

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

September 2017

Welcome back to WCMS! We hope you had an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer break. It was great to see almost 670 students come through the doors last week. It was a unique experience to have the majority of the same students returning to WCMS as we offer Grades 5-8 this year.

As we kick off another school year we want to remind you of some of the ways we have developed for you to stay in convenient contact with what is happening around our school. The school maintains a blog site at [blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms](http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms). We maintain a school calendar of events, daily announcements, and a variety of useful links including one to our school handbook that should be a valuable resource to you. We encourage you to bookmark our site for convenience. Did you know you can access the school's daily announcements right from your device? Go to our blog site and click the blue HERE button in the yellow banner at the

top of the page. Our School Community Council also maintains a Facebook page where they regularly repost important information and announcements, so that may also be a convenient source of information for you. We do publish and distribute by email a monthly newsletter. Paper copies can also be obtained at the office. In our 28 classrooms at WCMS teachers have developed a number of different ways, from paper based planners to web-based tools, to communicate with home about what is happening in the classroom day-to-day. You have undoubtedly received information from your child's teacher on that by now.

Please take a few minutes to look through our September newsletter. With the start-up of another school year, there is a lot of news and information I am sure everyone will find useful for a smooth start to the school year.

**WCMS Admin Team**

YOU'RE BRAVER  
THAN YOU BELIEVE.  
& STRONGER  
THAN YOU SEEM.  
& SMARTER  
than you THINK.  
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## GRADE 5 & 6 SOCCER—Kick Off

Grade 5/6 Girls soccer started with practices on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15 on RJ Gidluck field. Games will take place during

lunch, once a game schedule is determined. All that is needed is a pair of shoes, shorts, shin-guards, and a desire to work hard and have fun. For

more information contact Mr. Fast at WCMS.

## GRADE 7 & 8 VOLLEYBALL

Boys 7/8 volleyball has started and practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday's afterschool from 3:00-

4:00 and then Friday mornings from 7:45 – 8:30.



## COLLECT A "FIVE" TO HELP KEEP TERRY'S DREAM ALIVE

Warman Community Middle School will be participating in a Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:45 pm. We recognize the importance of funding Cancer Research, as we have all been touched in some way by this disease. We also follow Terry's belief that every person can make a difference. Our goal is to collect \$5.00 per family at WCMS.

Students can take their donation to their Homeroom teacher during the

week of September 20<sup>th</sup>—25<sup>th</sup>. All money collected will go to help fund Cancer research as part of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Parents are welcome to join their children for our Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### WCMS School Goals and Incentives

\$2500 = Mr. Folden will have his legs waxed.

\$3000 = Mr. Fast will dye his hair "Storm" green for a month

Thanks so much,

WCMS Staff

**"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."**

-Terry Fox



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Family Health Information

[Chicken Pox](#)

[Common Cold](#)

[Dental Clinic Services](#)

[Immunization Notice](#)

[Vision Problems](#)

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

### BELL TIMES/DAILY SCHEDULE

8:35	Warning bell
8:40	School day begins/ CPR
8:52	Instructional Block 1
10:52 - 11:07 Recess	
11:07	Instructional Block 2
12:07 - 12:47 Lunch break	
12:47	Warning bell (5 min)
12:52	Instructional Block 3
2:52	Dismissal

### Contact Us

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

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Visit us on the web at :

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

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

FUNDSCRIP is back by popular demand! We will be kicking off our annual school-wide gift card fundraiser to support extra-curricular programs at WCMS on **Thursday, September 28**. We count on this fundraiser to support our school's many extracurricular programs. The proceeds of this fall fundraiser support the approximately \$10,000 annual expenses that allow WCMS students to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities at no expense.

Fundscrip costs you nothing! By purchasing gift cards from FundScrip you can pay for everyday purchases that you already make. 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 back to WCMS. The program has over one hundred and seventy participating retailers, including popular local businesses like Extra Foods, A&W, Boston Pizza, Pizza Hut, Subway, and Canadian Tire. 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.

### Key dates:

Assembly - fundraiser kickoff/ students bring home sales packages  
Thursday, September 28

First order collection day  
Wednesday, October 4

Second order collection day  
Wednesday, October 11

Third order collection day  
Wednesday, October 18



## FACILITY ACCESS PLAN

WCMS and the Legends Centre were designed to ensure that we can move large numbers of people in and out of the facility quickly and safely. Please follow these guidelines to help do your part:

- School bus loading and unloading in the east side of the Legends Centre – in front of the Legends Centre.
- Parent pickup and drop off of students – please use the parking available on Gowan Road on the west side of the school. DO NOT use the Legends Centre parking lot as a location to pick up students.
- Student pedestrians – please use the pathways and sidewalks. Please use the bike racks on the school side of the facility. Pedestrian students are asked not to loiter in the bus loading area or park bikes in the city bike racks in front of the Legends Centre.

## SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Looking for information on WCMS? We update the WCMS SCHOOL HANDBOOK annually. As this is quite

extensive, it can be conveniently located on our school website –

[blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms](https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms) – under the green INFORMATION tab.



## SCHOOL CLOTHING

Storm clothing proved very popular with students last year not only as a gym change but as every day wear. We have a good inventory of T shirts, shorts and sweat pants in youth and adult sizes. Students

should place their orders through their homeroom teacher. Others wishing to purchase school clothing can inquire at the school office.

T-shirt- \$15

Shorts- \$15

T-shirt/shorts combo- \$25

Sweats- \$30

T-shirt/sweats combo- \$40

T-shirt/shorts/sweats combo- \$55



## WARMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We are excited to kick off another school year in the Warman Community Library as students can take advantage of a wide variety of services and opportunities far beyond what any regular school library can provide, including:

- Extended library hours on evenings, weekends, and school breaks.
- Access to resources from across Saskatchewan's public library system.
- Online books and magazines that can be downloaded from anywhere to the student's device.
- A modern and comfortable space

Students must have their Wheatland Regional Library credentials with them to sign out materials from the library at any time other than whole class book exchanges.

**NEW!!!!!!** -We are excited to an-

nounce that we have partnered with the Warman Public Library to purchase digital card readers so students and all patrons of the Warman Community Library have three convenient ways to provide their library card:

- Library card
- Library key fob
- Digital photo of your library card on your electronic device

As users of the Warman Community Library, all 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. Checking on the status of an account can be conveniently done by visiting the library directly, calling the Warman Community Library at 306-933-4387 or logging on to

[wheatland.sk.ca](http://wheatland.sk.ca) with your library card number. The pin number is defaulted to the last 4 digits of your phone number. WCMS students are charged fines in accordance with Wheatland Regional Libraries borrowing policies for overdue and missing books. 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.

In the event that settling fines may present a financial hardship to the family, parents are encouraged to contact Greg Tebay, WCMS Principal to explore other options including volunteering or service projects to address the fines.

## DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE

Thank you to those parents who have completed the online demographic update through PowerSchool. 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 sent home to you, or contact Jolee at the office for further support.**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

A reminder to parents, guardians and other visitors who have school business to please check in at the school office upon your arrival. Thanks!

### School Picture Day

Jostens Photography will be here on **Friday, September 22** to take our annual school photographs.

Students will bring home a photo information sheet a day or two prior to our picture day.

**Retakes are scheduled for October 25**

Grade 6 & 7 band students will have a "Squeak and Squawk" Beginner Band Clinic on Monday, September 18, from 3-5.



## Staff

One of the many strengths of our school is our tremendous staff. Our 2017-2018 staff is:

Greg Tebay—Principal      Lisa Mason—Vice-Principal  
Jolee Dyck—Admin. Assistant      Patty Kirby—Admin. Assistant

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Shane Bachmeier	Erin Boyle	Clark Bymoen	Blake Cumming
Amanda Baudais	Paris Burgess	Victoria Dyck	Guy Farquharsen/Holly Peters (Intern)
Amanda Cooke	Corey Fast/Sarah Knaus (Intern)	Craig Folden	Evan Folden
Shawn Flett	Karen Georgacacos	Adine Sander	Madisen Harvey/Deanna Koroluk
Nicole McKay	Erin Hoffman	Mike Pavloff	Angela Yedersberger
Andrew Neufeldt	Curtis Prescesky	Crystal Procyshyn	Jen Zimmer
Michelle Schaff	Cameo Rempel	Scott Woods-Fehr	
Bonnie Williams			

### Music /SERT/Learning Facilitator/Counsellor

Linda Balon-Smith—SERT      Michelle Kavanagh—SERT      Kiara Smith—Prep Coverage  
Cassandra D'Amore—Counsellor      Brandi Kelsie—SERT      Andra Wist—Band/Music  
Hali Hamel—Learning Facilitator

### Educational Assistants

Cindy Brisbin      Maureen Forsberg      Darlene Heide      Jessica Janzen      Donna Parsons      Linda Schnurr  
Pam Carpenter      Cheryl Fortier      Monique Hodge      Karla Kazmiruk      Jodie Pawliw

### Itinerant

Cheryl Reddekopp—EAL Itinerant  
Trevor Belyk—Itinerant

### Caretakers

Cynthia Janzen—Head Caretaker      Reuben Rosom  
Jim Neufeld      Jay-Ann Sochaski

A special welcome to our new staff.

