



Warner School



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Horizon School Division no.67
Principal: Dave LeGrandeur

*"If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living."
-Gail Sheehy*

Welcome Parents/Guardians and Families to the 2014-2015 School Year!

What an exciting time to join the Warner School family and the Horizon School Division team! There are so many amazing opportunities for our school and community this year. We will need help planning and preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Warner School. I look forward to hearing the ideas of our school council, community members, staff, and students as we share in the process. I have been told that since the establishment of Warner School, in 1914, there has always been a member of the Pittman family here as a student. This is truly an amazing legacy!

Looking away from the past and into the future we are ecstatic about the prospects of our School Modernization. We will begin preparations over the course of the next several months to prepare for a February/March construction start. There will be some challenges in terms of space during the second half of the year. However, we will overcome those challenges and look forward to celebrating the opening of our updated and modernized school within the next two years!

A special welcome goes out to students new to Warner School this year. At our opening assembly I was pleased to see that I was not the only new face at the school. We have added students from the surrounding areas of Warner as well as students from Western Canada and the United States who have joined us in order to compete for the JWHL championship! I can't wait to get out to the first home game!

On a personal note, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as principal of Warner School. I have been welcomed into the community with open arms. I am committed to providing high quality learning opportunities for all students. That said, I also value the importance of involving students in the process. Thank you again for the warm welcome to Warner School.

Mr. LeGrandeur

School Council News

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm. We will meet at Warner School in the staff room.

- We will be looking to increase our school council membership this year. If you are interested, please join us for the meeting. If school council is new to you consider becoming a voting member at large.
- The number one reason to get involved in school council is that you have a child or children who attend(s) the school. He/she is worth it.
- We will discuss the role of the school council as a partner in shaping the direction of the school.

If you have any items that you would like to bring forward or if you have questions about what the council does please contact our school council chairperson; Carla Pittman or the school principal; Dave LeGrandeur.

Our Website is Changing

On behalf of the staff at Warner School I would like to thank you for your patience as we work through a website migrations. Our website is in the process of being upgraded to a new system. Our domain name will be changing as well! You can find us at: www.warnerschool.horizon.ab.ca

WHAT'S COOL IN OUR SCHOOL?

Enrichment Fridays

The Staff of Warner School are pleased to unveil "Enrichment Fridays" beginning toward the end of September! We believe in exposing our students to a wide variety of learning opportunities in areas of personal interest. Our staff looks forward to partnering with community members and high school students to offer additional learning opportunities to our students.

Activities such as athletic enrichment, science fair, puppet-making, knitting, musical theatre are some of the ideas that have been suggested by staff to this point. Our activities will be offered the last period on Fridays during our "White and Black" schedules. Activities will be offered for a period of 4-6 weeks changing in each quarter of the year. We are still in the planning stages of Enrichment Fridays and look forward to sharing more with you toward the end of September. In the mean time, do you have a talent that you could share with our students? Let us know!

Student Improvement Council

A special thank you to our Student Improvement Council (SIC) who hosted their annual "House League Teams" kick off last Friday. Students are mixed across the grades into teams that participate in various events throughout the year. We believe the House League activities help to build a sense of community within the school as well as providing mentorship opportunities for our younger and older students.

With our first House League activity (posters and Tug-o-War) completed, we know that we have a great group of students to work with this year...and an eager high school to dump ice water on the staff for the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Intramural's for gr.8-12 will be taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays (during lunch hour) and some elementary events will be scheduled shortly. The first intramural event is volleyball and the sign-up for students is at the office. On Friday, September 5th an Amazing Race activity is set for the gr.9-12 students. The gr.8's will be detour and road block helpers, as well as some Warner staff and community members.

On Wednesday September 17th, We have our movie in the park. The movie is tentatively set to start at 7:30 with a concession available. The movie will be based on a student wide vote.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Warner Hockey Society

- Our first society meeting will take place Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30pm. If you are interested in supporting the society, please join us at the school!



