

September 2018

Welcome the 2018-2019 school year! Warman Elementary continues to grow with the return of Grade Five to the elementary schools in our community. We welcome a number of new staff to WES this fall including Mr. Tebay, our new principal. Mr. Tebay is very excited to be joining the WES team after serving at the principal at Warman Community Middle School for the past six years. We look forward to introducing our staff to you over the course of the year by including staff profiles in our monthly newsletters.

As a school division we continue to improve student learning by working towards big ideas contained within My Prairie Spirit Classroom. This is a framework of big ideas that characterize engaged learning. If you consider the attached infographic what connections can you make between the big ideas of My Prairie Spirit Classroom and what engages you as a life-long learner? Check out the bulletin board in the central foyer as we continue to document our learning over the course of the year.

We hope to see you at our upcoming Meet the Staff BBQ on Tuesday, September 18th from 5-7pm. This replaces the fall pancake breakfast that has been held in the past. We are hopeful that an evening event will be more convenient for parents to attend. A huge thank you to our School Community Council for hosting the BBQ. This is a free event but donations will be accepted to help the Council cover costs. Stop by the gym for the BBQ, tour the school, and stop by your child's classroom to meet the staff that will be working with your son or daughter this year.

We are excited to be working with several partners in WES this fall. We will be welcoming a cohort of third-year students from the College of Education shortly, who will be working in a variety of classrooms alongside teachers and students each Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also happy to have a group on fourth year U of S Nursing students working in WES this fall under the direction of Lori Boen, as a part of a Community Nursing practicum.

Please check out our school blog regularly at <u>http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes/</u> for information and regular updates about what is going on around Warman Elementary School.

We are so happy to have you with us for an amazing school year!

WES Admin Team: Greg Tebay and Orlando Pauls



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT. 18 Meet the Staff BBQ 5p.m – 7p.m **SEPT. 20 Cross Country Track Meet** Martensville SEPT. 24 & SEPT. 25 Picture Day **SEPT. 28** Terry Fox Walk **OCT. 5 NO SCHOOL** P.D DAY **OCT. 8** NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING



A limited number of extra copies of our yearbook are available for purchase at the office.

2017-2018 Edition \$26.00

2016-2017 Edition \$16.00



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MEET THE STAFF BBQ

The Warman Elementary School Staff along with the SCC would like to invite parents / caregivers to our school on Tuesday September 18th from 5p.m -7p.m to meet this year's Warman Elementary School Staff. There will be hotdogs and refreshments provided by our SCC.

Hope to see you there!

The office will be open during this time for your convenience.



Cross Country

Our Cross Country Team is up and "running" again for another season! We have an enthusiastic team that has been taking part in practices on Wednesday & Thursday at noon. We are eagerly preparing for our first competitive run in Martensville next week. Our season will continue until the first week of October when we finish off with our CVAC meet.



Terry Fox Marathon of Hope 2017 "working together to outrun cancer"

The students and staff of WES will be participating in a Terry Fox walk on Friday September 28th at 1:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable outdoor walking shoes and dress in WES colors – white and **blue**.

We will walk even in the event of inclement weather. Students are asked to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. This year, our school goal is to raise **\$1500.00.** The Kick-Off assembly will take place on Wednesday September 19th at 10:15 a.m.

We will be accepting donations September 20th – 28th. The school cannot issue receipts for this event. If you wish to make a larger donation and receive a tax receipt, please go on-line to <u>www.terryfox.org</u> or forward it directly to:

> The Terry Fox Foundation 1812 – 9th Avenue North Regina, Sask. S4R – 7T4

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



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 p.m: LUNCH
12:25 p.m: LUNCH RECESS
12:45 p.m: Classes Resume
2:52 p.m: Dismissal



Milk

Milk is available for purchase at a cost of \$1.00 / milk or a milk punch card can be purchased for \$20.00 from the office.

Cell Phones and Devices

Please do not send your child (ren) to school with personal devices such as cell phones, ipods, ipads etc. There may be times when a teacher will ask students to bring a device for an educational purpose but you will receive notice from a teacher in advance. If emergencies arise, parents can always get in touch with their child (ren) by phoning the office.

Exterior Doors

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

Extended Absences

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



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Sept. 5, 2018

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Re: Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP)

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments in each of our schools.

As part of this commitment, Prairie Spirit works with other local school divisions and a variety of community organizations to put best safety and prevention procedures into place. This collaborative work, called the Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol (CTASP), involves the entire community to support our safe schools and neighbourhoods.

As part of the protocol, we are committed to following established safety procedures in our schools. Whenever a student makes a significant threat to harm themselves or others, the school's Threat Assessment Team, comprised of school administrator, counsellor and School Resources Officer (RCMP/Police), will complete a threat assessment to determine the immediacy and the level of risk, in consultation with the Division's Safe Schools team. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behavior does not become hurtful or destructive.

The protocol facilitates sharing of information between community organizations (for example, the Ministries of Social Services, Education and Justice, as well as local police services and other organizations) when a student may pose a risk of violence towards themselves or others.

All of our principals and vice-principals, as well as many other school leaders, have benefited from training in this area called *Violence Threat Risk Assessment*. Because of our shared understanding and commitment to safety, we are well equipped to intervene and respond to a student in crisis.

We will continue to work with you and with our community partners to provide safe and caring schools for our students.

