15th. We will send a reminder notice home through Power Announcement prior to open-

ing the scheduler. We look forward to seeing you and having your child talk to you about their learning and growth.



## DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE



Thank you to those parents who have completed the online demographic update through PowerSchool (using the Parent Portal). However,

we have a significant number of students for whom this has not been completed, meaning we do not necessarily have up to date contact, medical or permission information for these

students. **If you have not logged on and completed this process, please do so using the information that has been emailed to you, or contact the office for further support.**

## GRADE 6 SOCCER

The Grade 6 Girls final Soccer Tournament will be in Warman at RJ Gidluck and Percy Hoff fields on Friday, October 14th.

The Grade 6 Boys final Soccer Tournament will be in VCA on Friday, October 14th.

Come out and cheer them on.

Schedule and times to be an-



## CROSS COUNTRY

The WCMS Cross Country team consists of about 40 dedicated boys and girls from grades 4-7. The team has



been busy training on Tuesdays and Thursdays since early September. We attended

our first track meet in Langham on September 19th. Congratulations to the WCMS Cross Country Track Team on their amazing attitude and effort! We had 14 top 10 finishes, as well as a number of personal bests. Special recognition goes out to Griffyn McCor-

mick, Makenna Smith and Carsyn Dyck who received medals for their 1st place finishes. Way to go team!! Our final meet will be held on Wednesday, October 5th in Delisle. Good luck to all the athletes!

## GRADE 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Grade 6 girls volleyball team has been working really hard and having lots of fun. They played their first game on Thursday, hosting Asquith and will travel to play there on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Their wind up will

take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> with the girls taking on some highly skilled teams made of parents and staff! Our final tournament will be on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Girls are reminded to hand in their permission

forms indicating availability to Mrs. Orth ASAP. Keep up the great work, girls!

Mrs. Orth and Miss Harvey

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

October 7 - PD

October 10 - Thanksgiving



### PICTURE RETAKES

OCTOBER 24



### Family Health Information

[Save that Smile](#)

[Trick or Treat](#)

[When to Stay Home From](#)

[School](#)

[Do MORE Watch Less](#)

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

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

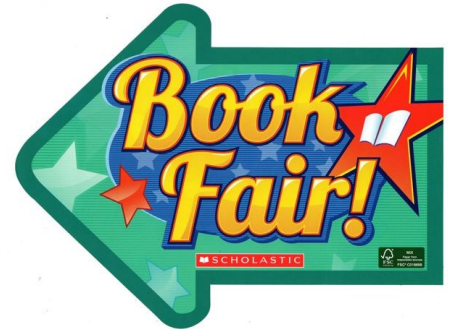
We will again be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Student-Led Conferences.

- Tuesday, November 1st: 3:30 - 7:30pm
- Wednesday, November 2nd: 12:12pm - 12:47pm
- Thursday, November 3rd: 12:12 - 12:47 pm AND 3:30 - 7:30pm

The book fair is held in the WCMS Par-

ent Room, located across from the main office. We accept cash, cheques payable to WCMS, debit, and credit.

Be sure to check out the great selection of books and gifts and don't forget to enter the door prize draws. The book fair raises money to fund literacy projects at WCMS and we are very thankful for your support!!!



## KIDSPUS ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Prairie Spirit provides accident insurance through Industrial Alliance Insurance that provides insurance coverage if your child has an accident at school during the school day. Children are also covered if the accident occurs at a time when they are involved in any extra-curricular activities before or after school hours, including school trips. In the unfortunate circumstances of needing this

insurance, the school will need to be notified of the accident immediately so that they can submit an incident report to the insurance company and provide the parent or guardian with a claim form. The parent or guardian will need to pay any expenses initially, then ask the appropriate medical authority to complete and sign the form. The parent will then submit the form directly to Alli-

ance Insurance. The claim process is between the parent or guardian and the insurance company.

Industrial Alliance Insurance does offer additional KidsPlus Accident Insurance should you wish to purchase it. Details can be found in the KidsPlus Accident Insurance Package.

## SCC PIZZA HUT LUNCH

The WCMS SCC will be offering a Pizza Hut Lunch to staff and students on the following days:

- \* Grade 4 & 6 – Thurs. Oct. 27
- \* Grade 5 & 7 – Friday, Oct. 28

Pizza order forms will be sent home

with students & emailed out to parents on Monday, Oct. 17 and need to be in to the homeroom teacher on Thurs. Oct. 20.



## SRC



This month, the SRC held two events! "Storming in the New School Year" was when WCMS students wore their school clothing and colors for our Terry Fox walk and show your WCMS support! Our GUM Sale Fundraiser and Bubble Gum Blowing Contest was

THURSDAY, Sept 29th. We are looking forward to our October events. Look on the SRC bulletin board for upcoming information!

Your Friendly SRC

## WARMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

As users of the Warman Community Library, student patrons are responsible for adhering to Wheatland Regional Library policies regarding overdue and lost materials.

Students are issued a receipt with every resource they check out of the Warman Community Library. You can check on the status of you/your child's account by visiting the library,

calling the WCL at 306-933-4387 or logging on to [wheatland.sk.ca](http://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 in accordance with Wheatland Regional Library policy. 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.

## 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 resolu-

tion 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.

## ARRIVAL TIME AT WCMS

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.

