



March 2019

As we head into the month of March we are looking forward to an increased amount of daylight and hopefully some nicer weather. I believe we have set a record with the buses not running for 8 days in the last 3 weeks, not necessarily a record we wanted but we have survived and been able to teach the students a little bit about perseverance. I must say that as we have become more accustomed to inside breaks the students and staff have done a great job of making the best of things.

We want to say a big thank you to our SRC who ran several activities to help get us through the cold days of February. The hot chocolate day hit the spot as well as the gym sock hop and the Pink shirt day were all ways to change up the routine and get all students involved. Our grade 5 SRC leaders along with the staff helping them have continued to show great leadership in various events that the whole school is able to appreciate.

Grade 1-5 learning summaries will be going home on March 8th. These learning summaries will support the regular and continuous feedback you receive from your child's teacher. Opportunities to meet with your child's teacher will be March 14 and 19th. Please take advantage of this time to talk about, share and see your child's areas of strength and growth as well as next steps for improving and growing as a young learner. Every day I get the opportunity to see the learning that takes place in so many ways at Warman Elementary. Sometimes it is through the successes that students accomplish and sometimes the learning takes place through the mistakes and failures that are bound to happen.

We have seen a large number of students and staff proudly wearing our latest school clothing from the order earlier in the year. As we have had a number of you asking, we will be making the online store available once again during the upcoming conference dates. Clothing sizes will be available for sizing purposes only and then all orders are done online at the website that we will also make available at that time. This new method of ordering and payment has worked very smoothly. As well our Scholastic book fair will be open on the two interview evenings and students often make sure that parents stop in before leaving so they can help pay for the books that students are wanting to pick up. We see this as a good thing as the students are excited about books and reading.

Let's hope that the next time we are getting the newsletter ready we are asking you to find the rubber boots as we have been told that spring is just around the corner. Take care, and hopefully we can change the proverb to: "In like a lamb, out like a lamb." We just think it sounds better. Happy March!

Admin Team,

Greg Tebay & Orlando Pauls



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 8 Grade 1-5 Learning Summaries
March 11 Prep time / PD NO CLASSES
March 14 Grade 1-5 Conferences
March 14 Book Fair 3:30p.m – 7p.m
March 15 St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day
March 19 Grade 1-5 Conferences
March 19 Book Fair 3:30p.m – 7p.m
March 20 Hot Lunch Gr. 1-5 &KA
March 21 Hot Lunch KB
March 21 World Down Syndrome Day
March 22 Day in Lieu NO CLASSES
March 29 Beach Spirit Day
April 3 Grade 5 Ski Trip

MARCH SPIRIT DAY EVENTS!



March 15

Pre St. Patrick's Day Celebration - GREEN IS THE THEME!



March 21

ROCK YOUR SOCKS for World Down Syndrome Day! Wear your most colourful, mismatched socks!



March 29

Beach Day - Let the sunshine in! Wear some fun beach attire to school!

Eat Better, Eat Together

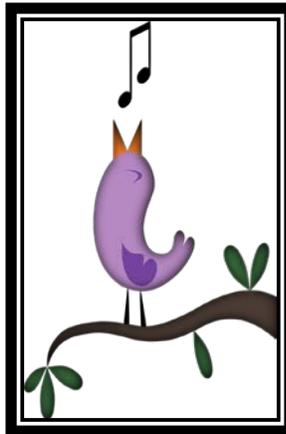
How often does your family eat together? Busy schedules can make it hard to sit down and eat as a family. On the other hand, there can be many benefits in sharing meals together as often as possible. For example, family meals may help to promote:

- communication, sharing of family values
- a sense of family tradition, feelings of security and stability
- healthy eating habits
- better manners
- better use of time by preparing only one meal and having only one mess to clean up

Children who enjoy regular family meals have been found to eat more vegetables and fruit and less fried food and soft drinks. They get more of the nutrients and fibre they need and less saturated and trans fats. Some studies have also found that children who eat regular family meals do better in school.

