



# Warner School

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April News

Horizon School Division  
Principal: Bryan Pritchard

## Principal report:

Greetings everyone,

April is one of those months where, if you blink, you miss a lot. With Easter Holidays smack dab in the middle of the month, we only have 15 school days.

Farmers will be venturing into the fields, and as we know, long days of work make for short months, as we race the calendar to get crops in the ground.

The school is a hive of activity in April, and some of the activities make their way outdoors, so it does feel in some ways like we are emerging from a period of hibernation. The Greenhouse is set up and ready for another season, the playground has been inspected and deemed fit, and Horizon groundskeepers will soon be out to get the watering system ready for the upcoming warm weather.

Students are currently pursuing a number of athletic and academic endeavours. Our grade 3-5 basketball season will wrap up this month, and grade 6-12 badminton has begun in earnest. Warner School is very happy to recognize our students who took part in Archery Provincials in Edmonton recently. While nearly all of our 9-member team shot very well under the watchful eye of Coach Heppler, we are thrilled to announce that Kaleb Routley earned himself a podium finish, as he placed 2nd amongst grade 11 shooters. In addition to Kaleb's strong performance, we had an up-and-coming star performance from Jacey Cronkhite, as she placed 8th in her category. Congratulations to the entire team (Kaleb, Jaylen, Austin, Jaydan, Kelcey, Avery, Jacey, Owen, and Kolton). It was as enjoyable as a weekend in Edmonton (without a visit to the mall) could possibly be.

A couple of years ago, the Government of Alberta changed the funding model for high school students. School jurisdictions are now funded on a per student basis, not by credits earned. I agree with the philosophy behind this adjustment, as some of the students who struggled the most academically were not supported to the same extent financially as those who acquired credits at a high rate. I will say, however, that the current crop of grade 11 students has gone far above and beyond typical expectations. We already have two students who have surpassed 100 credits! While the resurrection of the GREEN program in Alberta has benefited our students (and their credit counts), I am deeply concerned that changes to farm insurance requirements could lead to issues in this course offering. GREEN used to cost the student several hundred dollars per course, as Alberta Education had to provide insurance for the students taking the classes. Currently, the GREEN courses are free to students, as a beneficial aspect of Bill 6 was the insurance coverage. Whatever amendments are made to farm safety regulations, I do hope that this program remains viable for our students.

Grad plans are underway. Look for some of the Covid traditions to continue - read DRIVE PAST - while we also add some other aspects that this year's graduates have requested. MAY 27th is the big day, and the community drive past through the bus loop will begin at 5PM. This activity was, as stated earlier, something that developed during the protocols. The students in past years commented on how much they appreciated seeing everyone (and some of the sweet rides - direct student quote), and this year's group wanted to maintain this (now) tradition. Our Grad Theme this year is CAMPING/BEACH, should you have the inclination to incorporate this into your vehicle's motif.

Have a safe and happy April!

**Bryan**

## Upcoming Events

**Spring Break:** Spring break starts Friday April 15-April 24th. 1st Day back to school is Monday April 25th.

**Report Cards :** Grade 10-12 Report Cards will go home on Thursday April 14, 2022.

**School Pictures:** Life Touch School Pictures will be on Tuesday April 12, 2022 starting at 8:45am. We will be having class pictures taken at this time. There will not be a retake day so please make sure your child is able to attend this day. Thanks

**Epic Day:** Our high school students will be heading to the Lethbridge College on April 13th @ 8:30am for a day of Trades exploration. The students will then head over to the Lethbridge EXPark for the Epic session from 12:30-2:30pm. Students are to bring a bag lunch with them for the day.

**Grad:** Warner Graduation will be on Friday May 27, 2022 starting at 5:00pm. More details to follow in coming weeks.

**Student Union:** Leadership Council has been busy this semester! Last month we completed our Clover Scavenger Hunt. Students from K-12 enjoyed searching through the school for clues to find our Leadership Council Leprechauns and their chocolate gold! Keep your eyes peeled for our April Egg Hunt event later on in the month.

## School News

**Archery:** Our top finisher was Kaleb Routley, who placed 2nd - Grade 11 Boys  
Other notable performances on the day:  
Jacey - 8th - Grade 6 Girls  
Jaylen - 14th Grade 8 Boys  
Four others placed in the top 25 of their age category.  
There were 834 archers in total, making this a very large meet.

**Badminton:** Mr. Korol has started Badminton practices after school until 4:30pm. Stay tuned for more information on practices and zones to come in the following weeks.

**Mini Ball:** Mini Ball for Grades 3-5 is coming to an end with the Windup Mini Ball Tournament in Milk River on Friday April 8th. Look for more information on the tournament to come the week of April 4th.

**Golfing:** Warner School is teaming up with the Riverside Golf Course in Milk River to offer golfing to our students as an option class on Fridays. Students must have their own golf equipment.

**Wood Shop:** The wood shop will be opening again this spring with Mr. Korol taking over the duties! This class will also be offered on Fridays during option classes.

