

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

April 2017

Welcome to Spring and the last semester of the 2016-2017 school year! Progress reports for term two were recently distributed and it was nice to see many parents/guardians and students in the school at student-involved conferences on March 20 & 22. Student involved conferences are an impactful opportunity for students to share information and reflect with you about their learning, and discuss their personal learning goals for next steps. As we prepare for the Annual General Meeting of our School Community Council on May 11, it is timely to thank these parents for the leadership they provide to our school and community. A big bouquet of thanks to Rana Czuy, Lana Gross, Debbie Remeshylo, and Alison Solmes. The Council does have four positions available this May. Please look for more information on the SCC in the newsletter and consider getting involved.

As the weather turns warmer and the hours of daylight extend, there are some seasonal reminders about expectations for students bringing bicycles, scooters, and such contained inside the newsletter. We'd also like to remind

students and parents about the arrival time in the mornings for students. School opens at 8:45 in the morning. Students are free to choose whether to come inside and sit quietly or enjoy some outdoor time prior to the 8:55 bell. We are having a number of students arriving and/or dropped off at the school early in the morning. This is problematic as supervision of students does not begin until 8:45. We ask for your assistance in establishing a morning routine that has students arriving at WCMS between 8:45 and 9:00.

The last several months of the school year typically seem to go by very quickly with class trips, field meets, and other in and out of school activities that students are involved in during the Spring. Please be checking backpacks for classroom notes and planner activities or digital communication apps used by classroom teachers and the school website ([blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms) – see YELLOW banner at the top of our page) for daily announcements to keep up to date in the final, busy months of the school year.

**WCMS Admin Team**



"Calming the Storm Within" U of S Nursing Student Presentation

Sometimes the  
questions are com-  
plicated and the  
answers are easy.

-Dr. Seuss

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## SRC

The SRC attended WE Day on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was very inspirational. We learned new ways to help our world. We have started fundraising for Water Aid. If you donate \$25.00, a person gets water for life. We just had our gum sale .25 cents a piece to help raise money for Water Aid. We had a spirit day of dress like a lep-

rechaun or wear green. Coming up we are putting on our annual Air-band Extravaganza on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We have selected 25 bands to perform. The last 2 rows are for parents of performers. We also had wear a scarf day on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in memory of Mr. Scott McBean.



## FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS



We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grades 5 & 6 Floor Hockey Tournament at the end of April. Grade 5's will be on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Grade 6's will be on Thursday, April

27<sup>th</sup> in the Blue Gyms during the day.

## GRADE 6 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

A short but very rewarding season concluded on March 21 with participation in a tournament against some neighbouring schools hosted

in Osler. It was a pleasure to work with this group of girls and we definitely saw some improvement in our skills, and more importantly

had a lot of fun! Coaches: Mrs. Kelsie, Mrs. Striker & Mr. Tebay



## SHREK: THE MUSICAL JR.

We are very excited about our performances to the school and public coming up before the long weekend in May! We have run the whole show from start to finish and, even though we have some hard work ahead, are very pleased with the way our musical is turning out. A few notes:

-We only have 17 rehearsals left. It is important that **all cast** be at **eve-**

**ry rehearsal** and that they come prepared with their script and pencil.

-We rehearse on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school until 5pm. This will continue until show week.

-All cast must be off-book (memorized) by Tuesday, April 25. This is the first

rehearsal after Easter Break.

Power to zee piggies!



## 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 supervision 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.

## LITERACY NIGHT

Hello WCMS Families, The SCC and the Middle School will be hosting a Literacy Night for families on April 12th. The event will run from 6:30-8:00 pm with set up 5:30-6:30. We

are in need of volunteers to support all aspects of the evening. If you are able to help with set up or work a station please email Danielle at [d.tooley@sasktel.net](mailto:d.tooley@sasktel.net) with

the times that you are available. Thanks for your support! Sincerely, WCMS SCC

## INTENT TO REGISTER FOR 2017/2018

Last week families were notified by email and students brought home a letter and form to be returned to their homeroom teacher regarding families' intentions to register their children at WCMS next year. With

the opening of new schools in our community next fall WCMS requires an accurate picture of how many students will be enrolling at our school in the fall to assist in staffing and other planning for the

upcoming year. Students who communicate their intent to register at WCMS for the fall through this process will be placed on class lists for next year.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### No School for Students

April 14th - 21st



### 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

[Help Your Children Be Cavity Free](#)

[Is Chlamydia A Concern for You?](#)

[Healthy Relationships, Sexual Health and You](#)

[Your Child and Cycling](#)

Find more family health info at:  
[www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca](http://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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## 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.
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.

5. 'Heellie' style wheeled shoes and battery operated hoverboard type toys should not be brought to school.



## 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 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.



## SUBWAY LUNCH



The SCC will be offering Subway as our next hot lunch option. Order forms will go home the week after Easter break, with the subs being delivered to those who ordered on Wednesday, May 3 for Grades 4 &

6, and Thursday, May 4 for Grades 5 & 7. The WCMS SCC thanks families for their continued support of the hot lunch program.



