

STORM NEWS



Warman Community Middle School

December 2020

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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

Warm Winter Greetings STORM family,

While it may not be officially winter yet, all the snow sure brings that winter feeling! While the Christmas season is quickly approaching, it brings feelings of excitement and magic. It also unfortunately brings many COVID unknowns. We know the COVID state of our province brings everyone worry, we want to thank all our families for their continued patience and understanding during this time. We will continue to communicate any new information on changes to our school safe plan.

Our first ever virtual parent/teacher conferences were held on November 3rd and 5th with great success. Thank you to all families who took time to connect via zoom meeting or phone call with your child's teacher. Communication between home and school is a key factor in a child's learning success. All our families are welcome to reach out to us at any time.

Even with the magic of Christmas in the air, it is easy for our mental health to suffer during stressful times. As a staff, we decided our mental health matters and we took up a challenge sent out by Dr. Jody Carrington. In her words *"It's time to dig in, sweet ones, and look after each other as we slide the heck out of 2020. Are you up for a challenge?"* We said YES! Dr.Carrington is a clinical psychologist who has spent most of her career working with children and families who have experienced trauma. As a staff, we read her book called "Kids These Days" in the spring which guided some of our planning for re-entry into school this past fall. Her challenge is a 23-day small task you complete each day that is all about connection in, out and around and the power of coming together as community. We want to invite all our families to join us in the **(Re) Connection Challenge!** You are welcome to share pictures with us via email

wcms@spiritsd.ca , twitter @wcmstorm or with your child's classroom teacher. You can also follow Dr. Carrington on Instagram @drjodycarrington.

See the **(Re) Connection Challenge** calendar below or print off your own calendar by clicking the link below.

http://www.drjodycarrington.com/downloadables/?mc_cid=0b60629e76&mc_eid=e74103406a#gallery-2



We want to wish all our families a wonderful, happy and healthy holiday season and Happy New Year! We hope 2021 brings renewed optimism, love and most of all, connection.

WCMS Admin

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th – Progress Reports

December 18th – Last day of classes before Christmas break

December 19 – January 1 – Christmas Break NO SCHOOL

January 4th – First day back to school after Christmas break

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SCC

Thank you to the SCC for agreeing to expand the WCMS Mental Health Literacy Team to include parent, student and community voice. We all believe mental health should be a focus for this year and recently there is a growing movement to plan and implement interventions with increased evidence-based strategy and intentionality. The plan would use evidence-based assessment tools to determine areas of need:

- *Student Wellness Surveys collected in October 2020*
- *Our School Survey results*
- *The Joint Consortium for School Health - Healthy School Planner*

Funding support is also appreciated! Thank you to the SCC for supporting classroom libraries, Grade 8 Farewell, SRC, and up to \$2000 for Mental Health presentations!

Our next meeting is on Thursday January 21, 2021.

SRC Update

Happy December everyone!

This year we had to get creative with being able to offer SRC opportunities. Since the students are in cohorts, we thought it would be fun to rotate through the grade 8 cohorts and offer SRC to all students that wanted to join.

Our first cohort of Grade 8s (Harvey/ Zimmer) did a wonderful job of leading the SRC - we had 11 students join. The SRC took part in our schools virtual Remembrance Day Service reciting In Flander's Field. They also got the SRC calendar and birthday boards up and running. One of our spirit days was Freaky Friday, held on none other than Friday the 13th. The idea was that the kids dressed as teachers and the teachers dressed as students - not going to lie, I think the teachers had more fun with this than the kids did. The highlight of the month was the Spirit Week they planned - they had a different theme each day. At the end of the week, one homeroom was chosen from each grade who had the most participation throughout the week. These homerooms won movie snacks for Friday afternoon to go along with the last Spirit Day - PJ & Movie Day.

Congratulations to 6 Hoffman (68 participants) , 7 Kulchar (56 participants) and 8 McDonald (35 participants)!! Now THAT'S showing some school spirit!! Nice work!!

Keep an eye on the daily announcements to keep up with what's happening with the SRC 😊

PowerSchool

If you have not updated your child's PowerSchool profile yet, please contact our front office. PowerSchool requires updated information including consent for your child for numerous school activities including photo participation on social media and the yearbook. Please contact Patty Kirby or Tara Camilleri at 306-683-300 or wcms@spiritsd.ca

