



November 2018

Staff and students have enjoyed beautiful fall weather through the last half of October. It is hard to believe that we are into the third month of the school year. It was nice to see many parents/guardians in the school a few weeks ago during Learning Conferences. We hope this was a productive opportunity for you to speak with your child and their teacher about what they celebrate in their learning and what their next steps are. We also thank you for your support of the Book Fair, school clothing drive, and Where Are Your Roots project.

We are thankful for the leadership of our cohort of Nursing students in the organization of our school Remembrance Day assembly on November 7th. We appreciate any donations students wish to make to the Legion for the poppy sticker they will receive on our assembly day.

We are busy preparing for Learning Summary reports for our Grades 1-5 students. These will be coming home on Friday, November 23rd. The focus of the Learning Summary reports is to provide learning feedback in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This report is a supplement to the regular feedback you have been receiving from your children's teachers since the start of the school year through paper or digital portfolios.

Thank you for your continued support and for supporting your children in their educational journey.

WES Admin Team

Greg Tebay & Orlando Pauls



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 7

Remembrance Day Assembly
(students/staff only)

NOV. 8

Day in Lieu
NO CLASSES

NOV. 9

Prep Time
NO CLASSES

NOV. 12

NO SCHOOL

In recognition of Remembrance Day

NOV. 21

HEALTHY HUNGER HOT LUNCH
GR. 1-5 & KA

NOV. 22

HEALTHY HUNGER HOT LUNCH
GR. KB

NOV. 23

Gr. 1-5
Learning Summaries

NOV. 28

Kindergarten Conferences
9a.m – 7p.m

NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

NOV. 29

Kindergarten Conferences
9a.m – 7p.m

NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES



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PASS, PUNT & KICK

The grade 5 classes worked very hard to learn a variety of football skills and on September 26th they displayed their talents in a competition that was held on the playground. The following students: Ethan (5F), Ashlyn (5M), Reese (5S), Kash (5M), Samantha (5B), and Brendan (5M) came out the winners in the pass, punt, and kick competitions. These six finalists then went on to the Regional competition at the Hilltop's practice facility on October 13th. Ethan won that competition in the pass category and ended up placing 2nd in the Provincial finals.

Congratulations Ethan and to everyone for their participation.



A RIDE TO SCHOOL IN A FIRE TRUCK!

Congratulations to Olivia Matthewson who won a ride to school in a fire truck by submitting her fire escape plan to the Warman Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. She shared her prize with her sisters Ania and Sophia.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Warman Fire Department for making that possible!

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. For 2018 we've decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.



Poppy Donations for Remembrance Day

All Warman Elementary School students will be provided with a poppy sticker on November 7th prior to our school Remembrance Day assembly. The poppies have been provided by The Canadian Legion – Duck Lake Branch. We will gratefully accept any student donations for poppies from November 5-7 and pass those onto the Legion.

Winter/Christmas Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Family Festival
Tuesday December 18
6:30-7:30p.m
Fireworks to follow!

Grade 1 and 2 Concert
Thursday December 20
1:00p.m & 7:00p.m

We encourage those who can attend the afternoon performance to do so as we anticipate the evening performance being quite full.



School Clothing Orders

Please visit the link below to make your school clothing order. All orders must be made online. Orders will be accepted until Nov. 5th at 11:59p.m.

<https://warmanelementary.itemorder.com>



Cold Weather Busing

As we approach winter we want everyone to be aware of the cold weather busing policy for Prairie Spirit School Division:

Buses will not run if the combined temperature/wind chill factors result in a reading of -40 degrees Celsius or below at 6:00 a.m. Buses that do not run at the regular time in the morning will not run at all on that same day even if the temperature warms up. Bus cancellations include busing within the City of Warman.

Please note that even though the buses may not run, school is still on and parents will need to find an alternate way of transporting their children to and from school on that day.

If the buses are cancelled for the day, the Bus Cancellations page on the P.S.S.D. Division website will contain all of the buses affected after 6:00 a.m. You can find the information at www.spiritsd.ca -click on Transportation and then the Bus Cancellations tab.

All of the busing policy information can also be located on the Warman Elementary web page at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes/> - click on the Busing tab.

Healthy Hunger News

November's Hot Lunch will be provided by
Subway Nov. 21 & 22



Your School Community Council has organized monthly hot lunch days through Healthy Hunger. Profits from this initiative go into Council fundraising projects like the recent picnic tables installed on the playground.

The dates of our hot lunches are November 21, December 12, January 23, February 13, March 20, April 17, May 15, and then sometime in June (all WEDNESDAYS for GR. 1-5 & KA -with KB Kindergarten classes being offered hot lunch on Thursdays).

