



Warner School



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September 2019 Newsletter

Horizon School Division
Principal: Bryan Pritchard

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.. ~ Dr Seuss

Welcome back and, for those new to Warner School, welcome. It is an honour to join the staff and community of Warner School. I will send monthly newsletters, typically mid-month, after our Horizon meetings and PAC meetings. Our website, <https://warner.horizon.ab.ca/> will be an important source of information, and I encourage you to check often for updates and upcoming events.

With the change of principal, the root philosophy of offering students many opportunities in a small town environment remains. We were able to advertise and hire for a new learning commons facilitator. Nikki Paul has really stepped up to fill this position.

Nutrition options - there is breaking news on this topic, as the government just announced restoration of nutrition funding. Horizon will now determine needs of each school, and distribute funds accordingly.

Upcoming events:

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| Sept 19—Terry Fox Run at 1:30 | Oct 2—Italy Meeting at WR Myers 6:30 |
| Sept 25—Pancake Supper/Movie | Oct 3—Barnwell@Warner Volleyball |
| Sept 30—Orange Shirt Day | Oct 8—TCS@Warner Volleyball |
| | Oct 9—Cross Country Zones |
| CASINO—Oct 8/9 | Oct 22—Awards Night/Supper |
| | Oct 24—Picture Day |

School Council News

School Council met on September 11th. The meeting was fairly well-attended, and we were able to fill the positions needed.

We do need some shifts filled for the Casino fundraiser. Please contact the school if you are able to take on a shift, and we will forward your information to PAC.

Next PAC is November 20th, at 5:30

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

We were very happy to be able to add a K-5 Music/Art specialist to our staff. Not only will this increase our students' opportunities in these areas, but it will free up time for teachers to offer other options.

In addition to Becky Doenz, Warner School welcomes Nicole Hammell to our grade 2/3 room.

We wish all of our departing staff the very best in their new endeavours.

Staffing News:

Teaching Assignments for this year:

K-1 Stefanie Roffey

2-3 Nicole Hammell

4-5 and 6-7 Humanities Karma McMurray

6-12 Maths, Sciences and Options Mr. Zink

High School Math/PE Spencer Wenzel

High School Humanities Justin Korol

K-12 PE, French, Work Exp. Bryan Pritchard

K-5 Music and Art Becky Doenz

It is Fall, remember to check weekly for head lice!

1. **What are head lice?** Head lice, or the medical condition known as pediculosis, are a pesky problem that ANYONE can have at some point in their life. They are not dangerous and do not spread disease. However, they can spread from person to person.
2. **How do I know if my child has head lice?** Typically, children may experience a tickling feeling on their head or may be very itchy on their scalp. The only way to be sure if a person has lice is to discover live lice in the scalp. They are not easy to see, but are typically the size of a sesame seed, greyish white or brown in colour. Nits are small, oval, and blend into the color of hair. Each nit is firmly attached to a hair. They cannot be washed out or flicked off like dandruff.
3. **How do I check for lice?** Detection combing is the recommended method to check for head lice. For a demonstration on detection combing visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=je-cWdTrhFQ
4. **Can my child attend school?** YES. It is important to treat the problem, but lice do not spread disease.
5. **How can you prevent the spread of head lice?** Teach your children that lice are spread through direct head to head contact with someone who has an infestation and to avoid this kind of activity. Teach your children not to share brushes, combs or head gear such as toques, hats, bandanas, etc. Check your child's head for live lice once a week all year long and daily during an outbreak. Head to head contact may be less if hair is braided or tied back.
6. **How is Head Lice treated?** Consult with your pharmacist for the recommended topical insecticide (shampoo) make sure to read the directions and warnings on the package carefully. Most approved treatments will kill the lice, but are not effective against the nits. Detection combing must continue on a daily basis for a period of 2-3 weeks. Re-application of the shampoo should occur 7-10 days after the first treatment.
7. **What cleaning needs to be done?** Lice cannot live for more than 2-3 days off the scalp so excessive cleaning is not necessary. Any items that come into prolonged contact with a child's head should be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks or placed in the freezer for 48 hours at -10 C. There is no need to vacuum or wash floors, carpets or furniture. Do not use household sprays or lice spray as they may be harmful to people.

For more information please contact Alberta Health Services or Health Link 1-866-408-5465

Italy

Easter 2021



Join us:

Warner School is delighted to have the opportunity to team up with the WR Myers Travel Club, as they plan their next major student excursion. We will be traveling to Italy during Easter Break, 2021. While this may seem like a long way off, there is a lot of work that needs to be done, so we have already begun the planning process.

We are holding an information session for students of grades 8-11 and their parents, to gauge interest in this opportunity. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept 25th, after pancakes. Our first meeting with WR Myers will take place the following week.