



STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

January 2018

Happy New Year! We hope that all had a festive and restful break. As we settle into a new year at WCMS, we have lots to be proud of as we look back over the first several months of the 2017-2018 school year.

We were very proud of our Grade 6, 7, and 8 Bands and their wonderful performances on December 6. Congratulations to all our Band students on your growth and sharing the gift of music with us!

We have been fortunate to have had unseasonably warm weather in the first part of winter. Colder

weather is likely on the way as we experienced over the break. We have included a number of items to remind everyone about cold weather procedures in this month's newsletter. Some students continue to arrive at school underdressed for the weather. Some of the examples we see are only a hoodie or spring jacket, nothing to cover head/ears, or no mitts/gloves. Please support your child in making appropriate choices for outerwear as students do go outside at recess and noon breaks.

WCMS Admin Team

*Every morning you
have two choices:
continue to sleep with
your dreams or
you can wake up
and chase them.*

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INDOOR TRACK



Indoor Track (relay) Season has started for the new year and will continue until the February Break. We are beginning with two meets upon us in short order! Stay tuned for results as we compete in Saskatoon.

Interested students are still welcome to join us. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:50am - 8:30am at the Legends Centre. We are planning for two more meets at the end of January / middle of February.

GRADE 6-8 SKI TRIP

The annual ski trip to the Wapiti Ski Resort will be taking place on February 6th, 7th, and 8th. Students will be given an information package from their teacher and forms with payment will need to be back to the homeroom teacher no later than January 17th. This has always been a great time for the students and we

expect it to be a fun activity again this year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your student's homeroom teacher.

Grade 6 trip is Tuesday, Feb. 6th
Grade 7 trip is Thursday, Feb. 8th
Grade 8 trip is Wednesday, Feb. 7th



GRADE 5 SKI TRIP



Grade 5s will be going to Table Mountain on Wednesday, February 7th. All forms will go home on January 15th and must be returned to the

homeroom teacher by January 22nd. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Flett. shawn.flett@spiritsd.ca

MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Multicultural Club: We will be sharing some information about our culture

with students on January 22 after lunch. If you are interested in com-

ing, please feel free to drop by.

SRC

Welcome to 2018! We hope you had a great break!

We were so excited to donate \$600 to the Warman Food Bank for families in need over the Christmas break. We also had thousands of pounds of food to donate.

Thank you to our sponsors for the fundraiser incentives: **Days Inn, Apex, Legends Centre, DQ.** Top classes for food items brought in:

1. Mr. C. Folden (Gr. 7)
2. Mrs. McKay (Gr. 5)

3. Mrs. Koroluk/Ms. Harvey (Gr. 7)
4. Mr. Prescesky (Gr. 6)

January brings colder temperatures, so to warm you up we will be having a...



Hot chocolate sale: date to be announced!

Flash back to the Past Day is January 25th. Dress for any decade. We are looking to see lots of different outfits.

Stay Warm, WCMS!!!!



RECESS EXPECTATIONS

We expect our students to go outside at recess break in the morning and at noon time unless they are involved in other school sponsored activities. We believe that students benefit from and enjoy active time outdoors, and also hold student safety as a top priority.

Students are expected to go outside at recess unless the temperature is -

25 degrees Celsius or colder or the weather is deemed too inclement by the school administration. We use Environment Canada's Warman forecast to obtain our information.

Should a student's medical condition require him/her to temporarily stay indoors, we ask that the parent notify the homeroom teacher. We be-

lieve middle-schoolers are old enough to dress themselves appropriately. We expect them to come to school with proper outdoor attire, regardless of the season.



SEVERE WEATHER BUS CANCELLATIONS

All Prairie Spirit School Division bus cancellations are prominently posted on the Prairie Spirit website (WWW.SPIRITSD.CA/BUSES) shortly after 6AM each school day. Please keep in mind that you may need to refresh your computer in order to ensure you are able to see the most current updates to the website. Prairie Spirit also has a bus hotline: **306-683-2805** that will list bus cancellations every day.