Milk River and District Gymnastics Club

- is holding their fall registration on Tuesday Sept 23 at 7pm upstairs in the Milk River Civic Centre with classes starting Tues Sept 30. Classes are open to children ages 4-12 years of age. For more info please contact Bonnie Walker at [403 647 2014](tel:403-647-2014).

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

- Hot lunches for the month of September will be offered by Cyndi Bolokoski and Lorraine Brantner.
- The dates are September 9th (Taco in a bag), September 16th (pizza buns) and September 23rd (Sloppy Joes)
- Forms were sent out with students this week.

Grade 3, 4, 5 Soccer

- Ms. Mueller is pleased to be able to offer soccer for students in grade 3, 4, and 5 this fall. She will be assisted by one of our grade 11 students: Ali. More information to come!



4 H Beef Club

- We will be having our re organizational meeting for the Warner 4H Beef Club on Monday October 6, 2014 at the Warner Memorial Library at 7pm. If you would like more information you can contact Audrey Taylor [403-642-3881](tel:403-642-3881) or Adena Heppler [403-642-2077](tel:403-642-2077).



The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Thank you to our grade twelve students for supporting the Warner School Staff with the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. We accepted the challenge and in turn challenged the staffs at Picture Butte High (Mr. Lowe), Lundbreck (Mr. Jensen), Westminster School Staff (Mr. LeGrandeur's former staff) and our grade twelve students.

ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a progressive neuromuscular disease in which nerve cells die and leave voluntary muscles paralyzed. Please join us in the fight against this terrible disease. Visit



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Morning Routines

In many homes, mornings can be a struggle. Parents are busy trying to get themselves ready and out the door on time and the children seem determined to do anything but help. Sometimes, parents may even take over tasks that the children normally do for themselves. As a result, parents may end up feeling exhausted and frustrated.

Why do mornings end up such a struggle? Children may resist morning routines by arguing about the breakfast menu, by debating about what clothes to wear, or by playing instead of getting ready. Children may seek your attention just when you are rushing to leave the house on time. They soon learn that when they resist, argue or stall, you inadvertently give them attention they crave (by nagging, encouraging or chastising them). Kids soon figure out that you will spend more time with them if you are busy focusing on them during times of resistance. NOTE: At times, these morning troubles may appear even when you give the kids lots of attention. It's time to get control and make morning a good start to a wonderful day!!! When your morning activities run smoothly, it can make your whole day feel better!!!!






(excerpts taken from "Parent Tips" by Elizabeth Pantley, author of Kid Co-operation and Perfect Parenting)

"Managing Morning Madness"

- ◆ **Start your morning at night** (Make sure everyone has enough sleep...this is very important!).
- ◆ **Prepare as much as you can the night before** (choose the next day's clothing, pre-pack lunches, set the breakfast table)
- ◆ **Post a calendar** (Find the biggest calendar you can and hang it in a central location. Post all events and appointments on it.)
- ◆ **Use a morning list** (Make a checklist of everything that needs to be done. Create a poster-sized list, in the order the activities need to be done.)
- ◆ **Change your routine** (Add 10-15 minutes to your schedule. If your child is ready, spend the extra time with them (reading, talking, etc). If the child hasn't been co-operative, use the extra time to help him/her without scolding or chatting. Do what is needed to leave on time.
- ◆ **Be Patient:** It may take a few mornings before you see positive changes. Remember, do not reinforce negative behaviour. Promise to spend time together if the morning goes smoothly - -and follow through!

September 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 Warrior Hockey in Calgary vs. Mount Royal Go WARRIORS!!!!	6 Warrior Hockey in Red Deer vs RDC
7	8	9 Hot Lunch!	10 Pre-K Meet the staff and parents day!	11 Early Dismissal WARRIORS Hockey Stoney Creek	12 PD Day for Teachers No School for Students	13  Showcase
14 	15 No School	16 Hot Lunch!	17 Movie in the Park! 7:30pm	18 Picture Day! Pre-K be- gins! 	19 NAIT Tourney	20 
21 	22	23 Hot Lunch! School Council 7pm Hockey Socie- ty :5:30pm	24	25	26 Terry Fox Run period 4	27
28	29 Division-wide PD Day. No School for Students	30 Community Pancake Break- fast! 