## BUS LOADING ZONE

Did you know that WCMS services almost 360 urban and rural bus students on 11 school buses daily? Getting students home safely and efficiently is a priority for us, and having a staff member on supervision in the bus loading area each morning and afternoon. Here is how you can help:

1. Make arrangements to pick up students with private vehicles on the Gowan Road (west) side of the school complex – not in the Legends parking lot.
2. Students who are not riding the school bus, should not loiter in the bus loading zone in front of the Legends Centre.

3. Bikes, scooters, and skate-boards should not be ridden in the bus loading area.
4. Students riding the school bus should line up in their bus queue and wait in an orderly fashion for the buses to arrive.

Thank you for your assistance.

## BUS PASSES

A reminder that all urban bus students need to keep their bus pass in their possession and produce this to the bus driver upon request. We have a

large number of students involved in in-town bussing. Particularly in situations where a student is not an everyday bus rider, the driver may not

know/identify the student. We want to ensure that all students get home safely and efficiently.



## SCHOOL PICTURES





# FundScrip

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If you're reading this, it's because you are connected to a group or organization that needs to raise money – and they are asking for your support.

Every year it becomes harder for groups like yours to raise money for their important goals. So these days, finding an easy and effective way to fundraise is often the difference between success and failure.

That's why your group has chosen FundScrip.

### What is FundScrip?


FundScrip is a fundraising program that asks you to pay for your everyday purchases with gift cards bought from FundScrip.

A percentage of the cards that you purchase is then donated to your group.

This means that just by paying for your groceries and gas with gift cards you can easily generate \$25 every month for your group – that's \$300 a year!

- It doesn't cost you anything extra
- You don't have to change where you shop or what you buy
- Your everyday purchases add up to make a difference very quickly

Imagine if everyone in your group did this...



All our gift cards come from the retailers themselves and can be used just like cash.

**Make a difference and join today!**

1	Go to our website at <a href="http://www.fundscrip.com">www.fundscrip.com</a>
2	Click on the <b>Support Your Group</b> button
3	Follow the simple instructions and you'll be registered in a couple of minutes!*

\*Your Group Administrator will provide you with an Invitation Code



### FundScrip Participating Retailers

With a growing list of over 170 National retailers, FundScrip makes it easy to Order, Shop and Make a Difference!



> visit [www.fundscrip.com/retailers](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) for the complete list

# 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		
<b>Award Winners</b> <b>Newberry Medal/Honor Books:</b> 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. <b>Caldecott Medal/Honor Books:</b> Award Winning Picture Books, including The Red Book, A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Casey at the Bat, No, David!, etc. <b>Student Choice Awards:</b> Wonder, Out of My Mind, Counting by 7's, The Fault in our Stars, Oragami Yoda Series, Divergent Series		
<b>Great Authors</b> Roald Dahl Kate DiCamillo Deborah Ellis Cornelia Funke Anthony Horowitz Gordon Korman Kenneth Oppel James Patterson Gary Paulsen Rick Riordan Louis Sachar Jerry Spinelli	<b>Popular Series</b> Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dork Diaries Harry Potter The Hunger Games I Survived Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief Skeleton Creek and Trackers	<b>Graphic Novels</b> Amulet Baby Mouse Big Nate Bone Books by Raina Telgemeier Lunch Lady Squish Superheroes/Action
<b>Non-Fiction</b> 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 <b>Educational books that teach and inspire deeper thinking – most requested themes include outdoor adventures, war, animals, and historical events.</b>		
<b>Picture Books...yes PICTURE Books!</b> <b>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.</b>		

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!

## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



If you have any scrap fabric that might be used for Grade 7 sewing projects, donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the office!





# Nut-Alert Lunches

Packing nut-alert school lunches can be tricky.

Here are some fun, tasty, and easy to make options that can be eaten cold – perfect for packing in the school lunch box!



- Leftover cheese and black bean quesadilla; milk and a banana.
- Pasta salad with ham, cheese and vegetables and a fruit cup.
- Whole wheat “nut free” crackers; lean meat, cheese and grapes.
- Peeled hard cooked eggs; bannock and vegetables and dip.
- Egg salad in a lettuce wrap; pretzels and a drinkable yogurt.
- Veggie pizza on pita bread; a homemade “nut free” oatmeal cookie and a soy beverage.
- Soy nut butter and jelly sandwich on whole wheat bread; milk and cantaloupe slices.
- Cottage cheese; bread sticks and strawberries.
- Hummus dip with pita chips; vegetable sticks and milk pudding.
- Turkey, lettuce and cream cheese roll up; yogurt and an apple.
- Pita stuffed with tuna salad; carrot sticks and chocolate milk.
- Whole wheat bagel with cream cheese and cucumber slices; cheese cubes and cherry tomatoes.
- Homemade “nut free” muffin; cheese string and blueberries.



## What are peanut butter substitutes?

Peanut butter substitutes are peanut and tree-nut free spreads that look and taste like peanut butter. They are made from roasted soybeans, brown peas, sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds. Examples include soy nut, pea and sunflower seed butters.



## No Bake Energy Bites

### Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup peanut butter substitute, (i.e. soy nut or sunflower butter)
- 1/2 cup ground flax seed
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

### Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix well.
2. Roll into 1 inch balls.
3. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week or place in the freezer for 2-3 months.

Makes 22 Energy Bites



Recipe adapted from:  
<http://www.nutritionrx.ca/energy-bites-no-bake/>

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