If you already have an account please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website (www.healthyhunger.ca) and log into your account. At the end of the school year Healthy Hunger always erases your child(ren) from your account so you will be prompted to add your child(ren) and which grade/teacher they are with this year. Please ensure that you select the city/town as Warman and the school as Warman Elementary School. Once you have added your child(ren) you are then able to place your order. If you are new and have not created an account, please proceed to the Healthy Hunger website and click the green Learn more button under Parents and then signup a free account.

- **Once you are in your account you will notice that we have set up most of the hot lunch dates for the year. If you would like to proceed and order all of your lunches available to date you can. You can also come back into your account at any time and order or make changes to your orders.**

- **Nutritional Guide available upon request**

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If you have any questions about the lunch, please contact Denaye Merz at dmerz@sasktel.net. You can also call Healthy Hunger if you have any questions about the site at 1-800-818-6260.

Spare and Regular Bus Drivers needed in your community

A Prairie Spirit Bus Driver:

- Receives free training; licensing fees covered
- Could take their young child along on route
- Enjoys daily contact with students
- Supports the local community

Please contact the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage
(306) 374-2496 or info@spiritsd.ca
for more information about
this flexible opportunity.



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Impetigo

What is impetigo?

- a skin infection caused by a bacteria
- the bacteria gets into cuts, sores and other breaks in the skin
- usually appears around the nose, mouth and skin not covered by clothes.
- the infection begins as fluid-filled blisters
- the blisters break or weep and a yellow crust forms

What can you do if your child has impetigo?

- take your child to the doctor for diagnosis and medication
- your child can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment

How can you help prevent impetigo?

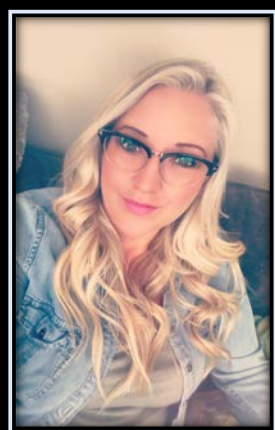
- wash hands with soap and water regularly
- keep small cuts and scratches clean
- if someone in the house has impetigo, keep their clothing, towels and combs separate - wash these items thoroughly in hot water and soap



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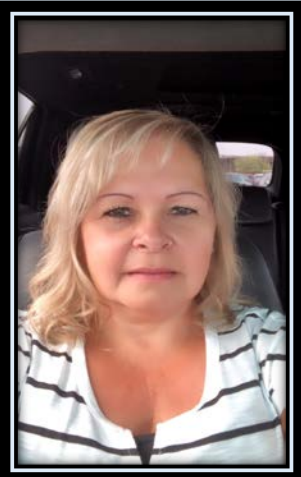
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A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR CREW...



Jelena Neudorf

Hello! My name is Jelena Neudorf. I have been an Educational Associate at Warman Elementary School for 8 years. I have lived in Warman for 8 years as well. I am a mom to two boys Reagan and Kash, they keep me busy with their hockey and baseball schedules but I absolutely love it! We enjoy going for walks, watching movies, camping and spending lots of time with their cousins. I am looking forward to another great year at W.E.S! P.S....I love pickles!



Maxine Unruh

Hi my name is Maxine Unruh. I have been an Educational Associate for twelve years. This will be my fourth year here at Warman Elementary School. My husband and I have three children. Danielle, who is married, Karleigh who will be married in May and my son Regan who graduates in June. We also have a ten year old Shih Tzu. My favourite season is summer as I enjoy time on the beach and warm weather. I also love spending time with family and I love to shop! I am looking forward to another year here at W.E.S.



Rochelle Mulligan

Hello, my name is Rochelle Mulligan and I'm thrilled to be entering my second year here at W.E.S teaching grade 4. I moved here last year with the grade four team after having spent two years teaching at the Middle School. In my 17 years of teaching I've had the opportunity to teach in many smaller communities in various grades ranging from kindergarten to grade 9.

My husband Sean and I live in Dalmeny with our daughters, Addisyn (age 7) and Emersyn (age 5) as well as our dog Beau. They keep us very busy with gymnastics, swimming, and skating. In the summers we enjoy traveling, camping in the mountains and spending time at the beach.

I am looking forward to another great year at Warman Elementary School.