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

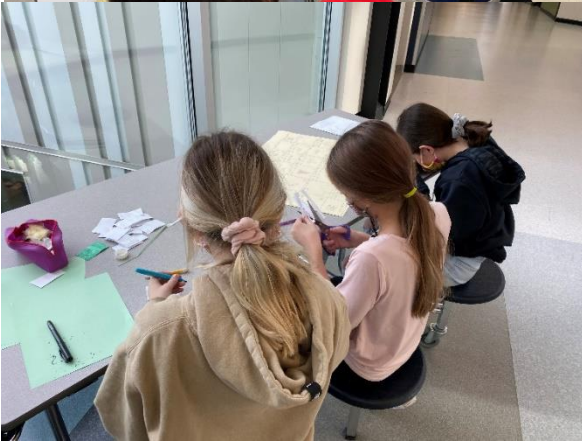
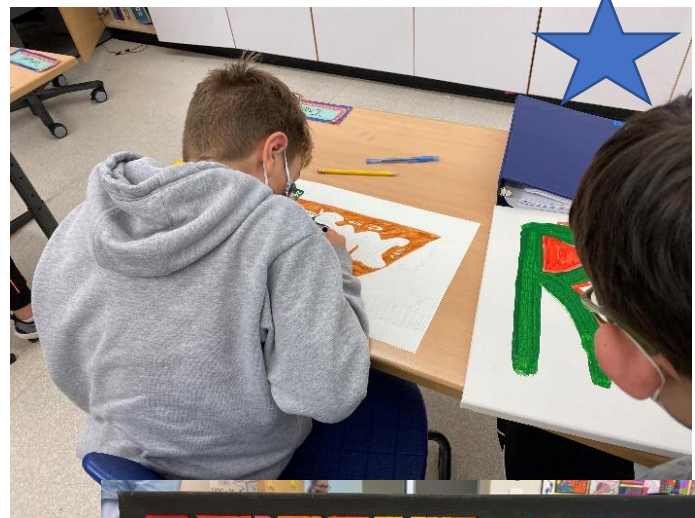
Hello WCMS families,

As we continue to embark on this journey of a new school year during these ever-evolving times, I urge each of us to take a moment to just take a few deep breaths. This month I encourage each of us to look at how our stress is showing up for us individually and for the kids in our lives. The two newest blog post that I invite you to look at titled *Self-Regulation: A Parent's Guide & Self Reg for Parents* give a helpful framework to better understand the notion of stress and ways we can help our kids and ourselves manage/understand it more effectively.

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.



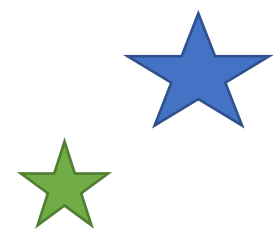
Learning is Everywhere



6 Fast & Anderson Art



6Boyle artwork - we used oil pastels to create a dragon's eye.

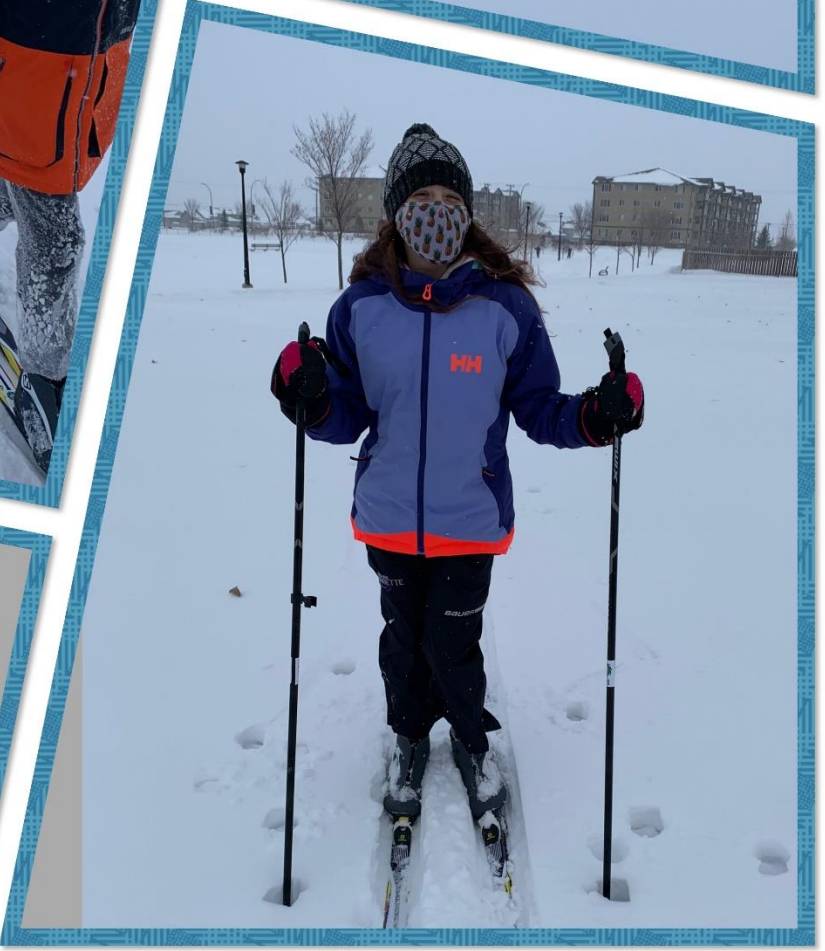




Plant and animal cell diagrams from 8Smith's class



Freaky Friday! Staff dressed as students



Cross Country Skiing with 6 Guenther



7 Folden's kickball champs!



7 Folden Covid Carpets

