

STORM NEWS



Warman Community Middle School

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Self-Confidence: I believe in myself and have the SELF-CONFIDENCE to take risks.

Teamwork: I will be a valuable member of our TEAM.

Originality: I will celebrate my ORIGINALITY and appreciate the uniqueness of others.

Respect: I will show RESPECT for our school and all people in it.

Motivation: I will be MOTIVATED to do my best and make a difference

ACTUAL WCMS FINGERPRINTS

Grade 6 – My goal is to have a good reputation and do good in school. I'm gonna achieve this by being nice and never giving up.

Grade 7 - My goal is to find and read a good book.

Grade 8 – I want to be a supporter. Someone that will support anyone no matter who they are. I'll help out.

MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Happy Autumn!



We are two months into this school year and very proud of our WCMS Storm Family. Despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presents, staff and students find positive and safe ways every day to interact and learn alongside each other. We are thankful for the relationships we get to build with our students and the learning that is happening everywhere in our healthy, safe school. Your continued patience and understanding with our COVID protocols makes learning at school that much easier. Thank you! We will continue to keep you updated on any changes or new information.

This week, staff and admin had the opportunity sit down and discuss professional learning goals. Learning is always a focus and priority, however, so is checking in with each other and asking “How are you doing?” This simple yet powerful question reminds that we all need to take time to check in with each other and ask “How are you doing?”. PSSD’s compass highlights our continued guided points: connection, community, growth and well-being. We are looking forward to connecting and checking in with our families at our parent/student/teacher conferences on November 3rd and November 5th via Zoom or phone call.



As the days get shorter and colder, we want to remind our families that students should come to school prepared to go outside for recess. Spending time outside each day is not only healthy but a good time for a mask break provided students remain socially distant. Dressing in appropriate winter gear makes going outside for some fun with classmates that much more enjoyable!

We might not get to have sports, clubs, assemblies, field trips and so much more happening right now, but we do have a lot to celebrate at WCMS! We get to learn everywhere with a resilient, engaged and happy Storm family, and that is worth everything. We look forward to continuing our learning journey together!

WCMS Admin

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3 & 5- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

November 5th- Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony

November 6th – School pictures

November 9-10th- School Holiday-NO SCHOOL

November 11th- Remembrance Day-NO SCHOOL

November 19th-SCC meeting

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents of WCMS Students,

Parent/Student/Teacher **Conferences** will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd (3:15 – 7:00 pm) and Thursday, Nov. 5th (3:15 – 7:00 pm). The Interview site will open on Tues. Oct. 20 at 9:00 am.

You will have the option to choose either a **phone appointment or Zoom appointment** with your child's teacher on the School Interview site. Appointments will be 15 minutes in length.

If you do choose the Zoom Meeting, be aware that the information you get will say that the meeting begins at 3:15 pm. This refers to the start of the Conference event, not your specific meeting time. Please log into the Zoom waiting room 5 minutes early and the teacher will let you in from the waiting room once the previous appointment is finished.

Privacy Disclaimer:

WCMS will be offering online meetings as an option for booking student conferences. This option involves use of a third-party on-line scheduler called Zoom. By using the service, you understand that Zoom is not affiliated with Warman Community Middle School and that you are trusting Zoom with data you enter. Their privacy policy can be found at <https://zoom.us/privacy-and-legal>

If you have not booked a parent/student/teacher conference meeting time yet, please connect with your child's homeroom teacher.

SCC

Did you know that anyone can attend our SCC meetings? You may have the opportunity to talk to our board member, school resource officer, community partners, teachers, administration, and our SCC members about anything concerning you or great ideas you have for the school. It is also great to hear more in depth what is happening at the school.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 via Microsoft Team.

Remembrance Day

This year, our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held virtually in all classrooms on the morning of Thursday, November 5th. Mrs. Yedersberger's class has been working with Mrs. Hamel in ELA to create a presentation to share with the school. These students have worked hard to create a ceremony that includes art, poetry, education, and the formal structure of an official Remembrance Day Ceremony.

They have focused on WWII, as this year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Students have also been learning about all the different faces that contributed to the Canadian war effort, including Aboriginals, Chinese-Canadians, Black Canadians, and women.

A big thank you to the students of 8Yedersberger - You created a presentation be proud of.

On Thursday, November 5th, each homeroom teacher will be collecting a poppy donation. We kindly ask you to send your child with a small donation that day. Thank you!

Legacy One Presentation

Thanks to the generosity of **Kessler Insurance**, all WCMS students get to take part in a virtual presentation and workshop with Legacy One this week.