Get family members involved in planning, preparation and clean-up. This takes the pressure off of one person, provides a learning experience for children, and extends your time together as a family.

These days, we tend to have more choices than ever before for family activities. When scheduling these activities, consider the benefits of regular family meals as well.



Warman Elementary School Choir is returning!

Mrs. Abbs and Mrs. Tempel would like to invite students in Grades 3 to join our noon choir to learn some songs for a performance at the Fine Arts Night on May 9th. Practices will be held in Mrs. Tempel's room on Thursdays from 12:15 – 12:40 beginning on March 21st. We look forward to having another great turnout of enthusiastic and committed singers!

GRADE 1-5 CONFERENCES

March 14th and 19th

Please visit our school website

<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes/>

For interview sign up information.

♥ 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!



School Clothing Orders

Sample clothing sizes will be available at the school during conferences on March 14th and 19th. 3:30p.m – 7p.m

A link will be emailed out to make your school clothing order. All orders must be made online. Orders will be accepted
March 14th - March 27th.



Cold Weather Busing

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.



Grade 5 Basketball

Basketball club for Grade 5 students continues through the month of March. Thursdays at noon for boys and Fridays at noon for girls. Thank you Mr. Pauls and Mr. Tebay for coaching.

Healthy Hunger News



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 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**

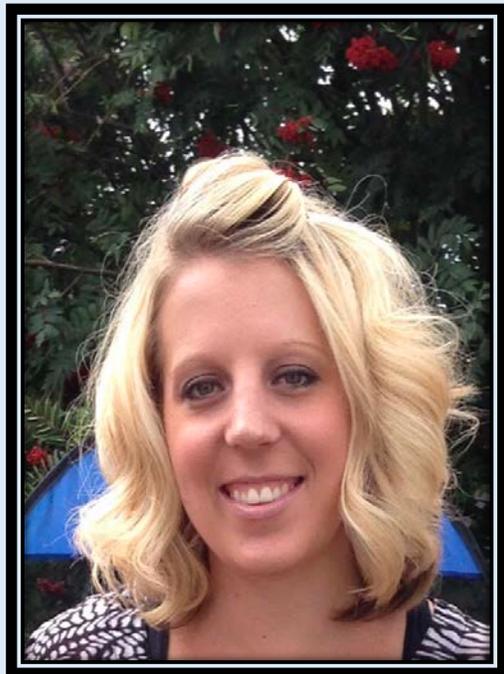
If you have any questions about the lunch, please contact Denaye Merz at dmerz@sasktel.net. You can also call Healthy Hunger if you have any questions about the site at 1-800-818-6260.

A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR CREW...



Chelsie Jacobson

Hello! I'm Mrs. Jacobson and I teach grade 1 at WES. This is my 3rd year teaching at WES. Prior to coming to WES I taught in Colonsay for 3 years. I live in Saskatoon with my husband and our two children, Everly (4) and Bennett (1). I am a busy mom, but when I do have some free time I enjoy travelling, reading, gardening, spending time at the lake, and spending time with family. I am looking forward to spring and being able to enjoy the outdoors again, this winter has felt very long.



Ashley Sax

My name is Ashley Sax and I teach grade 2 here at Warman Elementary. I have been teaching now for 10 years, but I am new to Warman Elementary this year. I taught my first 9 years in Vanscoy. I have taught a variety of grades and subject areas over the years and I feel very fortunate to have had such a wide range of experience. While it has been quite a change coming to a school with a much larger population, it has been rewarding in both my profession and personal life. I have felt welcomed by the staff, students, and families here at Warman Elementary, which has made the change even better. I have been married to my husband for 6 years and we have two children, a boy age 4 and a girl age 1. I enjoy playing volleyball, slo-pitch, hockey, and curling. I like to watch movies, play board games, and spend time with my family. I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of the Warman Elementary community.