Rebecca Gudnason

My name is Rebecca Gudnason and I teach pre-kindergarten at Warman Elementary School. This is my second year teaching. W.E.S has really become like a second home to me. I have been in and out of the building for 4 years now as I completed my student teaching here as well. I grew up on a farm just outside of small town Wynyard, SK. I have 4 siblings (2 sisters and 2 brothers) and as you could guess, have grown very accustomed to living a busy lifestyle. When not in the classroom, you can find me keeping active in the gym or just simply attempting to keep up at home with the busy schedules of my siblings. I currently live with 2 of my younger siblings in Saskatoon and have agreed to, for a second year, “billet” my younger brother as he finishes up his final year playing Midget AAA hockey for the Saskatoon Blazers. Trust me when I say, my DEEPEST respects to all you parents out there. With that said, a lot of my winter is often spent at the hockey rink catching as many games of his that I can and playing the odd rec game myself. In the summer you will find me spending almost all of my time at our cabin at Fishing Lake. Relaxing, boating, surfing, and water skiing are some of my favorite summer activities. Few things bring me greater joy than being surrounded by and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited to be a part of the W.E.S team for another year. I wish you all a wonderful school year!



Brittany Neurauter

My name is Brittany Neurauter. I’ve been an Educational Associate at Warman Elementary School for five years now. This year I’m very much enjoying getting to hang out in pre-k. I live in Saskatoon with my boyfriend Marshall and our fur babies, Pippi and Memphis. We recently had to put our oldest girl Molly down due to cancer. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my dogs, reading, knitting and doing all kinds of crafty things. I look forward to continuing to get to know the kids and families of WES.

Home & School

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SHORT NOTES

Eye on the goal

Boost your youngster's motivation by encouraging her to set goals. Say she wants to make it to the district spelling bee or science fair. She can brainstorm strategies like learning 10 spelling words each day or reading about previous winning science projects. Suggest that she write down her ideas and post them to stay on track.

Say no to secondhand smoke

Children who breathe cigarette smoke tend to get more respiratory illnesses and ear infections. Second-hand smoke can also trigger asthma attacks. It's best not to let anyone smoke inside your home or car. Since youngsters breathe at a faster pace than adults and are still growing, no amount of smoke exposure is safe.

A reading nook

Let your youngster create a special spot just for reading, perhaps in a corner of the family room or his bedroom. He might include a beanbag chair, a lamp, a box or low shelf for books, and a stuffed animal or two. He'll be inspired to curl up and read in his cozy nook.

Worth quoting

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Theodore Roosevelt

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How much dirt is in a hole 4 feet deep and 8 feet wide?

A: None!



Parent involvement at home

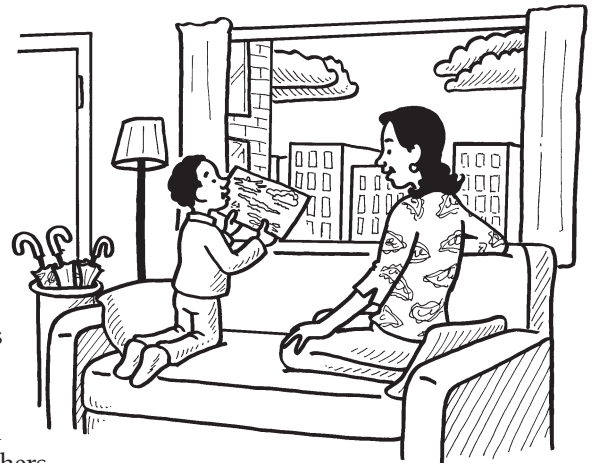
Did you know that supporting your child's education begins at home? Consider these everyday ways to talk about school, deepen his learning, and keep track of school news.

Foster a positive attitude

If you're enthusiastic about school, your youngster is likely to be as well. Ask him about projects he's working on or topics he's studying. Be sure to listen closely, and follow up with questions or comments. Also, you can influence his attitude toward teachers by being positive. ("Mrs. Reeves picked a really cool field trip for your class. I can't wait to hear about it.")

Tie learning to his world

Show your child how what he learns is useful outside of school. If he's studying clouds, ask him to identify types you see in the sky and try to predict whether you'll need an umbrella. Or challenge him to spot vocabulary words on window signs or package labels, and talk about how they're used in different ways.



Stay up to date

Be aware of what's happening in your youngster's classroom, school, and district. Subscribe to email lists, read newsletters, and check websites. Mention upcoming activities to your youngster (school carnival, class play) that you might attend together. Also, put important dates (book fair, math night) on your calendar. It will show your youngster that his school is a priority.♥

Connect at conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences are the perfect opportunity to strengthen the bridge between home and school. Here are tips.

Before. Watch for notices in your email or your youngster's backpack, and sign up for a time slot. Also, prepare ahead of time by looking over your child's work and listing questions you want to ask.

During. Listen to the teacher's feedback on how your youngster is doing, then ask your questions. Be sure to have the teacher explain anything you don't understand.