If you have further questions about this protocol and our procedures, please contact your principal. For more information about our strategy for safe and caring schools, please go to our website: <u>www.spiritsd.ca/safe-schools</u>.

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke Director of Education



*Please do not park where the pylons are set up in our parking loop .We need to keep this area clear for student access.

*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 nonparking areas and stopping in bus lanes during marked hours.



A Before and After School Program is available at Warman Elementary for the 2018/2019 school year. The program is run by The Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon.

To register your child please visit the website.

www.bgcsaskatoon.com

A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR CREW...



Mr. Tebay

I am excited to be joining the Warman Elementary School team as principal. I am actually the last person in my immediate family to make a WES connection as both of my daughters were students here, and many of you know my wife who taught Kindergarten and Grade 2 here for many years. I am proud to call Warman my home and have lived here for 14 years. It has been amazing to watch the growth of this community! I am entering my 26th year as an educator and in addition to several years as an elementary teacher I have served as principal in a number of nearby schools including Warman Community Middle School, Valley Manor School, Osler School, and Rosthern Elementary School. I enjoy most sports and outdoor activities. Hockey, skiing, paddling, running and camping are all things you might find me doing in my spare time. I look forward to getting to know the staff and students and WES and meeting you this year.



Mr. Flett

Excited to be back!

This year I am entering my 18th year of teaching! I began my career in Meadow Lake, I later moved to Martensville, Calgary and now call Warman my home. I have been teaching for the past 5 years at the Warman Middle School and prior to that at the Warman Elementary School. My wife Janet and I have been married for 13 years we have a daughter named Ellyn who is starting grade 5. I had a busy summer as I just finished building my basement and completed some yard work to our new house. I love DIY projects and that feeling of doing it yourself! I also ove sports. I just finished coaching my daughter's baseball team and am looking forward to playing another season of rec hockey. My favourite sports include golf, football and curling. My favourite sports teams are the Chicago Bears and the Montreal Canadiens, unfortunately there might not be too much to cheer about this year! I also like to run. I have completed 3 half marathons and numerous 10 km runs. I am thankful and excited to be back at Warman Elementary School and look forward to another great year.



Ms. Hyshka

Hello, my name is Lynn Hyshka. I am one of the Special Education Teachers at Warman Elementary School. I love being a teacher and especially love my job at Warman Elementary School. I have two daughters and two cats. We just spent a very happy summer travelling and had the good fortune to ride the Hogwarts Express in Scotland and see Warner Brothers Studio outside of London where we got to see the sets used in the Harry Potter movies. As you can guess, I am a Harry Potter fan. I like to read, garden, bike, cook and especially travel. I look forward to the coming year and wish every student a great year.



Mrs. Markus

My name is Carla Markus and I am new here to Warman Elementary School. I will be teaching Grade 2 on Mondays in Mrs. Wruck's room and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday I will be teaching Arts Ed./Music to the Grade 5's and some of the Grade 4 classes. Last year I spent a year at Valley Manor in Martensville teaching Grade 2 and prior to that my family lived in Nipawin where I taught a variety of different grades and subjects. In my family I have my husband Todd, who is a Financial Advisor and together we have three children. Isabelle is in Grade 8, Trey is in Grade 6, and Covey is in Grade 1 here with me at WES. This will be our third year of living here in Warman and our family has really enjoyed the community. We keep busy with hockey, dance, volleyball, golf and lacrosse just to name a few activities. Our summer was mostly spent at our cabin at Candle Lake. There we took every sunny minute to enjoy the beach and the boat. We made one quick trip to Drumheller and saw some dinosaurs, climbed the HooDoo's and toured a coal mine! Very Cool!

I am very excited to be here at Warman Elementary and I look forward to meeting many new faces during my year here.



Mrs. Abbs

I may sound like I'm new to Warman Elementary, but this is actually my sixth year at the school! Many of you just know me by my former teacher name, Miss Lloyd! I had a very exciting summer and got married in July, so now I'm getting used to the WES community calling me "Mrs. Abbs". 2018/2019 marks my third year teaching third grade, with three years of Arts Ed experience under my belt as well. This year I'm really excited about trying some new things in the classroom, as well as starting up the school choir again in October. When I'm not at school, I love walking along the South Saskatchewan River with a latte and my Cairn Terrier, Mikey. I also enjoy painting and have recently gotten into doing pet portraits! My Tuesday nights are filled with fitness, friendship, and lots of laughs at my dance school, *Queen Maeve School of Irish Dance*. Irish Dance is a passion of mine and I've been instructing it for the past nine years. I'm sure the coming school year is going to be a blast and I'm looking forward to starting some new adventures with my students!



Mrs. Sara

I am the School Counsellor at Warman Elementary School, and I am very excited to be joining such a fantastic team in a great community. I am a Registered Psychologist (Provisional), and I have worked with Prairie Spirit School Division for 4 years at numerous schools. I enjoy sports and outdoor activities. In the winter, I play hockey and love skiing in the mountains. In the summer, you will find me spending time outdoors fishing, canoeing, hiking, and camping. I am a huge animal lover and it is not uncommon for me to house a few foster dogs. My husband and I live in Saskatoon, and we are expecting our first baby that is due to arrive in February. I look forward to my time at WES and getting to know the students and staff. Feel free to stop by my office to say hi!