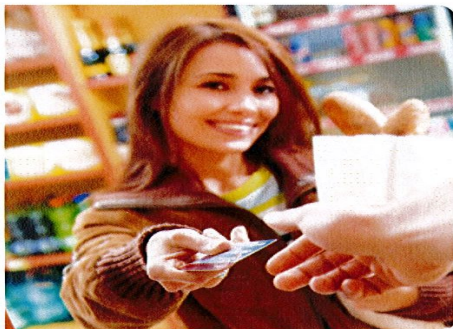


## CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE CONCERT

WCMS will be hosting Wilbur Sargunaraj, a filmmaker, song writer and presenter on Cultural Intelligence. The 'Times of India' has called him "India's first Youtube star" and he uses his platform to create films and music, which both call attention to critical global issues such as poverty, caste, exploitation and social justice. His message is clear, "You are a person of surpassing value, incredible beauty and unique importance. You can make a difference. You are a SIMPLE SUPERSTAR who can make the common extra ordinary!" We look forward to welcoming Wilbur on October 5 to present to our grade 5-8 students.



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#### 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 <a href="#">Support Your Group</a> 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



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



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September 5, 2017

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

**Re: Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP)**

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Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments in each of our schools.

As part of this commitment, Prairie Spirit works with other local school divisions and a variety of community organizations to put best safety and prevention procedures into place. This collaborative work, called the Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP), involves the entire community to support our safe schools and neighbourhoods.


As part of the protocol, we are committed to following established safety procedures in our schools. Whenever a student makes a significant threat to harm themselves or others, the school's Threat Assessment Team, comprised of school administrator, counsellor and School Resources Officer (RCMP/Police), will complete a threat assessment to determine the immediacy and the level of risk, in consultation with the Division's Safe Schools team. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive.

The protocol facilitates sharing of information between community organizations (for example, the Ministries of Social Services, Education and Justice, as well as local police services and other organizations) when a student may pose a risk of violence towards themselves or others.

All of our principals and vice-principals, as well as many other school leaders, have benefited from training in this area called *Violence Threat Risk Assessment*. Because of our shared understanding and commitment to safety, we are well equipped to intervene and respond to a student in crisis.

We will continue to work with you and with our community partners to provide safe and caring schools for our students.

If you have further questions about this protocol and our procedures, please contact your principal. For more information about our strategy for safe and caring schools, please go to our website: [www.spiritsd.ca/safe-schools](http://www.spiritsd.ca/safe-schools).

Sincerely,  


Lori Jeschke  
Director of Education



# Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation Golf Classic 2017

**Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Greenbryre Golf and Country Club, Saskatoon**

**Registration - 12:30 p.m. (lunch included) • Texas Scramble - shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.**

**\$175 per golfer or \$600 for a team of four**

**12 holes of golf and cart, contests, BBQ dinner, live auction and prizes**

**Register by August 30 to be entered in the Early Bird  
Draw!**

Prairie Spirit Schools  
**FOUNDATION**

## **Please consider sponsoring our Third Annual Golf Classic!!**

Our Foundation was established to support innovation in public education by funding a range of experiences that help students realize their potential. Through our projects and partnerships, we provide donation and investment opportunities to enrich learning opportunities for our students.

We exist to inspire passion for and engagement in public education and invite you to join us in making a positive difference for the students in Prairie Spirit School Division.

**To register, contact Denise Kendrick  
(306) 683-2881 • [psfoundation@spiritsd.ca](mailto:psfoundation@spiritsd.ca) or go  
online at [www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca](http://www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca)**

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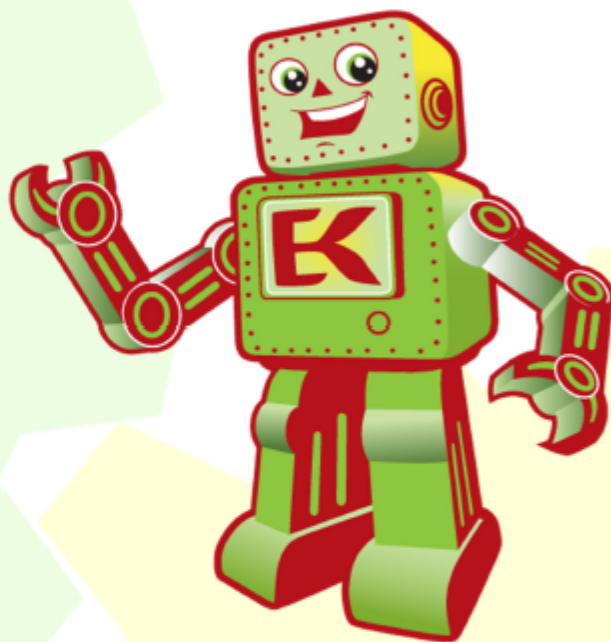
Wednesdays: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, and 15.

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Grades 4, 5, and 6

Warman Community Middle School

\$200 for 6 x 90-minute classes.



## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Click on the 'View Schedule and Register' link on our web page.

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