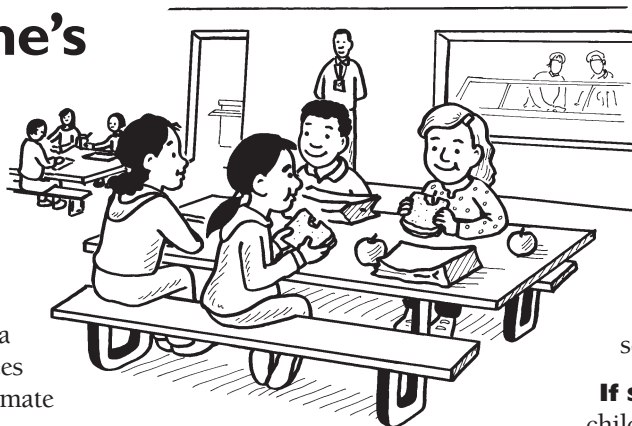
After. Talk with your child about the conference. Point out what she's doing well (reading more challenging books, finishing classwork) and areas that need improvement (writing legibly, taking turns).♥



Bullying is everyone's business

Good news: Your youngster can use strategies to help kids who are bullied *and* to protect herself if she's a target. Suggest these ideas for handling bullying situations safely and effectively.

If she's a witness: Your child should get a teacher or another adult right away if she sees someone being physically harmed. If a classmate



is verbally bullied (being called names, for instance), it's best to ignore the bully. Instead, your youngster might give the person being targeted an escape ("We need to go to lunch now"). She could also offer to go with the person to tell a grown-up.

If she's a target: Let your child know it's never okay for someone to bully her. She can help to discourage a bully by trying not to react or show she's upset or angry. Also, explain that it's important to tell the school counselor or her teacher about bullying. She shouldn't feel embarrassed or that she's "tattling." Speaking up can help stop the bullying—and keep another youngster from being targeted.♥

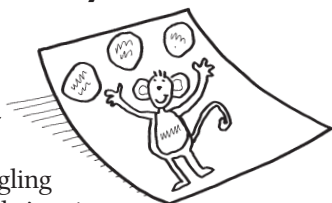
ACTIVITY CORNER

Graphic organizers for the win

Graphic organizers are a visual way for your child to organize information in any subject. Share these activities.

Juggling monkey

To plan a report, suggest that your youngster draw a monkey juggling coconuts. If he's writing a social studies paper on a state, he could put his topic (say, Virginia) on the monkey's belly. Then, he can label each coconut with a fact he needs to find (capital, population). As he researches, he can add information to each coconut (Richmond, 8.5 million).



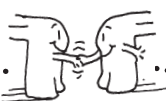
Football field

When your child writes a persuasive essay, have him first draw a football field. He can write each side of an issue in a separate end zone ("Kids should have chores," "Kids should not have chores"). On each half of the field, he should write statements to support the view in that end zone. *Examples:* "Teaches responsibility" on the pro-chores side, "Interferes with play time" on the anti-chores side.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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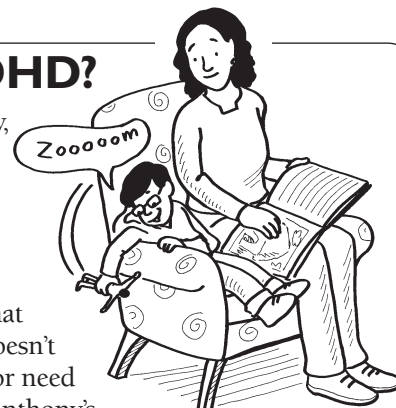
PARENT TO PARENT

Could it be ADHD?

My first grader, Anthony, seems easily distracted and sometimes has trouble sitting still. When my friend's child was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, I wondered if Anthony could have it, too.

I talked to our pediatrician and found out that just because a child gets distracted or wiggly doesn't mean he has ADHD. He might just be excited or need to burn off energy. He suggested that I talk to Anthony's teacher, and he gave me a form the teacher can fill out if she's concerned.

The teacher said Anthony's attention span is normal for his age and that it should continue to grow as the year goes on. She's going to keep the form on hand. If she notices problems, she'll let me know right away, and I can follow up with the pediatrician. I'm relieved that Anthony is on track—and that his doctor and teacher are on my "team."♥



Q & A

Explain your math strategy

Q: My daughter's teacher often writes "Explain your thinking" on her graded math assignments.

How can I encourage my child to do this?

A: When your daughter works on math problems, it's important that she understand what she's doing and why. Explaining her thinking is one way for her to check on her own understanding—and to show the teacher what she needs help with.

At home, your daughter could think out

loud. Have her look over completed homework and ask herself questions like, "When I solved 32×45 , what steps did I take?" and "What other strategy would work?"

You might also invite her to discuss her math thinking during daily activities. For example, say, "We're having 11 guests for Thanksgiving, and I need $\frac{1}{3}$ pound of potatoes per person. How can I figure out how many 5-lb. bags to buy?"♥