Leaving a Legacy, One Student at a Time: Legacy One is a non-profit organization that impacts students through the urban arts. Our students will be taking part in two virtual presentations this week. On Wednesday October 28th students watched a presentation called Beautiful Struggle. It focuses on helping students see that the struggles they face are not meant to break them, but to help them grow. On Thursday, students took part in an interactive Zoom workshop called Flip-The-Script. This workshop gave students the opportunity to learn how a healthy mindset will help them turn their struggles into opportunities

Band

Our Grade 8 band has been approved to start playing wind instruments in class starting Monday, November 18. This is great news! Please arrange to have instruments ready to go for this day. If you need any help getting an instrument, please reach out to Ms. Wist.

Current and Former Band Students

If you have not already, please return the red Tradition of Excellence Band book to the music room

SRC Update

Welcome to November! We are doing SRC a little different this year and Ms. Zimmer and Ms. Harvey's cohort has planned events for this month.

The events are as follows:

Nov. 5 - *Formal Day/Wear Black and Red for Remembrance Day*

Nov. 13 - *Freaky Friday - Students dress like a teacher and teachers dress like a student!*

Nov. 23-27 - Spirit Week! There will be a prize for the class in each grade that has the highest participation for the spirit days!

Nov. 23 - Wacky Hair Day

Nov. 24 - Twin/Triplet Day

Nov. 25 - Decade Day

Nov. 26 - Ultimate Fan Day - dress as a fan of whatever you like - sports, movie star, singers, etc. 27 - PJ and Movie Day

To receive an email when a post is added to our blog, click on the “follow” tab at the bottom of our blog <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wcms>

To view today’s announcements, click on the “daily announcements” tab at the top of the blog page.

FACILITY ACCESS PLAN – PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREAS

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.**

IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION – IMPORTANT UPDATE THIS YEAR

***** NEW CHANGE THIS YEAR BUS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER*****

Morning Bus: if the combined temperature/windchill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 6:00 a.m. the morning bus will be cancelled. This includes charters.

Afternoon Bus: if the combined temperature/windchill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 12:00 p.m. the afternoon bus will be cancelled. This includes charters.

Options to check for late or cancelled buses:

Website: www.spiritsd.ca and then click Transportation. <https://www.spiritsd.ca/Buses/>

Hotline: (306) 683-2805

Versatrans My Stop: This is an app for your smartphone that allows you to watch your school bus as it proceeds on your child’s route. If the bus is running late or cancelled, you will receive a notification on your smartphone. Please contact your school for a username and password once you have obtained the app.

Urban bus stop maps, times and locations are on the website: www.spiritsd.ca/buses

Message from the Counsellor Team

Warm greetings WCMS families,

As the month of October comes to an end I invite you to look at the newest blog post titled “Language Matters” found at <https://padlet.com/oladipojabagun/gy7ureopwzwhh805>

As always, for families wanting to connect you are welcome to contact me by email at Oladipo.jabagun@spiritsd.ca or by calling our front office at (306)-683-3000 if you require mental health related support/resources or have concerns regarding your child.

Frequently Asked COVID Questions

1) Does my child have to wear a mask outside?

The advice from SHA is that everyone should wear a mask anywhere and anytime. Based on SHA's observations; masks are the #1 intervention that reduces transmission in the community. Therefore, SHA recommends that masks be worn outside as well.

Masks must be worn anytime social distancing (2 meters or more) cannot be maintained. This applies to being inside and outside. This means a couple of things:

- If students are stationary and going to remain stationary, and they can be spaced a minimum of 2 meters apart, they do not need a mask. But if they are moving, **maintaining** the 2 meter distance can be pretty tough, so they will generally need a mask in this situation.

2) If a child is positive or identified as a close contact, should my child stay home for 14 days?

Saskatchewan Health Authority would advise you when it is safe for your child to return to school.

There is no magic number of days – two weeks is a starting point, but each individual responds differently and Public Health is responsible for determining when the student is fit and well enough to return to school.

3) How does contact tracing work at the school in the event of a positive case?

Saskatchewan Health Authority will conduct contact tracing in the event that an individual tests positive for COVID. They will want to know:

- 1) Did the student wear a mask when within 2 meters of other individuals? If so, then many people can be eliminated as close contacts. (So thank you for being diligent about your child wearing a mask when social distancing cannot be maintained!)
- 2) Were materials shared between the COVID-positive individual and other classmates? This is why limiting shared materials and hand hygiene is paramount.
- 3) Where has the student been and who would they have come into contact with? This is why seating plans and restricting cohorts is important.

4. If travelled outside the province, should our family self-isolate?

Currently travel to other Canadian provinces outside of Saskatchewan is permitted, though not recommended by the Province of Saskatchewan. PSSD does not have any restrictions in place pertaining to student travel that would add to this. So, students are not required to isolate for 14 days if they travel to other provinces.

For those concerned about possible health issues when students return from other provinces, keep the following in mind:

- We monitor students for symptoms consistent with COVID constantly. If students display these symptoms, we activate our protocols.
- Families should self-monitor for any developing symptoms. If symptoms develop, the family should call 811 and follow the direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority

5) Should my child be learning at home if away ill for any amount of time?

