



April 2018

Once again we find ourselves well into the month of April and the busyness that comes with spring. We continue to be on spring melt watch and ask parents to dig out those rubber boots and pack some dry socks and pants as the odd accident is bound to occur.

A big thank you to parents, students, and staff for all of your efforts in the conferences that were held before the break. We hope you see great value in getting an insight into the lives of your children as daily learning takes place. I am always pleased to see the excitement that the students express in bringing family into the school to show what they do in their classrooms. Also, a big thank you to our SCC and the many parents who helped to organize, bring food, supervise, and clean up during the potluck that was provided for our staff.

The Easter story walk was once again a huge success. Thank you to those who were able to take some time and stop in at the various businesses around the community in order to participate. Our lucky prize winners were all announced today and we had many smiling faces collect their gift certificates. I would also like to encourage families to take advantage of our upcoming **One School One Book** activity in May as it is a rewarding and fun activity for you to enjoy with your child. It works on reading and comprehension skills and students are able to win great prizes provided by our SCC. If you missed the order deadline we will have some extra copies of the book for sale at the office.

I want to highlight the need we have for next year's SCC with 7 upcoming positions needing to be filled at our **May 7th** SCC meeting. Take a look at the notice in this newsletter if you are wondering what is involved and drop by the office to fill out a nomination form. We need 7 new members to join the 2 returning members so we would love to hear from you.

During the month of April we said goodbye to our nursing interns. The 7 students and instructor Lori Boen were a great compliment to our school and helped tie together the area of health and education. Students benefited from their knowledge and expertise in the field of health as they shared this in various ways with the students.

As you come into the school you will be greeted by weekly photos and updates of what is going on in the school on our new TV. When we walk around and take out a camera students are eager and hopeful that they will show up in the photos that are posted weekly. Again, thanks to the SCC for their contribution and also our hard working admin. staff who keep this up to date.

As we look ahead we see that the end of another year is just over the horizon. We look forward to the learning and journey that will take us to the end of June. Enjoy the ride!

Your administrative team,
Orlando Pauls
Kristen Mathison



DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr. 9	Welcome Back
Apr. 13	NEON SPIRIT DAY
Apr. 16	Mindful Monday *Earth Week
Apr. 17	Turn It Off Tuesday *Earth Week
Apr. 18	Waste Free Wednesday *Earth Week
Apr. 19	Garbage Pick Up *Earth Week
Apr. 20	Thankful For Our Future - Friday *Earth Week
Apr. 24	K Conferences 4p.m -7p.m
Apr. 24	Hot Lunch KB
Apr. 25	Hot Lunch Gr. 1-4 & KA
Apr. 26	K Conferences 9a.m – 7p.m (No School for Kindergarten students only)



WES Family Tree

Our tree is growing! Please help us out by either sending a 4x6 picture to school with your child or by emailing us one to wes@spiritsd.ca. Your help in growing our tree is very much appreciated!



Hello from Grade 1 Kornelson!

What a wonderful taste of spring we had a few weeks ago...and now Mother Nature has dipped us back into winter for a little longer. Our class is fortunate enough to have had a little summer all winter long with our indoor garden. We planted seeds way back in October and now we are able to eat the fruits of our labour. We have already enjoyed tasting beans and peas. The tomatoes are just beginning to ripen and the peppers have many blossoms on them. There are no bumblebees in the room (thank goodness), so it falls to the students to pretend to be bees and to gently pollinate the flowers. They have been doing a great job! The growth the students are showing in their academics is amazing. Grade One students begin with learning letters and letter sounds and now they are writing stories. Wow! Next in our reading we will tackle nonfiction books about animals and they will try writing a nonfiction animal report. Grade One students start the year learning their numbers to ten, and now they can do adding and subtracting - another amazing set of skills they have learned! It is such a joy to watch the children grow and become independent. At the end of the month we will present our robots to Kindergarten and other Grade One classrooms. This has become a wonderful tradition here at WES. The students are delighted with their creations and very proud to explain the materials and fasteners they used to construct the robot. Thank you to all the families who are working hard collecting recycling materials and who are helping their children put the robot together. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished result!



