

STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

March 2017

It is always interesting to see the dramatic increase in the number of hours of sunshine after the February break and the start of March. For students and staff to be arriving and ending their school day in the light of day is an inspirational reminder that we are close to the end of winter. March can be a month of widely variable temperatures and we often see students arriving at school not dressed appropriately for the weather – please work with your children as needed to make sure they are appropriately prepared for the weather.

Term two progress reports will be sent home on Friday, March 17th. Student involved conferences are

scheduled for afterschool/evenings of Monday, March 20 and Wednesday March 22. We know from a wide base of research that it is important for students to be actively involved in student conferences. Student learning benefits greatly when students have an opportunity to share their learning with parents, talk about their successes and challenges, and identify their next steps in learning for the upcoming term. The online conference scheduler will be available March 6-16 (more information inside this newsletter). We look forward to seeing you there!

WCMS Admin Team

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

- Helen Keller

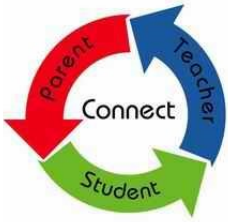
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WORLD WAR DISCOVERY BOX

PROGRESS REPORTS AND STUDENT INVOLVED CONFERENCES



Term Two progress reports will be sent home with students on Friday, March 17.

Student involved conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 22. Parents should use the online appoint-

ment scheduling tool to make an appointment with their child's homeroom teacher. Other non-homeroom teachers will be available for specific appointments if there is a desire by students/parents to schedule those. Step by step instructions on how to use the online conference scheduler are included in this email. The online conference scheduler will be

opened from March 6 -16 – WCMS will send a reminder email to all parents on March 6 with a link to the scheduler.

There will be no school for students on Thursday, March 23 (day in lieu of conference evenings) and Friday, March 24 (PSSD Common Preparation Time)

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

With warmer temperatures and earlier sunrise we sometimes see students arriving at school very early in the morning. A reminder that the school opens and supervi-

sion of students starts at 8:45 AM and student doors are unlocked at this time. Students and families



are asked to plan for students' arrival between 8:45 and 9:00AM. Thank you for your cooperation.

BUS LOADING ZONE/ACCESS PLAN REMINDER

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 skateboards 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.

“CALMING THE STORM WITHIN” EVENT

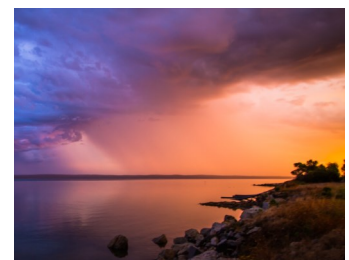
Hello WCMS families,

We are fourth year nursing students from the University of Saskatchewan completing our community clinical rotation in Warman. On March 7th, 8th, and 14th, we will be joining all grades at WCMS with our interactive event “Calming the Storm Within”. This event focuses

on the main topics of anxiety, depression and threats for all grades, with the addition of suicide prevention for Grades 6 & 7. Our focus is to bring awareness, education and resources to WCMS students on these topics. We look forward to working with the students!

Warm regards,

The U of S Nursing Students



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held at WCMS on Monday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 22. The online scheduler for parents to sign-up will

open **on Monday, March 6 at 9:00 am**. Please go to the website: www.schoolinterviews.ca and enter the code: **wcm4b**.



The scheduler will close on Thurs. March 16 at 4:00 pm.

2017/18 CLASS LISTS

You may have information from the past regarding student combinations that would be valuable for us to know prior to creating class

lists. This information is not passed on from year to year, please let your child's homeroom teacher know at the upcoming Stu-

dent Conferences or email them prior to March 31st, 2017.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT—AN SCC INITIATIVE

Our School Community Council has organized an interactive family literacy night presented by READ Saskatoon – The Saskatchewan Odis-

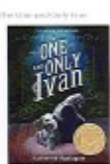
sey: Journey Through The Province. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 12, 6:30-8:00PM** at

WCMS. Free admission, games, prizes and activities for families.

#wcmsreads

Battle of the Books – Round One

Group #1



VS



Group #2



VS



Group #3



VS



Group #4



VS



Some tips for being part of the Battle of the Books:

- Pick a pair of books and get reading—it's that easy!
- If you've already read one of the books, just read the other one in the group to be able to vote!
- To borrow a school copy of the book, watch announcements for borrowing days (at morning recess)
- Look in classroom libraries, the school or public library, ebooks, bookstores, etc. to find more copies of the book.
- Feel free to read the books in as many groups as you can by March 27!

Last day to VOTE for ROUND ONE is Monday, March 27th!

You must read both books in a group to vote!

