

# STORM NEWS

Warman Community Middle School

February 2019

Welcome to our February newsletter! Hope everyone is keeping warm as we weather this blast of winter cold these last couple weeks.

February looks like it'll be a busy month with the Ice-breaker Cheer Classic in Regina, Junior Basketball Conferences and Finals, Class Ski Trips, and the Prairie Spirit

Pride Party.

With the school break from February 18th to 22nd, it'll be a short month. But with all of the classroom activities and extra-curricular events, our students are sure to be engaged.

**-Your WCMS Admin Team**



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## JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

We have had a lot of interest and enthusiasm this season with boys basketball with between 20-30 boys regularly attending practices. The boys have been sharing game opportunities this season - such that all the boys have played this season in a CVAC game.

The boys have won 3 of 4 CVAC B League games with wins over Colonsay, Vanscoy and Blaine Lake. Our loss was against Asquith on January 15th. We have also attended three tournaments this season in Colonsay on December 8th, and in Aberdeen on Jan 19th. On Saturday January 26th, we entered two teams into our home tournament where we played Aberdeen and Hepburn with some very close and exciting games.

We conclude our season this week hosting our final CVAC game with Chief Mistawasis. We are hosting the CVAC championships on February 9th at Warman High which will conclude our season.

We would like to thank our two interns Mr. Eric Son and Ms. Cassidy MacPherson, who have faithfully attended practices, games and tournaments as Assistant Coach and manager.

This year's team included the following students who completed the season. - Mr. Farquharson

### Grade 8's

Keiran Laskowski, Kade Gilchrist, Colby McMahon, Keondre Abrams, Cayden Simard, Isaiah

Meinema, Deandre Lewis, Josh Czuy, Ethan Janzen, Brendan LaRochelle, Liam Kleinsasser Hunter Engdahl

### Grade 7's

Carsyn Dyck, Chase McMahon, Ryland Kusch, Luke Brunen, Jackson Hull, Kurt Lingad, Gurman Pandher, Brody Komarnicki, Josh Kirk, Cade Sokolosky, Brock Evans, Markus Thompson

### Grade 6's

Rylan Dyck, Joshua Tonge, Corben Schnurr



## GRADE 6 BOYS BASKETBALL

Grade 6 boys basketball will begin after the February break. There will be a meeting before the break as well as a parent letter/

permission form sent home. Practices will be twice a week in the mornings and our season will conclude with the grade 6 tourna-

ment on March 21st hosted at WCMS.

## SRC



Happy Valentine's Day from the WCMS SRC! We will be having a

Spirit Day on Thursday, February 14th - Red, White and Pink Day. Also, from February 25th to February 28th, we will be selling Telemiracle Hands for \$1.00. House teams will compete

to see who can raise the most money for Telemiracle. Coming soon, in March look forward to another fun WCMS assembly.

## DONATIONS

WCMS is looking for donations for used Hockey skates sizes 7 and up. If you have any hockey skates kicking around your house that you no longer need we would

love to take them off your hands. Please drop them off at the office. WCMS Thanks you!



## SEVERE WEATHER BUS CANCELLATIONS

All Prairie Spirit School Division bus cancellations are prominently posted on the Prairie Spirit website ([WWW.SPIRITSD.CA/BUSES](http://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 Division 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](http://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>.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### No School for Students

February 18th - 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

[Pink Eye](#)

[Dental Clinic Services](#)

[Talking to Children about Sexuality](#)

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

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### Contact Us

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

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## POLAR BEAR CLUB

Do you like your child to go out in the cold even when an inside recess has been called? Does your child need just a bit of fresh air even though most kids like to stay in? If you answered yes to either of these questions, POLAR BEAR CLUB may be for your child.

Mrs. Burgess (grade six home-room teacher) is going to run a POLAR BEAR CLUB this winter. This is a club for students who get sick of being inside during the cold winter months. On certain days, when inside recesses are called, Mrs. Burgess will take kids out for a short time. Inside recess is called when temperatures and wind chills fall below -25 degrees.

Mrs. Burgess will check students to make sure they are dressed appropriately before leaving the school. Students will be outside for anywhere from 3-15 mins, as this is a recess club. The days we go out, students with permission will get called down to the A-wing boot room. All students MUST be dressed in winter gear, including boots.

This club is OPTIONAL, with permission granted once for a full year.

Mrs. Burgess would like to save paper and have parents/guardians email her to grant permission for their child to partici-

pate [paris.burgess@spiritsd.ca](mailto:paris.burgess@spiritsd.ca). Please respond with your child's full name and homeroom.

Also email if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Paris Burgess



## 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 cold-

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

This year we have given students the option to stay indoors at recess & lunch from December—March. At recess they can go to the gym to visit or play a game. At lunch students are invited to sit

around on the main staircase to visit. Students have been taking advantage of this opportunity and seem to be enjoying it.



**Student Conferences  
will be on March 12th &  
14th. The Scheduler will  
open up on Monday,  
February 25th.**

**Term 2 Progress  
Reports will go out  
on Thursday, March  
21st.**

Do you have books at home that you would like to donate to our classroom libraries for students to read?

## Most Wanted Books for Classroom Libraries

### Award Winners

**Newberry Medal/Honor Books:** including The One and Only Ivan, Doll Bones, The Underneath, Rules, Criss Cross, The Tale of Despereaux, Hoot, Because of Winn-Dixie, Holes, The Giver, Charlotte's Web, etc.

**Caldecott Medal/Honor Books:** Award Winning Picture Books – including The Red Book, A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Casey at the Bat, No, David!, etc.

**Student Choice Awards:** Wonder, Out of My Mind, Counting by 7's, The Fault in our Stars, Oragami Yoda Series, Divergent Series

### Great Authors

Roald Dahl  
Kate DiCamillo  
Deborah Ellis  
Cornelia Funke  
Anthony Horowitz  
Gordon Korman  
Kenneth Oppel  
James Patterson  
Gary Paulsen  
Rick Riordan  
Louis Sachar  
Jerry Spinelli  
Arthur Slade

### Popular Series

Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
Dork Diaries  
Harry Potter  
The Hunger Games  
I Survived  
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief  
Skeleton Creek and Trackers

### Graphic Novels

Amulet  
Baby Mouse  
Big Nate  
Bone  
Books by Raina Telgemeier  
Lunch Lady  
Squish  
Superheroes/Action

### Non-Fiction

Guinness Book of World Records  
DK/Eyewitness  
Poetry Collections such as Shel Silverstein  
Biographies of Inspirational and Interesting People  
National Geographic  
Ripley's Believe It or Not

**Educational books that teach and inspire deeper thinking – most requested themes include outdoor adventures, war, animals, and historical events.**

If you have any gently used books you are willing to part with, please send them to school with your child or drop off at the front office for Mrs. Mason.

*Thank you for supporting literacy at WCMS!*

## Flexible Employment Opportunities

Prairie Spirit School Division invites applications for substitute **Casual Caretakers, Administrative Assistants** and **Educational Associates** for casual and flexible work.

Please visit our website: [www.spiritsd.ca/careers](http://www.spiritsd.ca/careers) for more information and to apply.

*Prairie Spirit School Division has 47 schools and over 11,000 students in 28 communities surrounding Saskatoon.*



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