Vonda Dozlaw

My name is Vonda Dozlaw and I have taught grade one for five years at WES. My husband and I moved to Saskatoon five and a half years ago from Regina where I taught for 25 years. I never taught grade one until I started here, and I am really enjoying all the excitement that goes with grade one! I have two boys who are all grown up and living exciting lives. My oldest followed in his parents footsteps and teaches in Regina and my youngest lives in Vancouver and is an actor. He also got married to a beautiful girl this summer! I finally got the girl I always wanted and can buy her cute girly things instead of super heroes and Star Wars stuff! My husband's family is all from BC, so we travel there to spend time with our son and with other relatives! I won't admit it to any of them, but BC is truly the most gorgeous place (BC people have a tendency to be smug about their province-ha) and I love that we get to travel there often! I am in my happiest state when I can be in the beauty of the mountains, rivers and shopping centers!

I am thrilled to be teaching in WES with all the spectacular people who are a part of this school and community!



Carla Streeton

Hi! I am Carla Streeton and I am lucky to be a Kindergarten teacher! I am the proud mom to three inspiring and energetic children Cedar, Nova, and Jasper! My partner Nathan, and I live in Saskatoon, and I commute to Warman each day to teach.

I grew up in Melfort, SK.

I have taught Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade One in three communities. I have been teaching Kindergarten in Warman for a number of years now. It is a great school and staff to be a part of!

The most inspiring part of my job is witnessing the amazing creativity and brilliance of 5 year olds as they learn and play.

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SHORT NOTES

Display schoolwork

Saving work your youngster brings home is one way to show her that school is important to you. Consider creating a hallway gallery of framed papers and artwork, or store her work in a coffee-table binder. *Tip:* Take photos of her sculptures, dioramas, and other 3-D projects. Display the photos, or add them to her binder.

A list-making habit

Get your child in the routine of making checklists in a student planner or notebook. Suggest that he write down tasks in the order he needs to complete them. Encourage him to check off each item as he tackles it—he will enjoy a sense of satisfaction as his list grows shorter.

Promote a work ethic

A good work ethic, or a belief in the value of hard work, will make your youngster better at any job she undertakes. Develop this trait by giving her regular chores like taking out the recycling or sweeping the floor. Then, let her know how her contribution makes a difference. (“The kitchen looks nice and tidy thanks to you!”)

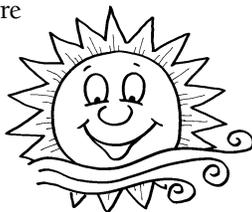
Worth quoting

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” *Dr. Seuss*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: “I pass before the sun but make no shadow. What am I?”

A: The wind.



Be a STEM thinker

With science, technology, engineering, and math jobs in demand, STEM is a hot topic these days. Being a curious, critical, creative thinker who can solve problems will help your child do well in STEM—and in every area of life. Try these ideas.



Wonder out loud

Bring out your youngster’s natural curiosity by discussing what you’re curious about. (“I wonder why rainbows are curved and not straight.”) Then, he could experiment to find out. Perhaps he’ll create his own rainbows using a flashlight, a mirror, and a pan of water.

Make a “tinker box”

Your child will use critical thinking skills by tinkering with natural objects and loose parts. In a shoebox, let him collect items like pebbles, acorns, seeds, straws, rubber bands, and clothespins.

He could add new objects as he finds them. Maybe he’ll design a “claw machine” that picks up small objects or examine an acorn under a magnifying glass.

Promote problem solving

Treat everyday problems as learning opportunities. Say the TV remote won’t work, even though you just replaced the batteries. Have your youngster think of solutions and test them. He might check that the batteries are inserted correctly, try batteries he’s sure are fresh, or turn the TV off and on again.♥

Parent-child chats

Regular conversations with your youngster keep the two of you close—and build her language skills. Here are suggestions for making chats more meaningful.

● **Phrase questions thoughtfully.** Questions that require more than a one-word answer will lead to more informative answers. Try “What made you laugh today?” rather than “Did you have a good day?”