Buses in Prairie Spirit School Divi-

sion will not run if the combined temperature and wind chill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees or below at 6 a.m. (as reported by Environment Canada for Saskatoon at www.weatheroffice.gc.ca).

In stormy conditions, bus drivers will use their discretion to determine whether or not to run. Buses are not to operate if weather conditions such as freezing rain, dense fog, heavy rain or severe dust storms impair visibility or otherwise cause dangerous travel conditions. **Buses that do**

not run at the regular time in the morning due to weather conditions are not to run at all on that same day.

Even if the buses are not running, parents are welcome to transport their children to school. School is closed to students only for reasons such as health and safety. The complete Severe Weather policy (AP 805) can be found under **Administrative Policies and Procedures** at <http://www.spiritsd.ca/schoolboard/policies.asp>.

SHARING OUR LOVE OF FRENCH

On December 5 and 6, students from Ms. Koroluk and Mrs. Dyck's French classes went to Warman Elementary and Traditions schools to share their knowledge and create excitement for the French program with the younger students. Grade eight students

worked hard on writing and illustrating French children's books which they read to students who thought they were the "frenchest" people they had ever heard. Grade seven students taught some French songs and inspired the elementary students

to participate and learn the language in a creative way. Thanks to the teachers at both schools for welcoming us and allowing us to share our learning!

LOST AND FOUND

We have an overwhelming amount of Lost and Found items at WCMS. Please make sure to come and check

the Lost and Found items located on the tables in the front foyer of the

school. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, January 31 - PD Day



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

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

HEALTHY STUDENTS = BETTER LEARNERS



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Contact Us

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

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OUTSMART GERMS

Wash hands several times per day, especially:

- ✓ After using the washroom
- ✓ After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands
- ✓ After using shared objects such as keyboards and telephones
- ✓ After handling the garbage and other waste
- ✓ Before and after preparing or eating food
- ✓ Before and after helping people who are sick
- ✓ Before and after attending to cuts, scrapes burns or other breaks in the skin
- ✓ After contact with bodily fluids such as blood, sputum, vomit, urine or feces
- ✓ When hands are visibly dirty

These are common times when hands can spread germs that cause illness.



What else can you do to prevent illness?

- ✓ Use hand sanitizer when washing with soap and water isn't possible.
- ✓ Ensure hand sanitizer remains wet on hands for at least 15 seconds and contains at least 60% alcohol as the active ingredient.
- ✓ Keep your hands away from your face. Germs can be spread when you touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve when you sneeze or cough. This avoids spreading germs into the air or onto your hands and surfaces.
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick. Going to school or work when you are sick can spread germs to others.
- ✓ Clean commonly touched surfaces often, such as doorknobs, washrooms, sink taps, telephones and computer keyboards.

Learn more at: www.germsmart.ca

phone: 655-4612 or email: germsmart@saskatoonhealthregion.ca

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Outsmart Germs...Wash Your Hands!



