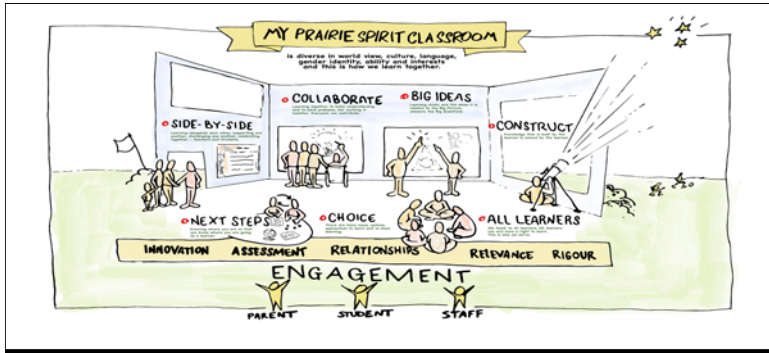




As we enter the month of May it is a time for schools in Prairie Spirit School Division to take a purposeful look back at our learning plan from this year to celebrate what we have accomplished, and reflect on what our next steps will be as we begin planning for the next school year. In our school division this work of improving learning and engaging students is guided by the My Prairie Spirit Classroom framework. A graphic of the big ideas within this framework can be seen below. We have much to celebrate at Warman Elementary School as teachers learn alongside students and are continuously improving. Just a few highlights to share include:



- Many of our teachers have been focusing on using online student portfolios like SeeSaw and FreshGrade to build side by side learning and assessment practices and to enhance relationships and engagement among students, parents and teachers.
- Some teachers are learning about how to integrate technology into learning and experimenting with learning apps and student blogging.
- Other teachers are learning about and trying out different ways of learning through inquiry and experimentation into the classroom.
- Our entire teaching staff has been working on building our reading practices. We have collaborated on building a set of shared beliefs, developing a scope and sequence about the key skills focused on at each grade level, looked at how and what we communicate to students and parents about a child's reading progress, and have reviewed and began using some new learning resources.

All successful schools have the involvement and engagement of parents in their child's learning and in building the school community. Warman Elementary is fortunate to have a strong base of parental support and engagement. We are particularly blessed to have a committed group of parents on our School Community Council. The Annual General Meeting of the Council and elections for FOUR new parent members will take place on May 7th – see the notice inside the newsletter). The amount of time required to fill this role does not have to be significant, but the difference you can make can be significant. Please contact the school if you have any questions on this opportunity.

To no surprise the school calendar for May and June is quickly filling up with field trips, the bike rodeo, track and field days, special presentations, assemblies and the year-end picnic to name a few. Please watch for notes coming home regarding these events and we hope that you will be able to attend some of those occasions that are open for parents.

We look forward to the green up. Have a great May!

Admin Team,
Greg Tebay & Orlando Pauls



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6
Music Monday

May 7
SCC Elections 7p.m

May 9
Fine Arts Night

May 14
Bike Rodeo
Grades 1-3

May 15
Hot Lunch KA & Gr. 1-5

May 16
Hot Lunch KB

May 17
No Classes/ PD Day

May 20
Victoria Day
No Classes

May 21
WCMS Information Night
(at Warman Community Middle School)
7p.m
For grade 5 students

May 29
Pre-K Information Night
6p.m-7p.m

May 30
Kindergarten Family Concert
5:30 pm

June 3
Grade 1 Track & Field

June 4
Grade 2 Track & Field

June 4
Kindergarten Orientation
9:30a.m-10:30a.m
1:00p.m – 2:00p.m

June 5
Grade 4 Track & Field

June 6
Grade 3 Track & Field

June 7
Grade 5 Track & Field

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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 Orientation on June 4th for registered families.

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!



Pre-Kindergarten Program

Warman Elementary School is once again excited to start planning for our Pre-Kindergarten Program for three and four year old children.

Children born in 2015 or 2016 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 29th: Parent Information Night 6:00p.m

June 3rd: Deadline for applications

June 27th: Applicants will be contacted regarding acceptance

Applications are available at the office

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



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 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.



WARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIKE RODEO TUESDAY MAY 14 9A.M – 3P.M

Children in **GRADES 1-3** will need to bring their bike (or scooter) and helmet to school on May 14th to participate in the bike rodeo. Children that are unable to bring a bike/scooter to school will still be able to walk through the course.

SKILLS COURSE - HELMET FITTING – SAFETY - TUNE UPS

The City of Warman and the Warman Fire Rescue are once again hosting the annual Bike Rodeo during the Saskatchewan Prevention Institutes Bicycle Safety Week in May!

We are looking for volunteers. If you are able to help out all day, in the morning/afternoon or even for an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Pizza will provided at lunch time for volunteers, water and coffee will also be available.

Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/xWjoG6VJ8X8wEKsq7>
Contact us at 306-933-2210 or email csr@warman.ca



Fine Arts Extravaganza

Please join us Thursday, May 9th 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!

Fine Arts






WELCOME TO WCMS!

WCMS staff is excited to welcome Grade 5 students to Warman Community Middle School in the fall. To support a smooth transition we have arranged for the grade five classes to buddy up with a grade six class from WCMS. **We will also have an information night at 7:00 on Tuesday, May 21st.** This will give you the opportunity to tour the school and ask any questions that you may have about your child attending WCMS. Please bring your child with you and enter through the front doors of the school. Our staff and SCC tour guides will meet you by the main staircase.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to WCMS!

Because of local sponsors we were able to make the school a bit more colourful!
Positive messages of motivation and encouragement were placed in our school to serve as daily reminders to our students and staff. Thank you to the SCC members, volunteers and the following businesses...

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

A primary link between the home, community and school



Our School Community Council (SCC) supports student learning success and well-being and encourages parent and community involvement in the school. Prairie Spirit School Division believes that involvement with SCCs is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members. If you would like to make a difference at our school, please consider running in the upcoming SCC election. Parents and members of the community are eligible to run for the local SCC.

Our School Community Council has 4 positions open for members for two-year terms beginning fall, 2019. We have 5 members who will be remaining for their second year for 2018/19.

Our Annual General Meeting and SCC election will be held:

- Tuesday, May 7th, 2019
- 7:00PM, Warman Elementary School

Please contact the school office for more information and for nomination forms.

Successful schools don't just happen.

They need parent and community involvement!

Healthy Hunger News



May's Hot Lunch will be purchased from Pizza Hut
May 15 KA& Gr.1-5
May 16 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 upcoming hot lunches are May 15 /16 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 sign up 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.

Sweet Enough

There is nothing better than a nice, cool refreshing drink after being outside in the sun or after an activity. For many families, it can be confusing which fluids are full of sugar and which fluids are healthy.

Drinks that are full of sugar may cause:

- less calcium and other nutrients in your diet
- weight gain because of high calories
- tooth decay

Try to avoid pop, sport drinks, vitamin-enriched or flavoured waters, energy drinks, fruit punch, fruit cocktail or candy-bar flavoured milk. These fluids are often full of sugar and some even have caffeine, which children are sensitive to.

Diet drinks should also be avoided as they are very sweet due to the addition of artificial sweeteners and may also contain caffeine.

Healthy Fluids: Drink water anytime!

- Try serving water at temperatures that you and your family enjoy.
- Add-in some tasty flavours like orange slices, limes, lemons, cucumbers or mint.

Other nourishing fluids include milk or small amounts of 100% fruit juice with no sugar or sweetener added.



Healthy Eating Ideas for Year-End Parties

The end of the school year is a time to celebrate the success of students and enjoy the start of the summer season. Take this opportunity to offer tasty, nutritious foods in the classroom and at school celebrations. Some choices are:

Prepare Sandwiches

- Choose 100% whole-grain bread
- Use lean, unprocessed meats
- Include vegetables like lettuce, tomato, red and green peppers, sprouts and cucumbers
- Select cheese with less than 20% fat
- Choose low or reduced fat sauces and limit the amount you use to 1 or 2 teaspoons per serving

Have an outdoor barbecue

- Use 100% whole grain buns
- Choose lean or extra-lean hamburgers with less than 480 mg of sodium per serving
- Serve grilled chicken breasts on buns as an alternative to hotdogs
- Dress up the burgers with lettuce, tomato and other vegetables

Healthy beverages

- Have lots of water available
- Low-fat milk or soy-alternatives are good choices
- Choose 100% fruit and vegetable juices with no added sugar or sweetener
- Smoothies made with fruit, milk and yogurt

Vegetables and fruit

- Raw vegetable and fruit platters with low-fat & low-sugar dips are favourites
- Frozen fruit skewers make great alternatives to popsicles

Other healthy snack foods

- Dried fruit with no added sugar
- Reduced-fat cheese pieces
- Whole-grain pitas with tzatziki sauce, hummus or spreads made with pureed peas, bean, lentils or vegetables such as red peppers
- Individual yogurt cups frozen with a popsicle stick
- Healthy granola bars
- Low fat, low salt popcorn

Resources

Healthy foods for my school – the standards outlined by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health to ensure you are providing the best nutrition to your students.

<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/13/106356-Healthy-foods-for-my-school-nutrition-standards-for-saskatchewan-schools.PDF>



A THING OR TWO ABOUT OUR CREW...



