



Welcome back WES families and Happy New Year 2019! Returning to school in January is filled with renewed energy and a resolve to continue to make positive changes and differences and perhaps add some new challenges. At WES, we will continue to keep growing and learning. We will take some risks, try some new things, see what is working and what is not, and adjust accordingly. We will continue to celebrate our successes and learn from those things that perhaps did not go so well and need tweaking. We encourage parents to sit down with their child(ren) and discuss their performance, celebrate the successes and develop goals and next steps. We also encourage you to continue reading to and with your child(ren), daily.

Did you know that research has consistently concluded that the amount of free reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to achievement in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information? Students' reading achievement correlates with success in school and the amount of independent reading they do? Structure time for reading for enjoyment in your home. Model reading for enjoyment to your children. Make time to read with and to your children.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Holiday Concerts and our Family Winter Festival & Fireworks in December. They were both wonderful evenings and it was a great way to end off the year with our WES families. Thank you to the staff and students for your work in planning, organizing, preparing and delivering 2 amazing evenings!

School clothing orders came in just before the Christmas break. Staff and students are proudly displaying their new clothing and do we ever look like a sharp bunch!

This newsletter contains some seasonal reminders about cold weather procedures for school and bussing. Please review these procedures and ensure your child(ren) have adequate outdoor clothing so they can be outside comfortably and safely.

Finally, we wish everyone a very Happy New Year and we look forward to witnessing the many successes and achievements of our WES students as 2019 unfolds.

Admin Team,

Greg Tebay & Orlando Pauls



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 7

Classes Resume

January 23

Hot Lunch - Pita Pit
Grades 1-5 & KA

January 24

Hot Lunch - Pita Pit
KB

January 29

Prep Time
NO CLASSES

February 13

Kindergarten
Progress Reports

February 14

Kindergarten
Progress Reports



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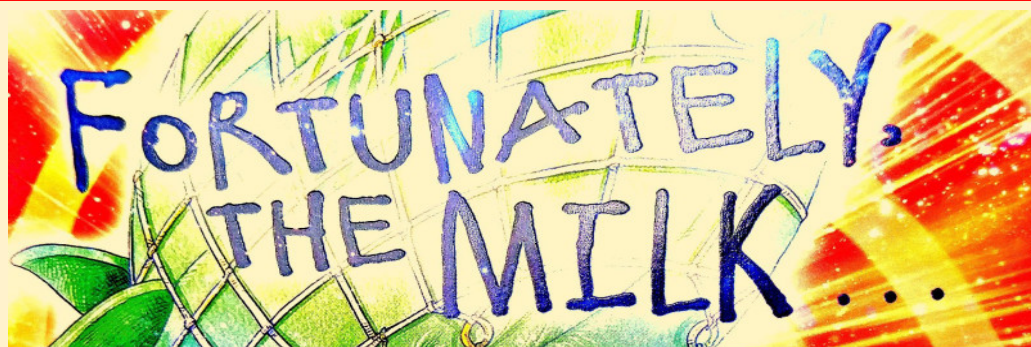
♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 (born in 2014), it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten!

Kindergarten registrations for the 2019/20 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!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!
Warman Elementary School's See A Need, Fill A Need Campaign raised \$2090.75. These funds will go to The Warman Food Bank.



Many of our students and families are joining in our annual One School, One Book activity. As you read the story *Fortunately, The Milk*, please make sure and complete the weekly question sheets that are available in the library or on our school website. Students then return these and drop them into the draw box in the library to win great prizes supplied by our SCC.



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 to 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.

WESUP Throwdown Challenge

Reading Challenge with Lake Vista School (Martensville)

Over the past few years Warman Elementary has started a tradition of challenging another local school to some type of challenge that promotes learning and fun. This January we are challenging Lake Vista School in Martensville to a Reading Contest. Basically students are encouraged to read for enjoyment in any time outside of school and keep track on simple data sheets we provide them. Whichever school has the most reading minutes (divided by the student population) will win. The contest will run from January 14th to 27th. It is mostly for fun, encouragement of reading and bragging rights but the losing school's principal has to attend the other schools assembly to get their tie cut off by the winning principal. Don't let Mr. Tebay down Warman Elementary School!



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School Clothing Order

Our school clothing came shortly before the Christmas break and do we ever look sharp in our new duds! The clothing drive was successful and there have been some inquiries as to if/when we might reopen the store. At this time we are thinking that we will offer a second clothing drive in late March-early April. Please stay tuned to monthly newsletters and email announcements for more information as it becomes available.

Indoor Track Season continues! We are looking forward to both track meets on Saturday January 12th, 2019 and Wednesday January 16th, 2019 at the Field House in Saskatoon.

Reminder that practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:50am – 8:35am. Practice attendance is mandatory. Of course, all grade 4 & 5 students are welcome to come out even if they are not interested in attending meets.

If you have any questions, please email amanda.baudais@spiritsd.ca.