Yes, it is expected that all students will need to stay current on learning they missed while away from school.

As mandated by the Ministry of Education, all students are required to participate. Families are not responsible for providing curriculum learning opportunities but may support the learning opportunities provided by teachers.

Partnership between the school and home is important for student success. Students have access to their Google Classroom as well connecting with their teacher to arrange homework. Students can submit work to their teacher via Google classroom or drop it off at the school. If a student is not able to do learning while away, it is expected that the student makes effort to connect with their teacher to get caught up.

Storm Stars

We would like to honor a Storm SUPER Star this month!

Kevin responded to an emergency in the classroom when a peer was in medical distress. He alerted his teacher and then alerted office staff so we could call 911.

His quick thinking in an emergency was very impressive and allowed the student to be taken care of.

Way to go Storm SUPER Star Kevin!!!



Learning is Everywhere



Grade 6 Art with
Mr. Fast and
Miss Anderson



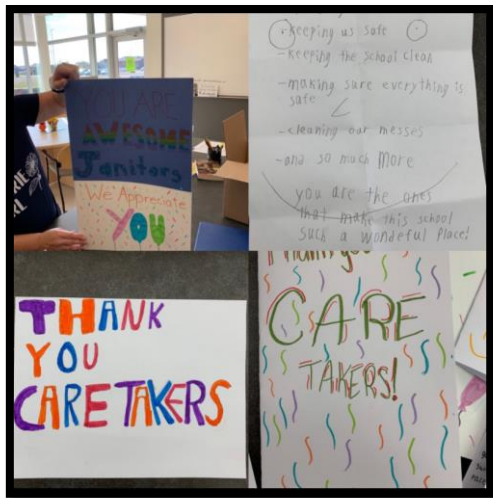
Ms. Wist
Music/Band
class



Honoring Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30th



Terry Fox Art



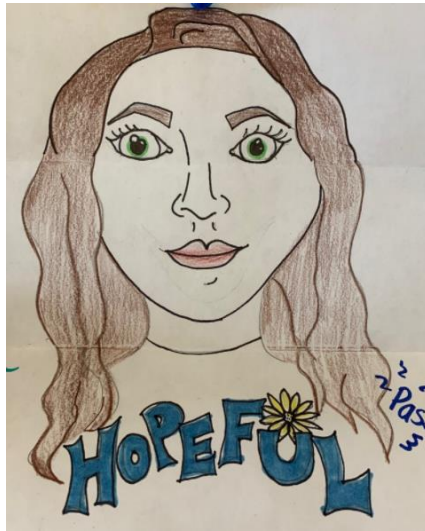
National Caretakers Appreciate Day Oct. 2nd

Art sketch done by Chase 7Folden class



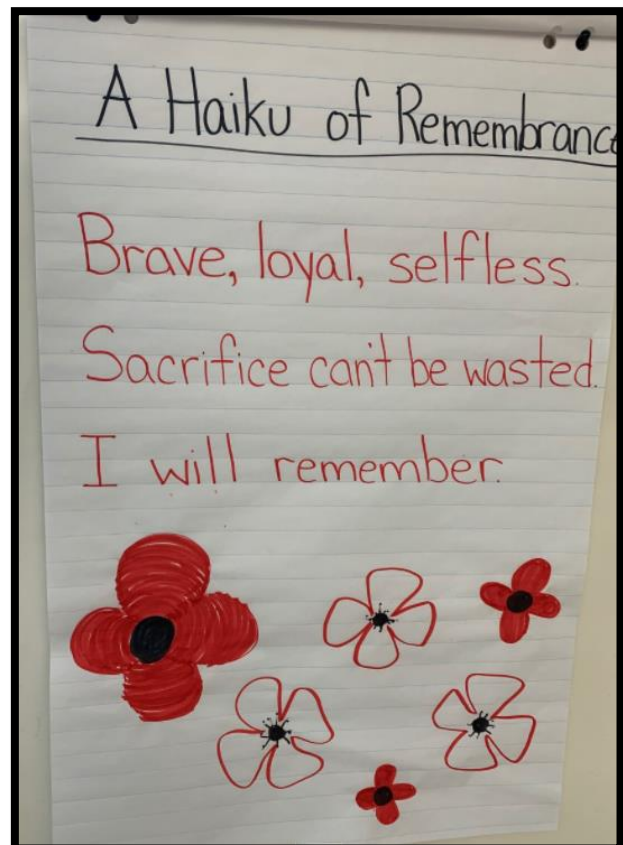
Unmasking Art with
6 Procyshyn's Class







Learning about the lunar phases in Mrs. Hoffman grade 6 class



Mrs. Hamel's grade 8 ELA class