Mary Battersby

Hello! My name is Mrs. Battersby and I am a new SERT at WES. I am just returning from maternity leave and I'm so excited to be a part of the WES staff! I started teaching in Foam Lake in 2010, then in Warman and Hanley. This year has been full of changes for my family, as we welcomed a baby girl, Luvisa into the family, and my husband, Morgan started attending Sask Polytech in the fall to become a Power Engineer. When I'm not at school, I can usually be found at the gym, singing with Fireside Singers, teaching a musical theatre class, or taking Luvisa out for walks around the neighborhood. My husband and I love to travel (Greece was our favourite!) and spend our summers at the lake golfing or hanging out at the beach. I wish everyone well in the last 2 months of the school year!

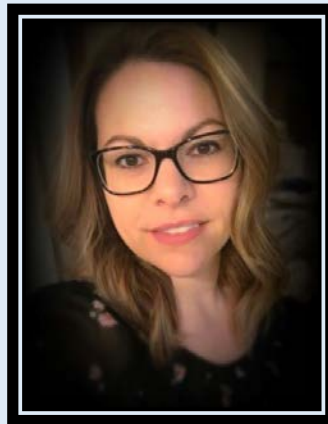


Nicole Gobeil

Hi, I am Nicole Gobeil. I grew up in Nanaimo, B.C. and moved to Saskatchewan for love! I live in Delisle with my husband of 23 years now. We have two kids, one 15 year old boy a 13 year old girl and a Great Pyrenees/Shepard dog. In our free time we enjoy watching movies and playing board games as a family. In the summer we enjoy using our backyard pool.

I have been an EA for 7 years now. Three of those years have been at Warman Elementary and 4 years at a Hutterite Colony School and Vanscoy School for 4 years. I truly love my job getting to work with kids.

In my free time I enjoy scrapbooking (when I get the free time to do it!), reading, gardening and exercising (working out, walking and yoga!).



Jessica Ouellette

Hi, my name is Jessica Ouellette and I'm currently the school counsellor here at WES three days a week. I am new to PSSD and feel very fortunate to be a part of the team and school community. Prior to starting with PSSD, the majority of my career has involved working with children in a variety of capacities including school-based counselling, social services and with young offenders through alternative measures and community corrections programs. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two daughters who are currently ten and twelve years old. We keep busy with their extracurricular activities and often seem to have something on the go between piano lessons, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. As a family we also love to travel and explore new places together.



Miss Leslie

I believe in building relationships with students and together we create a safe and inviting classroom to be in, to ask questions, to build friendships, to explore, to think, and to learn. Teaching for me is about guiding discoveries and inspiring students to make connections and grow. I'm a teacher because of my students!

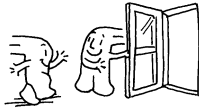
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SHORT NOTES

Being neighborly

Show your child how neighbors can depend on each other. If a package is delivered on a rainy day and the family isn't home, she could write a note saying she's holding it for them. Or if someone leaves headlights on, knock on their door together to let the person know.

Everyday research

Sharpen your youngster's research skills by challenging him to use them for practical purposes. Say he wants a pet or wonders why he needs to go to bed on time. Ask him to look into what being a pet owner would require or how sleep affects kids.

Growing up

As your child approaches puberty, she might compare herself to others. Explain that everyone develops at their own pace. The tallest person in her class right now may not be tallest in a few months. Good hygiene can boost confidence, so discuss routines like showering and using deodorant.

Worth quoting

"It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see." *Henry David Thoreau*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do bees hum?

A: Because they forget the words!



Summer learning traditions

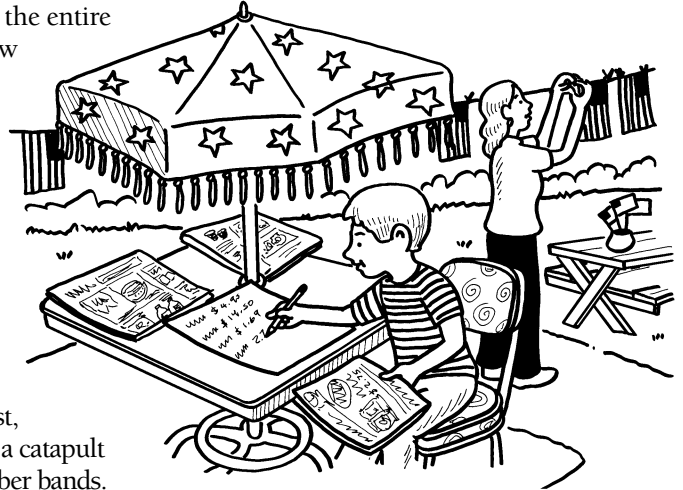
Your child has spent the entire school year learning new things. Help him hang onto that knowledge, and learn even more, by starting summer traditions like these.

STEM Olympics

Boost your youngster's STEM skills with a series of household engineering competitions. For the first contest, each person could build a catapult with craft sticks and rubber bands. See whose catapult can launch a ball the farthest. Next, maybe family members will compete to engineer a boat that carries the most pennies without sinking.

