# **STORM NEWS**

**Warman Community Middle School** 

May 2017

Spring is here! It has been a tremendously fast year and there is little doubt that the final two months will go by in a flash. There are many activities in and out of school that will keep everyone hopping as the weather turns nicer and the school year draws to a close. As you will be aware, the end of June will bring about some significant changes for WCMS. As we reconfigure to a Grade 5-8 school next year, there will be some turnover in staff to meet the changing needs of our school and students. This is a time of mixed feelings for many of our staff as we enter this transition. What we take away from these conversations is that there is MUCH to be proud of in what we have created at WCMS in four short years. As one of the largest schools in the school division and the only one uniquely designed around

programming for middle years students there have been, and will continue to be, some unique challenges but also some great opportunities! As a staff we are proud of the work that we have done and the school that we have been able to create. The success of WCMS is in large part of a testament to the skills, dedication and teamwork of our staff. Over the next eight weeks, consider taking a few moments to show your appreciation to a teacher or other staff member who has made a positive impact on your child's education. This can be as simple as a note, email or kind word. We know that staff are incredibly appreciative of these small gestures of encouragement and support. We are proud of how far we have come in four years.

**Your WCMS Admin Team** 



"You may only succeed if you desire succeed-ing; you may only fail if you do not mind failing"

-Philippos

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### **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.

### SHOOT FOR THE HEART—CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME - FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

The Lions of Saskatchewan will be hosting the Lions Celebrity Weekend in Saskatoon & area May 4-7 to draw attention to Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and heart disease. The purpose of the weekend is to educate young athletes, their coaches, parents and members of the public about heart disease and raise funds for the Saskatchewan Heart & Stroke Foundation. The Lions Club will be sponsoring several events in the local area including youth football camps and a celebrity dinner. Working with the Lions Club in this endeavor are alumni of the Canadian Football League.

We have invited the Lions/CFL Alumni group, along with the Grey Cup, to Warman Community Mid-

dle School on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to share some information with students about Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and play a fun basketball game against some of our Junior basketball team members.

We are hoping to assist with the Lions' fundraising efforts with the basketball game. Students are asked to bring a cash donation to their homeroom teacher for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of \$2-\$5

between April 26 and May 3. Any class that donates \$100 or more will get a class photo with the CFL alumni and the Grey Cup after the game.

Tip-off for the basketball game is 2:00PM in the Legends Centre gym. The game is also open to parents and community. We have reserved the second level seating for this purpose. Spectators can access the viewing area via the second floor doors beside the Subway. Admission to parents/community is by donation which will be added to our school's donation to the Saskatchewan Heart & Stroke Foundation.



### **GRADE 6 & 7 BADMINTON**

The Grade 6 & 7 Badminton season has come to an end. We had a great season, focusing on knowledge of rules, game play and skill building. We had a great turnout for players and have seen so much improvement in the past few

weeks. The Grade 6 & 7 players completed the season by competing in a few round robin minitournaments. Thanks so much for a great season!

-Mrs. Boyle & Mrs. Mason



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

### **GRADE 6 FLOOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

The Second Annual Grade 6 Floor Hockey Championship took place last week at WCMS. All grade 6 classes participated for bragging rights. In the Girls side, 6 Fast were crowned Champions, defeating 6 Hoffman. In the Boys side, 6 Georgacacos won over 6 Prescesky. Thanks to all who helped make the day a lot of fun.

- Mr. Fast

### **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:

- 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 loi-

- ter 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.

### 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.

### **SRC**

This past month, the SRC led the initiative to lead our school in the WaterAid fundraiser. Our school partnered up with Dahlia salon and Aveda to raise money for Water Aid Canada! This fundraiser provided students with the opportunity to learn that people in Madagascar walk 6 km everyday with a 44 lb can for drinking water and that it only costs \$25 to provide a person with fresh drinking water for

LIFE! This campaign helps provide fresh water and wells to people in Madagascar. We started this fundraiser on Monday, March 6 and we finished with an assembly to announce our total money raised and a 3.5 km walk around Warman on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Throughout this fundraiser, the SRC had a gum sale that raised \$443.39 and a pizza sale that raised \$2292.55. A huge thank you to **Little Caesars** in Warman

for DONATING all of the pizza for this fundraiser! And to **SuperValu** in Warman for DONATING all of the juice! Thank you for helping us help others! We are truly grateful! WCMS students surpassed all expectations and raised a total of \$12,073.79! A special shout out to Nicole McKay's class who raised \$2192.70.

### **BAND PROGRAM NEWS**

The Warman Community Middle School band students have had a very successful 1st season! On March 28th 120 band students from both WHS & WCMS travelled to Dalmeny, SK to perform at the Twin Rivers Saskatchewan Music Festival. Eight school bands from PSSD (West), Martensville and Warman were represented in the instrumental band section. Our grade 7 band received a high mark for their performance and received a Certificate of Merit. The grade



7's received a mark of 83.5. The students had a chance to perform for the school at our Assembly on March 31st. -- the school audience was such a spectacular supportive crowd. We are so very proud to have such talented musicians in our school whom are building a legacy of music identity here at Warman Community Middle School.

### **Upcoming**

**Events** 

May 14th - Combined Grade 7- 9
Band performance @ Brian King
Centre -- afternoon concert -- invited by the Warman Adult Community Concert Band -- more details
to come.

May 27th - SPRINGFEST Band Festi-

val -- REGINA, SK -- Grade 7-9 Bands -- tour package going home soon.

May 29 & 31st -- Grade 7-9 Bands performing at the Diamond House Care Home -- 2:00-3:00pm

June 10th -- Warman Rodeo Parade -- Combined Grade 7-9 SE-LECT BAND MEMBERS -- performing on parade trailer.

June 12th -- WHS Spring Band Concert -- Year End Celebration

June 13th -- WCMS Spring Band Concert -- Year End Celebration

Monika MacKenzie

### Prairie Spirit School Division

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m.
Prairie Spirit Division Office
121 Klassen Street East, Warman

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 reports from three schools in the Division.



### **TRACK AND FIELD**

Track and Field season is upon us. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – CVAC Conference Meet

(Grade 7 track club members, Grifiths Stadium, Saskatoon)

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - CVAC District Meet

(Grade 7's who advance, Grifiths Stadium, Saskatoon)

Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - Grade 4 School Meet

(Warman Community Middle School)

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> -Grade 5 School Meet

(Warman Community Middle School)

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Grade 6 School Meet

(Warman Community Middle School)

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - WOMV Interschool Meet

(Grade 4-6 who advance, Martensville)



### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### No School for Students May 19th & 22nd



#### 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

<u>Healthy Eating Ideas for Year</u> End Parties

**Mosquito Precautions** 

West Nile Virus Secondhand Smoke and Children

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

**HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS** 



Health Population and Public Health

### **Contact Us**

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

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### **Music Monday Sponsored By**









### **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 2017/18.

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.

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