Good luck to all our runners!



Grade 5 Basketball

We continue with our boys' and girls' basketball clubs at lunch time on Thursdays (boys) and Fridays (girls). Mr. Pauls is working with the boys and Mr. Tebay with the girls. Any students willing to make the weekly commitment to attending to learn some skills and have some fun are welcome to join. The basketball clubs will continue through January and February.



Used Ice Skates Wanted

Warman Elementary is looking for some used ice skates to add to our school collection in situations where classrooms are skating and a student does not have a pair of skates.

We are primarily looking for a few pairs in the size range of 5 to 8.

If you have some unused skates collecting dust around your home we would be happy to accept them.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR CREW...



Hi, my name is Carla Vaagen and I teach grade 1. I have lived in Warman for 10 years with my husband, Russell, my son, Nicolas, my twin daughters Ruth and Sarah and our two little dogs Midnight and Ginger. Our family has expanded since moving here to include a very large 95 lb. puppy named Vaarg and two horses (Cynder and Joe.) As you can probably already tell, our family has farm roots and animals are an important part of our world! Our family loves the outdoors and we try to spend as much time as possible enjoying our cabin at Big Shell Lake. This is becoming a bit more challenging with everyone's hectic schedule. My son, Nicolas, is taking Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Joining him is his sister Ruth who is taking some classes and working part time while she figures out her future career path. Her twin sister, Sarah, is enjoying the vet-tech program at Polytech. My husband is a hoist mechanic for Nutrien and a Captain on the Warman Fire Department. Some of our favorite family activities include camping, hiking, traveling, watching a good movie, and playing board/card games together. And, of course, reading a good book is loved by everyone! I was blessed to be able to sit in my favorite chair at the cabin, sun shining in through the window, and read several books over the Christmas break. From our family, to yours, all the best in 2019!



Christa Shepherd Hills

After working as a Counsellor in 5 different Prairie Spirit schools, I've landed in a new role as the Resiliency-Building Classroom Counsellor for PSSD. I'm at WES two days a week and spend the rest working with students and school teams' through-out the Division. I feel lucky to be part of the genuinely caring, kid-centered community we have here at WES.

Two teenage sons, a dog and a husband keep me busy outside of school. Besides getting paid to spend time with kids, my favorite thing about working in schools is summer vacation. I loved it as a kid and still do! For me, summer is what makes persevering through Saskatchewan winters worth it. I savor the long sunny days outside with my boys: waterskiing and paddle boarding at the lake, riding bikes, shooting hoops and reading in the hammock. Travelling is another favorite thing – leaving winter behind to visit family in Ireland or explore hot & sunny new places.

Healthy Hunger News



January's Hot Lunch will be ordered from The Pita Pit
Jan. 23 for KA & Gr. 1-5
Jan. 24 for KB



February's Hot Lunch will be purchased from Jerry's
Feb. 13 KA & Gr. 1-5
Feb. 14 KB



March's Hot Lunch will be purchased from Pizza Hut
Mar. 20 KA & Gr. 1-5
Mar. 21 KB



April's Hot Lunch will be purchased from Subway
April 17 KA & Gr. 1-5
April 18 KB

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 up coming hot lunches are 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 Health 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.

When should your child stay home from school?

What are some reasons I should keep my child home from school?

Fever

- children with fevers, even slight fevers, should not be sent to school
- a fever is a sign of illness

Vomiting and/or diarrhea

- within the last 24 hours
- children should not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last symptom

Respiratory infections

- sore throat, coughing, earaches or persistent cough with discharge from nose and/or throat

Rashes

- skin rash may be a sign of illness
- rashes have different causes
- if your child has a rash, see your doctor
- some rashes require antibiotic treatment

Pink eye

- your child can return to school after 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment



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Chicken Pox

What is chickenpox?

- chickenpox is caused by the varicella virus
- it develops 2 – 3 weeks after contact with the virus
- a child with chickenpox may have a fever, tiredness and irritability for about 1 – 2 days before the spots appear
- the spots are raised blister-like sores that turn into crusting scabs

How do you get chickenpox?

- by the cough or sneeze of a person with chickenpox
- by touching the discharge from the sores
- chickenpox is most infectious 1-2 days before the rash appears

What can you do if your child has or has been exposed to chickenpox?

- use acetaminophen (e.g. Panadol, Tylenol, Tempra) to treat a fever
- **Do not use A.S.A.** There may be a link between chickenpox, A.S.A. and the development of Reye's Syndrome, a very serious neurological disease.
- drink plenty of fluids
- keep nails short and clean and encourage your child to not scratch the sores
- bath in warm (not hot) water with baking soda
- check with your pharmacist about a safe medication to treat itching
- parents of immunosuppressed children should **immediately** contact their child's doctor if the child has been exposed to chickenpox

Children can return to school when they are feeling well enough to participate normally in all activities.

Chickenpox immunization can be given after one year of age. See your local Public Health Office for eligibility.



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