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If you were to spend a day in our classroom, you'd find that there are lots of interesting things happening! We are excited to be working on handwriting, multiplication and magnetism. Did you know that the earth has a magnetic shield, called the magnetosphere that protects us from solar storms? It's fascinating to know how invisible forces impact our lives! We have been intrigued by the book, "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick", and we'd describe it as "weird", "creepy", "fictional", and "mysterious". You should check it out if you get the chance! We finished up a fable-writing project just before the break, where our goal was to create a story that had a moral inferred at the end. We're also in the midst of writing to our Pen Pal's at Ecole Victoria School in Saskatoon. It's fun getting to connect with boys and girls our age who live in a different community! Speaking of connecting with other classes, we are having a blast working on different art pieces with the grade 2s in Ms. Leslie's room! From time to time we get to learn about celebrations that happen in other parts of the world. So far we've learned about Diwali, Dia de los Muertos, Chinese New Year, the tradition of Ukrainian Pysanky, and this Friday we'll get to experience a Quebecois tradition called "sugar on snow". We are ecstatic to try authentic maple syrup from Quebec and to learn about "sugaring off parties"! It's been an awesome year so far in 3L, and we can't wait to see what's in store for the last two and a half months.



Fine Arts Extravaanza

Please join us Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy the performances of Warman Elementary School's talented students as they sing, dance, and play various instruments at our Fine Arts Extravaganza! Also on display will be visual art produced by students in our school. We ask that all students be accompanied by an adult and that the students please sit with a parent until it is their turn to perform. Light refreshments will be available after the program. Please come and support the artistic endeavours of our young people!



Pre-Kindergarten program at Warman Elementary

The Pre-Kindergarten program in Warman will be relocating to **Warman Elementary School** from Traditions Elementary School for the 2018/19 school year.

Children born in 2014 or 2015 may participate in this specialized program, which has 32 spaces. Acceptance into the program is based on a wide range of criteria. The Pre-Kindergarten program provides students with appropriate developmental opportunities and supports at an early age, focusing on active, experiential learning through play.

Dates To Remember

May 30th: Parent Information Night 6:00p.m

June 4th: Deadline for applications

June 28th: Applicants will be contacted regarding acceptance

Applications are available at the office.



The Students in **Kindergarten Streeton** have a lot of fun exploring, learning, playing and growing together! Before the Easter Break we joined with the other Kindergarten classrooms in the school to celebrate the Willow Award Books. Each class read all of the Willow Award Books throughout the month of March. Then, we joined together to participate in a Kindergarten Willow Awards Celebration! The student moved throughout four classroom stations and participated in activities inspired by the Willow Award nominees! The students studied outer space, explored the ocean, they raced canoes, made pigs fly and painted with spices! Then we had our vote and celebration in the gym! The Kindergarten students at WES chose "Frank and Laverne" by Dave Whamond and Jennifer Stokes as their favourite Willow Book. This was a wonderful learning experience that we were lucky enough to share with all of our Kindergarten friends!



If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2018 (born in 2013), it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten! Kindergarten registrations for the 2018/19 school year are now being accepted! Please contact the school to register your Kindergarten-aged child. We will be holding a Kindergarten Open House in early June. Details will be shared with registered families later this spring.

School enrolment: We are proud of the strong school culture and the learning communities that have been developed at both Warman Elementary School and Traditions Elementary School over this school year. Our elementary schools in Warman benefit from balanced and stable student enrolments. Please note that moving your child from one elementary school in Warman to the other requires the approval of our Learning Superintendent, Mr. Kim Beaulieu (306-683-2840). A request of this nature will be considered if there are special circumstances. Thank you!



2017/2018 WARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Order forms were sent home with your child and are available at the school office for those who wish to order the W.E.S. 2017/18 Yearbook. Yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the Fall of 2018.

Yearbooks can be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com using the yearbook CODE 12359118.

The cost is \$26.00. Orders are due by June 4, 2018.

Important Message



***For the safety of everyone please make sure students and adults are crossing at the marked crosswalks.**

***Drivers please take extra caution when driving in front of the school and be aware that things will slow down during the beginning and end of school times.**

***We ask that all parents obey the parking and drop off signs at the front of the school and in our drop off lane. The bylaw officer will be issuing tickets for those continuing to park in non-parking areas and stopping in bus lanes during marked hours.**



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Parents! The School Community Council (SCC) needs your help! The SCC is looking for about 7 new members to join for the next school year. We meet once a month and decide together how much time we are able to give on top of our busy lives. This year, the SCC looked after hot lunches, meet the teacher pancake breakfast and the staff appreciation lunch. We also buy prizes for various school activities. The role of a council member is to link the parent, school and community to help support our kids. It's a lot of fun to be involved and joining the SCC gives you the opportunity to come up with new ideas and events. If you'd like to give it a try, and we really hope you do, please contact Jennifer at jllynn0502@hotmail.com



If you have some free time and would like to help our school, please consider volunteering in the library. The main duties are checking in and shelving books. There are also opportunities to create bulletin board displays and help with circulation. Days available are Tue, Wed, and Fri mornings and/or afternoons. Please contact the office to set up a time for orientation.

