

January has been an exciting month. I would like to thank all of our parents and teachers who helped us get all of our students home safely yesterday. Basketball practices have begun and we are happy to thank Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Soutter, for coaching the boys and Ms. Timmerman, and Mrs. Riddell who will be coaching the girls. Our Hour of Code Club finished their Lego Mindstorms robots this month and had a lot of fun building and coding them! All of our students in K-8 are participating in Flex Fridays, where they get some time to follow a passion, research it, and create something to share with our school community. I have seen many of the flex projects including plays, videogames, and pieces of art, we are all very excited to see what our students do with their Flex time! We are also looking forward to the Women In Science presentations in K-8 during the month of February.

Each day our school grounds are supervised from 8:35-8:45 AM as students arrive at school. During cold days to prevent frostbite we open the school doors at 8:35 and let students enter instead of allowing students to play on the playground. Please remind your children that they should



not be arriving at school before 8:35AM as the doors are not open

and supervision is not available at that time. We have had prolonged periods of cold weather which have made indoor recesses necessary. As a result we have scheduled regular gym time for students during breaks to give all of our students an opportunity to exercise and play.



February is I love to read month and our theme this month is “In the Spirit of Reading”. A full calendar of events and activities is on one of the following pages of our newsletter.

Our school Twitter page is active and full of information for parents, I encourage all of you to subscribe to our feed. All important information will continue to be shared in our newsletters and direct E-mails but you can see the fun we are having everyday by checking our Twitter feed at @WesEvents. We have also had 13 students register for Kindergarten for 2018-2019, if you know of anyone who has a child who will be attending Kindergarten at WES please encourage them to register as soon as possible so that we may get the staffing we need for our students. Our school Progress conversations are scheduled for this February 21st and 22nd you will be sent an online signup and access to your child’s PowerSchool portal. If you need any assistance, please call the school at 204-322-5576.

Mr. C. Gamble



RATEPAYERS OPEN HOUSE

The Board of Trustees of the Interlake School Division invites members of the community to attend a “come and go” Open House to view the PROPOSED 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. Trustees and senior administration will be available to answer questions.

We look forward to seeing you on:

Thursday, February 22nd, 2018
École Stonewall Centennial School
573 2nd Ave. North
Stonewall, MB
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Recycle for Sight and Hearing

Warren Elementary School will once again support The Warren Herizon Lions Club and have a collection drive during “I Love to Read” month for eye glasses and hearing aids that are no longer needed. These items are refurbished and sent to Third World Countries where they provide a second chance for people in need. Please drop your old glasses and hearing aids off at the school during the Month of February.



Progress Conversations

On February 21st and 22nd from 3:30pm-7:00pm we will be hosting our K-8 progress conversations. The purpose of this evening is to give students at WES an opportunity to share samples of their work and progress with their parents and guardians.

I Love to Read 2018

The theme for I Love to Read Month 2018 is ‘**February: In the Spirit of Reading**’. A Reading Challenge Calendar is posted on our school website. We are challenging students to participate in class reading activities during daily D.E.A.R. (Drop Every And Read) Times. Class participation prizes will be awarded. Please support your children and encourage them to participate in both class and weekend reading challenges.

MyVoice



The Grade 5 & 6 MyVoice Committee is seeking your help with a recycle and sustainability project in conjunction with our school celebration of “I love to Read” month, in February. We are looking for donations of gently used Children’s books (board, picture, teen, adult, fiction, and non-fiction). If you have any books to donate, please send them to school (by Feb. 9) with your child(ren) so that they may put them in the “book box” in their classroom.

We will then hold a book and “peanut aware” bake sale on Thursday February 15th from 10:30am-2:30pm in the Warren Elementary School lab. All community members are welcome to attend the sale.

Proper Clothing is Needed

Students need to come to school with mitts, toques and proper attire for the cold weather. All students are outside twice a day for 20 - 25 minutes. They are not allowed to stay in just because they are cold. Please see to it that your child dresses for the weather. The Interlake School Division policy is as follows:

Recess will take place outdoors whenever possible.

Windchill/Temperature -25 to -29, students will be outside for a maximum of 15 minutes

Windchill/Temperature -30 degrees or lower, students will be indoors

A reminder for parents who drop their student off in the morning; **staff is on duty starting at 8:35 AM and students are let into the building beginning at 8:45 on a regular day and at 8:35 if we have any of the above criteria.** There is no admittance before this on any occasion so students who arrive at school before 8:35 will be waiting outside.