



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to see students coming back through the doors of Warman Elementary this Tuesday. Students and staff are rested and relaxed from a great summer break and there was a great buzz throughout the school as we began the 2019-2020 school year.

We are making some changes to our monthly school newsletter this year to minimize some of the content and format the newsletter so it is easier to access on a variety of devices. We encourage you to also check our school blog at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/wes>

Introducing Our New VP

Hello WES Families!

My name is Nicole Lacoursiere and I am thrilled to be the new Vice-Principal here at Warman Elementary! I have been teaching for 17 years, including 6 years as Vice-Principal in Martensville. My husband and I, along with our two children, have lived in the community for almost 10 years and love it here. I feel privileged to be able to teach in the community I love and am excited to join the Warman Elementary family. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your kiddos this year!

Terry Fox School Walk – September 20th

Warman Elementary School will be hosting a school-wide walk on **Friday, September 20th** starting at 1:00 PM in the afternoon. WES is accepting donations on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation from Monday, September 15 thru Monday, September 21. Students can bring their donations to their homeroom teacher.

Cross Country Team

Cross Country season is here! All grade 4 & 5 students are welcome to join the team. Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesdays at lunch beginning next week Monday (Sept 9th). Our season is short, so regular attendance is important. Please note that our first meet is coming up quickly on **Monday, September 16th** near Langham. Permission note and race details (including location and race times) will be sent home with participants on Monday. Feel free to email amanda.baudais@spiritsd.ca with any questions. We are looking forward to a great season!

Welcome Back BBQ

The WES School Community Council is excited to host a Welcome Back BBQ on **Thursday, September 19, from 5:00-7:00PM**. Come by to meet your WES staff. The SCC is offering FREE hot dogs, chips, iced tea, and fruit & veggies (Contact the school office if there are specific dietary restrictions they can accommodate). The SCC is accepting donations for playground improvement projects and thanks you for any assistance. This is a ZERO WASTE event and the SCC is asking families to bring their own washable plates, cups, and utensils.

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.

Safe School Plans

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.

Parking

*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 non-parking areas and stopping in bus lanes during marked hours.

Before and After School Program

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

Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol

Prairie Spirit School Division is committed to providing learning environments that are safe and caring places for students, staff, parents and community members. The Division's Caring, Healthy and Safe Schools strategy supports our students and staff to be healthy and safe at school.

In addition, 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.

When a student may pose a risk of violence towards themselves or others, the CTASP protocol facilitates sharing of information and advice between community organizations, such as Mental Health and Addictions Services, Ministries of Education, Justice and Social Services, as well as local police services and other organizations. As part of our commitment to CTASP, all our principals, vice-principals and many other school leaders have benefited from training called *Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA)*. Because of our shared understanding and commitment to safety, we are well equipped to intervene and respond to a student in crisis. VTRA is a multi-disciplinary, collaborative, problem-solving approach to preventing high risk behaviour and school violence. If a student makes a significant threat to harm themselves or others, the school's Threat Assessment Team, comprised of the school administrator, counsellor and School Resources Officer (RCMP/Police), determines how to best support the student so that their behavior does not become harmful or destructive.

For more information about our strategy for caring, healthy and safe schools, including CTASP, please go to our website: www.spiritsd.ca/safe-schools. If you have questions about our safety procedures, please contact your principal.

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

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke , Director of Education