## THANK YOU SASK LOTTERIES & WARMAN COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

We want to take this opportunity to publicly extend our thanks to the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund (and the City of Warman Community Grant Fund) for their support of extracurricular school programming this past year.

Through the grant that WCMS received we were able to offer a yoga workshop and begin a yoga club for students, help subsidize operating and travel expenses for the school cheerleading team, as well as subsidize transportation costs

for our other extracurricular programs. We encourage our community to support the Saskatchewan lottery network and celebrate the support they provide to over 12,000 organizations across Saskatchewan.



**"Calming the Storm Within"  
U of S Nursing Students**



**SRC Students on the bus going to WE Day!**

## School Community Councils Elections 2017

*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 FOUR positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2017. We have FIVE members who will be remaining for their second year for 2017/2018.

**Our SCC election will be held: Thursday, May 11, 2017  
Warman Community Middle School – Parent Rm.  
6:30 pm**

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



# The Saskatchewan Odyssey

Journey Through The Province



Explore Saskatchewan with a FREE family Literacy Event!

## Join us for:

- ☒ Stories
- ☒ Literacy Games
- ☒ Crafts
- ☒ Puzzles
- ☒ Prizes & more!
- ☒ FREE!

**Warman Community  
Middle School**

**April 12, 2017**

**6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Presented By:

**conexus**  
Credit Union

## 7 SUBTLE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS TO BE READERS

- By Echo Vetter

A friend said to me recently, "Movies and television feed you the story. Other mediums make you work for it."

I want my children to work for it.

Don't get me wrong. We watch movies, we watch TV and we have a great time doing that. But I also want my children to grow up believing that reading is a normal part of everyday life.

I want to equip my children with minds that are adept at reading and writing, imagining and creating. I want them to be familiar with the mental and emotional process of reading books. I believe that a love of reading is a gift that will improve the quality of their life for all of their days.

I have three avid readers now. My children are twelve, nine, five and three. One child has been a fluent reader since she was four. One child was eight before he would read comfortably on his own. One child became a fluent reader at five. My three-year-old does not read yet but she will listen quietly to the chapter books I read to her and her siblings and the board books she picks out for me to read to her at night.

Here are seven ways we have encouraged reading in our home. I hope they are an encouragement to you!

### 1 | Let your kids see you reading

Our children are our shadows, our mimickers. Let them see mom and dad reading often. Talk to them about the books you are reading. Tell them why you read. As parents, we create our children's normal. If they see mom and dad reading daily, they will believe that reading every day is a normal way of living life.

### 2 | Do not pressure your children to read by a certain age

Our oldest child read at four. She learned to read on her own with very little direct instruction from us. Our second child was eight before he had any interest in reading on his own. When he turned five then six then seven we had moments when we were tempted to panic or get frustrated. There were days we wondered if he would ever become a fluent reader and we questioned what we were doing wrong. But our goal was not to teach him to read by a certain age.

### 3 | Read to them. A lot.

We read books every night before bed from the time they were babies. We read during our school day and listen to audiobooks when we are in the car. We teach them to read first by exposure more than direct instruction. Read to them every day. Read books you love and they love. Your consistency and enthusiasm will pay off.

### 4 | Go to the library

We have been visiting the library about once a week for almost a decade now. The library is a magical place. I feel it every time I am there. My children feel it too. Being surrounded by so many beautiful books – drinking in the sights and smells and possibilities – fills us with wonder and reignites our desire to read and discover. Take them to the library. Let them pick out books to bring home. Get them a library card. Yes, it may take them a while to learn to be quiet but they will learn! And it will be worth it.

### 5 | Make books readily available to them

Provide them with books they love and enjoy (especially while they are still learning how to read). Find a series they love and let them just read that series for a while. Remember that your first goal is to teach them to love to read. As they get older that can become a great foundation for their required reading as well.

### 6 | Let them take books to bed. Just books.

At times my kids will ask to take an iPod or a toy to bed. But we continually steer them back to books. Most nights my three oldest can be found with a lamp or flashlight on, ending their day with a book. The sight of them settled in bed with a book fills my heart to bursting.

### 7 | Lastly, make time for reading.

It is easy to over schedule. It is easy to spend countless hours on screens. Slow down enough and turn the screens off long enough to make space for reading. Every once in a while my children make the mistake of saying they are bored. My first response is usually to suggest they clean the house. Sometimes they do. More often, I will find them reading a book.

I hope these ideas help you and your children on your journey towards a life and love of reading. The possibilities, the adventure, the knowledge await!

# Music Monday 2017

## RESONATE LIVE concert

*Celebrating music education in Prairie Spirit School Division!*

**Monday, May 1**

**7 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Warman Community Middle School (WCMS) Theatre**

*Free admission, with donations accepted for the Resonate Music Conference*

**Featuring:**

- Brad Bellegarde, aka InfoRed, hip hop artist
- Prairie Spirit East and West band students
- WCMS students
- Prairie Spirit Staff House Band
- Surprise guest performers