Family celebrations

Have your child use math to plan special events, such as an Independence Day cookout. Give him a budget, and let him look through grocery and dollar store flyers for the best prices on ingredients and supplies. He should list items and prices, and add up the total. Next, perhaps he'll host a National Ice Cream Day party



on July 21 or a back-to-school celebration the last weekend of summer break.

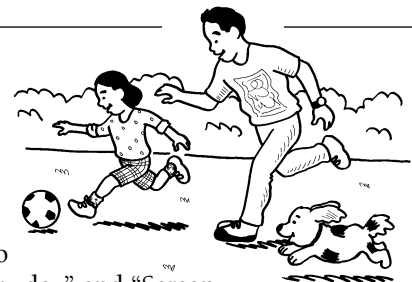
Reading pals

For a fun way to stay in touch—and practice reading—help your youngster find a relative to be his reading pal. Maybe he and his grandfather will take turns reading chapters of a novel via video chat. Or record a video of your youngster reading a book to send to a younger cousin. The little one can do the same to show her big cousin how she's learning to read.♥

Let's limit screen time

For a healthier body *and* mind, your youngster needs to fill her days with something other than screen time. Here's how to encourage physical activity and real-life interactions:

- Decide on a daily screen time limit that is right for your family. Then, create rules to enforce the limit, such as "Play outside every day" and "Screen time ends at least one hour before bedtime."
- Be a role model by putting away devices yourself. For example, avoid using your phone when you're talking to or playing with your youngster. Or turn off the TV, and announce that it's time for a walk together.♥



Beyond please and thank you

Whether your child is at home, in public, or at someone else's house, using good manners shows respect for others. Consider these tips.

Acknowledge visitors. Explain how to welcome guests. If your youngster is playing a game and people visit, she should stop and chat.

ACTIVITY CORNER

What's in the newspaper?

A newspaper brings plenty of learning opportunities to your youngster's doorstep. Take advantage of the paper with these activities.

Alphabet grab bag

Let your child cut out individual letters from headlines and use them to spell as many words as possible. He might also make sentences using uppercase and lowercase letters.

Comic relief

Your youngster can put events in a logical sequence with this idea. Cut out comic strip panels, mix them up, and ask him to arrange them in the right order. For a bigger challenge, mix up panels from several comic strips for him to sort and put in order.



Picture this

Have your child practice critical thinking. Cut out a newspaper photograph and show it to him without the caption or article. Can he figure out what the article is about? He could write a caption for the photo, then read the article to see if his caption makes sense. ♥

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Likewise, let her know to acknowledge when they leave by walking them to the door and saying goodbye.

Share public spaces.

When you use an escalator, you might say to your child, "We're standing on the right side. The left side is for walking." Or while waiting for the elevator, you could tell her, "Let's step back so people can get off before we get on."

Answer politely.

"Would you like pretzels or grapes?" When your child is offered options at someone else's home, she may think it's good manners to reply, "Either one." Point out that it's more helpful for the host if she says what she wants. ("I'd like grapes, thank you.") ♥

Q & A

Musical experiences

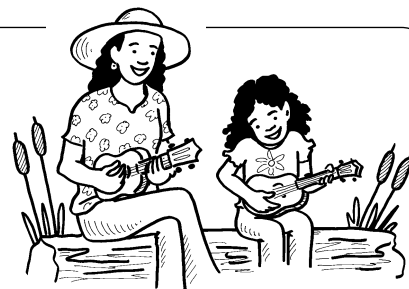
Q: My daughter loves music class in school. She said she'll miss it this summer. Any ideas for "music class" at home?

A: It's great that your child likes music. In addition to bringing lifelong enjoyment, music can improve math and language skills by helping her recognize patterns and build vocabulary.

Luckily, music is everywhere. Explore styles by listening to different radio stations in the car. Or let her ask your smart speaker to play everything from rock and jazz to classical and bluegrass. Encourage your daughter to discover favorite genres and songs and to sing and clap along.

If your community has a summer concert series, plan to attend a few shows together. She'll get to see and hear a variety of instruments—not only guitars and drums, but perhaps banjos, bagpipes, or accordions.

Also, check the parks and recreation department for low-cost music classes. Maybe she'll learn to read music, sing harmonies, or even play the ukulele. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Appreciating teachers

During a recent PTA meeting, parents were brainstorming low-cost gift ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week May 6–10. I wanted my son Aiden to recognize what his teachers do for him, so I wrote down the suggestions for him to choose from.

My son decided to put candy, pencils, and sticky notes into a jar for his classroom teacher. On the pad's

top note, he wrote, "Thank you for teaching me to write!" Since his art teacher's favorite color is yellow, he's making her a yellow-themed goody bag with dollar store items—including highlighters with a note saying, "You shine bright!"

Aiden is enjoying putting together the gifts. He can't wait to hand them out and express his appreciation. ♥