● **Show you’re paying attention.** It’s easy for busy parents to respond out of habit without focusing on what youngsters are really saying. Instead, look your child in the eye, and stop to consider her words. She’ll know that what she has to say matters to you.♥



Learning to be patient

Patience is a skill that can be learned. Kids who develop it tend to have greater self-control and even do better in school. Foster patience in your youngster with these tips.

Live in the moment. Encourage your child to enjoy what's going on right now, rather than looking forward to what will happen next. For example, she could look out the window at the sunset while she waits for you to get off the phone. Or if she's having trouble falling



asleep because she can't wait to visit her friend tomorrow, she might focus on how warm and cozy she feels in her bed now.

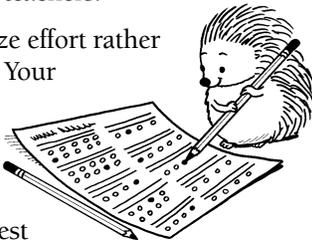
Enjoy the payoff. Have your youngster think of something that took her a while to master, such as learning to read music. Then, remind her of how good she felt when she succeeded. Share an example from your life, too. *Idea:*

Let her take on an activity or a project that requires patience, like growing a plant or putting together a jigsaw puzzle. ♥

Top tips for standardized tests

How can you help your child do well on standardized tests? Consider this advice from teachers:

- “Emphasize effort rather than scores. Your youngster will feel more confident and relaxed on test day if he knows that doing his best is what counts the most.”



- “Have your child do any practice tests or packets that the teacher sends home. Ask him about the material, and look over the work to be sure it's complete.”

- “Make sure he gets enough sleep, at least 9–11 hours, each night. He'll be more alert and focused during the test.”

- “Give your youngster a balanced breakfast on test day so he has energy and isn't distracted by a growling stomach. Whole-wheat toast, fruit, and yogurt make a brain-boosting combination.” ♥

OUR PURPOSE

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

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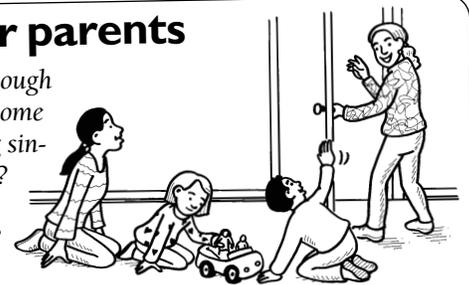
Q: My daughter has autism, and although she's making good progress, she has some behavioral challenges. I'm a working single parent—how can I handle the demands?

A: To take the best care of your daughter, you need to also take care of yourself. If possible, try getting up before she does.

Take a warm shower, and enjoy a cup of tea. You'll feel calmer and ready to start the day on a positive note, which can help her behave better.

Also, look for people who will stay with your child while you recharge. You might run errands or try a new hobby. Ask friends, family, and neighbors if they're able to help or know anyone who can.

Finally, consider joining an autism support group. Connecting with other parents who face similar challenges will make you feel less alone, and you'll get information and advice for helping your daughter. Check online, or ask your child's doctor for referrals. ♥



ACTIVITY CORNER Pump up your memory

A good *working memory* lets your youngster switch back and forth between tasks and do work that involves more than one step. Sharpen his memory with these activities.

Story chain

Build a “repeating story” by remembering what everyone before you has said. One person starts with a sentence like “I'm riding a _____ to the _____,” filling in the blanks. (“I'm riding a kite to the moon.”) The next person repeats the sentence and adds his own sentence. Continue until someone

skips a sentence, says them out of order, or can't remember one.

The last time I...

When was the last time you used a ruler or saw frost on a window? This game strengthens your child's power of recall. Take turns calling out a question, such as “When did you last eat an egg?” To answer, everyone needs to think about details and context.

(“We had tacos in school on Monday. So it must have been Tuesday, when I got the salad bar and put hard-boiled egg slices on my lettuce.”) ♥