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



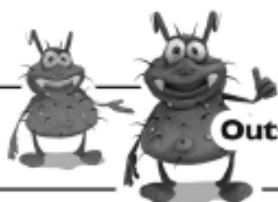
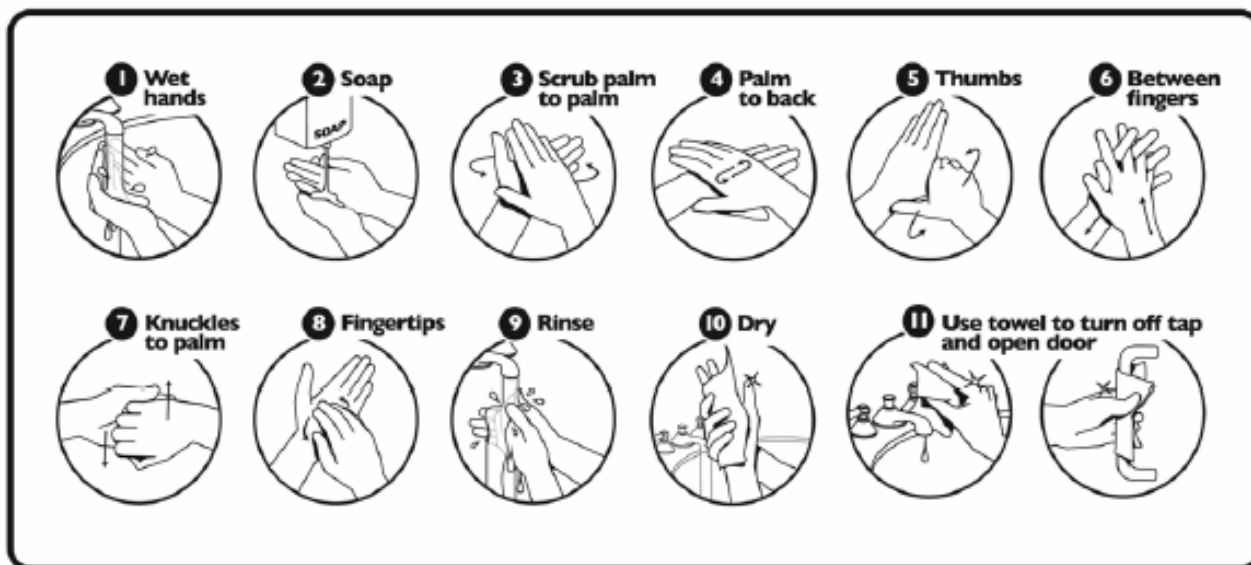
Outsmart Germs

Did you know?

- 80% of infectious diseases are spread through contaminated surfaces and hands.
- Handwashing is the most important thing you can do to prevent illness and the spread of germs at home and at school.
- Improved hand washing can reduce student sick days from respiratory illness like colds and flu by as much as 21%, and sick days from stomach illness by as much as 31%.¹



Use soap, scrub for at least 15 seconds, rinse and dry hands well. These steps all work together to remove germs.



Outsmart Germs...Wash Your Hands!



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Saskatoon and Area **ENGINEERING FOR KIDS**

CAMPS | PARTIES | CLASSES | STEM ENRICHMENT

WARMAN COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL | GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

FOOD PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

The amount of engineering that goes in to food production and distribution is surprising. Your child will explore industrial and mechanical engineering as they relate to production, quality control, packaging design, and logistics in developing the best candy company. They will get to sample their own treats too!

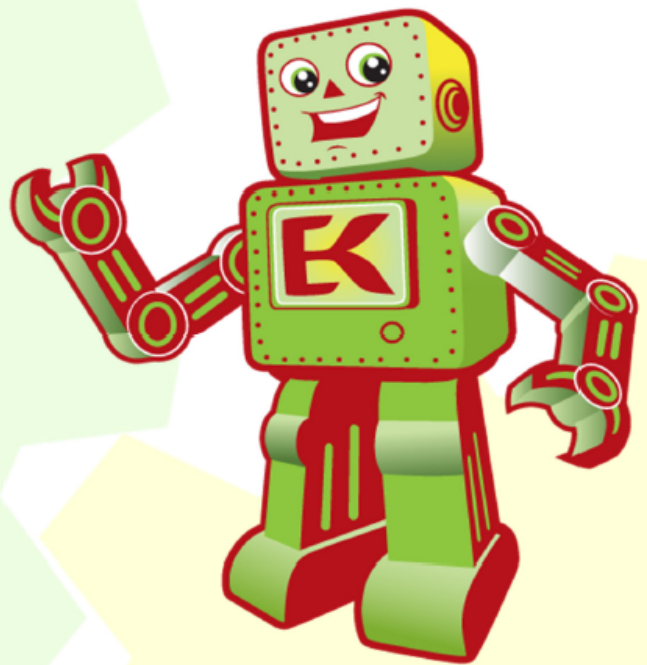
Wednesdays: Feb 7, 14, 28, March 7, 21, and 28

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.

www.engineeringforkids.net/saskatoon

ABOUT US

Engineering for Kids offers STEM enrichment for children ages 4-15 through a variety of camps, classes, birthday parties, and clubs. All of our programs are dedicated to teaching engineering concepts and methods through fun, hands-on activities. We continually inspire the next generation of engineers!

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