Thank you for your help!



BELL TIMES

8:35 A.M: First Bell

8:40 A.M: Classes Begin

10:15 A.M: RECESS

10:30 A.M: Classes Resume

12:00 noon: LUNCH

12:25 P.M: LUNCH RECESS

12:45 P.M: Classes Resume

2:52p.m: Dismissal of Students



Milk is available each day at lunch for 75 cents. Milk cards are also available for \$15.00

Cell Phones and Devices

At WES, we consider ourselves a "device-free school". Please do not send cell phones, iPods, iPads etc. to school. If emergencies arise, parents can always get in touch with their child(ren) by phoning the office.

Exterior Doors at WES

For safety reasons, all exterior doors are locked throughout the day except for the morning and over the recess and noon hour. The main entrance of the school is always open.

Extended Absences

If your child will be going on an extended leave from school (medical, vacation, etc.) please connect with your child's teacher(s) and the office in advance.

Before and After School Program is available at Warman Elementary for the 2017/2018 school year.

To register your child please visit the website.

www.bgcsaskatoon.com

Internet Safety Resources:

Apps can be used as a wonderful resource to learn and practice language, math and reading skills. However, there are apps that adults need to be aware of and how children may be affected by them.

The following links provide information about various apps that you may wish to familiarize yourself with:

- <https://www.familyeducation.com/fun/mobile-apps/safety-beyond-facebook-12-social-media-apps-every-parent-should-know-about>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/style/teen-apps-bullying.html>
- <https://educateempowerkids.org/dangerous-apps-2017/>



The Most Dangerous Apps of 2017 - Educate Empower Kids

educateempowerkids.org

To help parents out, we've compiled a list of this year's most popular apps or social media sites for 2017 that your kids may be using.

Useful Resources for Internet Safety

- ***www.Protectkidsonline.ca ...includes information such as***
 - subheadings
 - interest and risks,
 - merging issues for each age
- <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/bulld-inti/index-eng.htm>

Common Apps That Young Kids Use:

- Snapchat
- Music.ally
- Ask.fm
- Youtube
- Voxer (rated 4+)
- Shots of Me
- Yubo (rated 12+)
- Instagram

Emoji's and Slang in Text

- <https://globalnews.ca/news/3515939/this-is-the-text-slang-all-parents-should-know/> (SLANG TO KNOW VIA TEXT)
- <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4200384/The-X-rated-meanings-popular-emojis.html> (MEANING BETWEEN EMOJIS)
- <https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865661865/Those-emojis-dont-mean-what-you-think-they-mean.html> (EMOJI MEANINGS)



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Books for Classroom Libraries



Do you have books at home, that aren't being read?

Are you unsure with what to do with them?

Well, feel free to donate them to WES where they will find a new home in one of our wonderful classroom libraries.

Most Wanted Books for Classroom Libraries

Award Winners

Newbery Medal/Honour Books: The One and Only Ivan, The Tale of Despereaux, Hoot, Because of Winn-Dixie, Charlotte's Web, etc.

Caldecott Medal/Honour Books: Award winning picture books including: The Adventures of Beekle, A Sick Day for Amos McGee, No David!, Sam and Dave Dig a Hole, The Red Book, etc.

Great Authors

Mo Willems
Robert Munsch
Judy Blume
Jan Brett
Melanie Watt
Kate DiCamillo
Kevin Henkes
Arnold Lobel
Ruth Krauss
Beatrix Potter
E.B. White
Chris Van Allsburg
Maurice Sendak
Jeff Kinney

Popular Series

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Dork Diaries
Magic School Bus
Magic Tree House
Captain Underpants
Geronimo Stilton
Diary of a Minecraft Zombie
Spirit Animals
Dogman
Humphrey
Pete the Cat
Easy Readers
I Can Read books
Step Into Reading
Ready to Read
Owl Diaries
Jasper John Dooley

Graphic Novels

Big Nate
Bone
Lunch Lady
Books by Raina Telgemeier
Baby Mouse

Non-Fiction

Guinness Book of World Records
Poetry Collections
National Geographic
Ripley's Believe it or Not
Sports Illustrated
Animal books
Educational books that teach and inspire deeper thinking

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