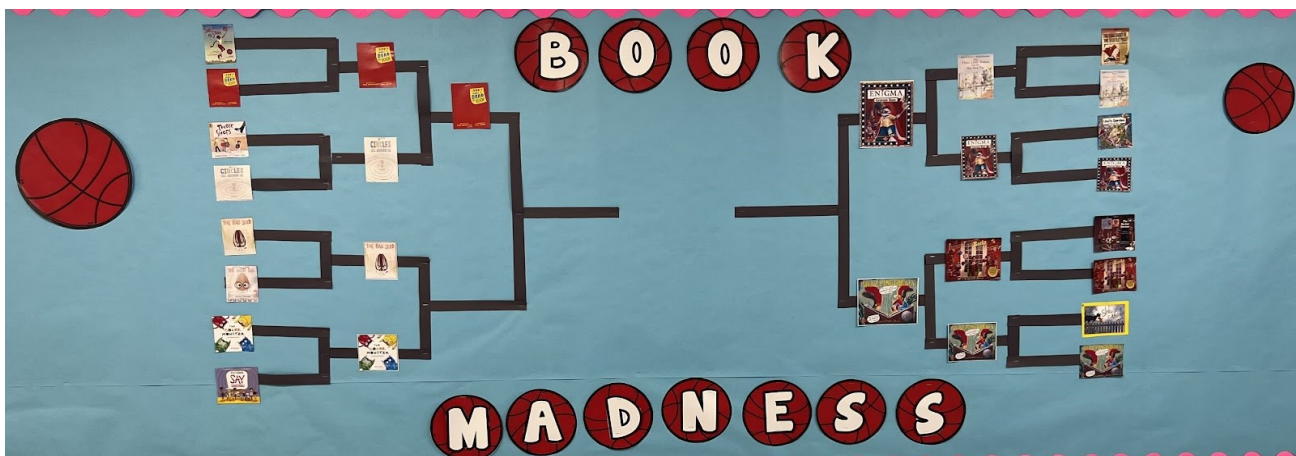
**Art:** Students from Warner School have been going over to WR Myers in Taber for a morning of Art Classes every other week. They have been learning techniques and applications for their projects. Thanks to Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Pritchard for taking these students to Taber! What a great experience!

### Grade 2/3 Save the Children Fundraiser

The crisis in Ukraine has been a growing concern for our students in grade 2 & 3 especially as Ukraine is one of the four global communities we have been learning about in our Grade 3 Social Studies class. Students have decided that they would like to try and make a positive change in the lives of Children impacted by the war and will be doing some fundraising activities to help. Students in grade 2/3 looked at different humanitarian organizations and have chosen to support Doctors Without Borders. Stay tuned to Warner School's Social Media over the next week to find out what our creative Global Citizens decide to do to help raise funds for those affected by the crisis.

### March Madness in Grade's K-3

With March Madness in mind Mrs. Heirath's and Mrs. Hammell's grade K/1 and 2/3 classrooms have been hard at work taking part in a picture book single elimination March-Madness styled tournament throughout the month. Students from each class are down to their Final Fours. Will "Interrupting Chicken" by David Ezra Stein, "Enigma: A Magical Mystery" by Graeme Base, "I Don't Want To Read This Book" by Max Greenfield or "Say Anything" by Peter Reynolds, win this year's tournament? Wish our students the best of luck as they make the final decisions in this very competitive championship of Books!



### Elementary Art Class

This month the art class has been working on tin foil art. This project is made by placing yarn under the tin foil and then using sharpies to color the design. We were learning about different textures.

Right—Grade 4/5 Pictures

Below Left—Grade 2/3

Below Right—Grade K/1





**Greenhouse:** Ah Spring! Time to turn on the Greenhouse! Just got the ok to go from Mr. Pritchard, so stay tuned for more updates and photos! For now though, the seedlings will begin their journey. This year we plan to have the kids be more "hands on" as they get to watch plants grow in the greenhouse. (I am hoping to dedicate a garden box in the greenhouse to each of our Elementary classes.) Starting with some Sunflowers, add some beans and peas, see where that takes us. I will also be working on our gifts for our amazing Mother's, as Mother's Day is coming up soon. Inside the school we have our Garden Towers set up and they are showing off with a variety of plants. As you can see we have some lettuce, basil and tomatoes growing quite well. Like I said, stay tuned for more photos and updates! Mrs. Lindsay



Early Learning is busy making a picture "Flowers for Spring" We have also been planting grass seeds and will be watching to see if they will grow! Stay tuned!

## Around Our School

# Calling All Artists!

Mrs. Lindsay is on the search for an amazing Yearbook Cover for the 2021 - 2022 yearbook.

Your Job - Draw up an amazing cover!  
The only request is that it be "Warrior" themed.

Can Be: Full Color. Black & White. Sketched.  
Painted.

Open for ALL Students K - 12.

Top Prize: Cover

5 Runners Up: Section Covers in Yearbook.

Deadline: May 3.



## Parent Council News

Parent Council's next meeting will be on Tuesday April 5, 2022 @ 5:30pm at the school. Items of discussion will include Field Trips, Option Courses, Grade Configurations and Upcoming Parent Health Education Day. There will be an update for Grad Plans and Athletic/Student updates. If you have something you would like added to agenda please let us know before next Tuesday's meeting so we can add it to the agenda.



## Edmonton Archery Provincials 2022





## Mini Ball grades 3-5 is in full swing

This month grade 3-5 students from Warner have had the fantastic opportunity to have 2 teams play in mini-ball games against teams from Milk River Elementary School and themselves. Students from all teams have had great fun and demonstrated phenomenal skill and sportsmanship out on the court! All of this would not be possible without parental support and time. We would also like to give a special thanks to the hard working coaches who have gone above and beyond to not only help with games, facilitate after school practices but also helped build a love of basketball in our students! Thank you so much to coaches Jeff Belisle, Natasha Pittman and John Preston for all your hard work and dedication in supporting our young athletes! Go Warriors Go!