HOWDY CAMPERS!

The Scholastic Happy Camper Book Fair is coming to our school – have *s'more* fun with books from March 20th - 22nd!

Where: WCMS Parent Room – across from the main office

When: Mon., Mar.20: 3:30 - 7:30pm

Tues., Mar.21: 12:12-12:47pm

Wed., Mar.22: 12:12-12:47pm & 3:30-7:30pm



Additional Information:

- All students will be entered into a draw to win \$25 in books for them and \$25 in books for their classroom – no ballot required!!!
- Did you know that the school receives more than 50% of sales back in Scholastic product? We will be using the profits from this book fair to create classroom libraries for new 2017/2018 classrooms at WCMS!

We accept debit, credit, cash, and cheques payable to WCMS.

Get lost in a good book at the Scholastic Happy Camper Book Fair!

Check out book highlights at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd2.php>

Thank you for supporting literacy at WCMS!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

No School for Students

March 23 - PD Day

March 24 - Day in Lieu



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

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[Head Lice](#)

[Hearing Problems](#)

Find more family health info at:
www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca
(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/>

WORLD WAR DISCOVERY BOX



Grade 6 students had an excellent opportunity to explore a First World War Discovery Box on loan from The Canadian War Museum. They learned about the experience of a WWI soldier and examined authentic and replica items. This learning fit into ELA and Social Studies units focusing on historical contexts, peace and conflict, and interdependence.



GRADE 7'S AT THE CARE HOME & LEARNING HOW TO COOK



Warman Community Library Board

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

6:30-7:15pm (Regular meeting to follow)

Where: Room 1001.2 – Parent Room at WCMS

(Just inside the front entry doors of WCMS)

Warman Community Middle School

700 Gowan Road, Warman, SK

Election of Officers

Agency Reports

Coffee and Refreshments

For further information, contact Greg Tebay (WCMS Principal) at 306-683-3000

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Smartphones offer both communication and safety benefits for parents and teens. However, like most technologies, they also pose some safety risks to adolescents. In order to better protect your child, it's important to know the steps you can take to make her/his smartphone use safer.

IMPORTANT SAFETY GUIDELINES

- 1 Take the time to learn about what features are included on the smartphone. Are there pre-installed apps (such as Instagram® and Facebook®) or games that you need to become more familiar with? Do you understand how the location-based services work and why it may be a good idea to turn location services off for photos and some apps?
- 2 Early on, set the expectation that you will monitor your teen's use of their smartphone. It's important that you follow-through on what you have told your teen, and as required, enforce consequences for any inappropriate behaviour/actions.
- 3 Explore the possibility of blocking access to sites (such as those with sexually explicit content) by using the settings on the device and/or parental control apps or by contacting the carrier/service provider.
- 4 Set a time every evening in which all technology, including smartphones, are shut off in the house. Also, establish guidelines around texting and gaming (who teens can do these things with and on what sites/apps).
- 5 Discuss the importance of not responding to harassing, harmful or unsolicited calls or messages sent to them and to save these types of messages. Teach your child how to block calls/messages from unwanted users and reinforce the importance of talking to a safe adult if in receipt of these types of messages.

Your child's smartphone and the information it carries may be used in urgent safety-related situations (e.g., if a child goes missing). It is important to know what information and tracking capabilities exist on the phone. As the contract owner of the phone, you are entitled to access information regarding inbound/outbound calls as well as the last known time of use of the device. Some devices also allow you to load apps that can track the location of the phone. A code is required – make sure you know it!

Teens will make mistakes. Re-establish the boundaries around responsible phone use and remind your child on a regular basis that s/he can talk to you about any issues s/he may be facing.

visit mobility.protectchildren.ca for more information



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- ☒ Games
- ☒ Crafts
- ☒ Stories
- ☒ Puzzles & more!
- ☒ **FREE!**

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THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Dear WCMS Parents/Guardians,

**Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be:
Mon. March 20 & Wed. March 22 - 3:45-7:15 pm (both days)**

Parents that do not have internet access may phone the school at (306-683-3000). Conferences are strictly **15 mins** and spaces are limited. If you require more time, or to meet with someone who is not your child's homeroom teacher, please contact the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. **BOOKINGS CLOSE Thurs. March 16 @ 4:00 pm.**

As of **Mon. Mar. 6 @ 9:00 am** you may book school conferences for the times that suit your family. Online bookings will be closed on Thurs. Mar.16 @ 4:00.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and follow these simple instructions:

Enter the code: wcm4b

Simply enter the code and press 'Go'



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder**

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.ca website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly at: **(306-683-3000)**

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.ca website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and city.