

# Warner School

# horizon school division

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#### Principal's Report

#### Hello Families!

September is well underway, and Warner School is buzzing with learning and activities. I always find September to be a great time to set new goals and build new habits for lasting success throughout the year. This is something teachers often discuss with students as they begin a new school year, and families can be a part of this conversation too. What small habit can you change at home to help make your day more successful?

This year, to help students succeed in their academic courses—Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science—we have changed the name of Independent Learning Time to Learning Zone. This is a block at the end of the day that students can attend if they are behind in their other classes. However, this is the same block where their CTF/CTS courses also take place. So, if your student is absent for an extended period or falls behind for any reason, they might need to miss some of their CTF/CTS classes to catch up on work. We are excited to offer students a variety of learning options at our small school, thanks to having PS III students from the University of Lethbridge in the building. We are able to provide many course choices, Including stained glass, a textiles course that involves diamond art and Cricut crafting, a workout class, birdhouse building, and a criminal justice course.

Our Tier 1 girls volleyball team won their first league game of the season led by our two new coaches, Corryn and Kamryn Yancie. They have done an excellent job to help the girls improve their technical abilities, understand game tactics, and create a positive team environment to achieve both individual and team success.

Mrs. Hierath and Mrs. Cunningham have started a running club this fall for students in Grades 4 and up. They plan to take the students to the Turkey Trot run at the Taber Trout Pond on October 10. If your child is involved, please contact Mrs. Hierath or Mrs.Cunningham for more details.

Next week, we invite any families who would like to be more involved in the happenings of the school to attend the Parent Advisory Council meeting, which will take place in the library at Warner School on Tuesday, September 17, at 5:30 PM. There is also a grad meeting taking place on Thursday, September 19, at 5:30 PM. Lastly, I'd like to invite you all to join us for a Welcome Back to School Pancake Breakfast on Thursday morning, September 26, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

#### **Upcoming events:**

*No School*– September 2,2024– Labour Day, Friday, September 27th-PD Day, and Monday, September 30th-Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Next PAC Meeting - September 17,2024 @ 5:30pm Everyone welcome to attend

*Welcome Back Breakfast* - September 26,2024 please join us for breakfast to Welcome all staff, students and parents to another spectacular year 2024/25 here at Warner School from 8-9:00am.

Grad 2024-25 Meeting - September 19,2024 @ 5:30pm

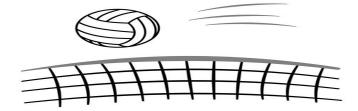
*Terry Fox Run* - Will be held at the school on September 20,2024. We will meet in the gym at 11:00am and leave from there. Please bring in your "Toonies for Terry!"

*Running Club* - Running Club will be starting on September

10,2024 from 3:45-4:30pm. We will be practicing various skills, such as stretching, warm up/ cool down exercises, and (of course) running. This club is open to Grades 4-12 and we encourage students who are interested in running to join us after school on Tuesdays!

*National Truth and Reconciliation Day* - No School Monday, September 30th. We will recognize this on Thursday, September 26th by wearing Orange Shirts.

*Jr. High Volleyball*– We are fortunate to have two volunteer coaches for our Tier 1 Jr. Volleyball Girls team this year. Thank you to Corryn and Kamryn Yancie. Practices will take place Mondays and Wednesdays following school from 3:30-5pm. They will have home games on Thursday, September 12th vs. Taber Christian @ 4pm as well as Thursday, September 19th vs DA Ferguson. An away game on Thursday, September 26 @ Vauxhall. Their first tournament ,The Mathew Halton Jr Volleyball Tournament, on September 27 and 28th. Come out show your support and cheer on our team!!





Warner is offering a new CTF/CTS class this fall... Stained Glass. Taught by Mr. Zink, students will learn the fundamentals (glass cutting, grinding, foiling, soldering, patina) while they work on their projects. Expect some great presents under the tree this Christmas.



#### Please Welcome our New Art, Music, and Drama Teacher Mrs. Erica Thompson

I'm super excited to be joining the Warner Warriors team as the Art, Music, Drama teacher. I will also be teaching 4/5 science and some gym to our elementary students. I am originally from Milk River, then I spent time in Red Deer and Lethbridge earning my Education Degree with a Fine Arts Major. I love the sense of community here and all the possibilities this area has to offer. Thank you for welcoming me (back) to the community! Erica Thompson



#### Also we would like to Welcome our new Wellness Coach Mrs. Kaitlyn Wendt

My name is Kaitlyn Wendt and I am the Family Connections Wellness Coach (FCWC) for Milk River, and Warner. I grew up on a farm just outside of Vauxhall, Alberta and went to school in Vauxhall. Growing up I was involved in 4-H and was a part of the Retlaw Prairie 4-H Beef club for 12 years, and have been a leader with the same club for 5 years. I also was involved with volleyball, basketball, badminton, and soccer. As well as playing violin and piano. I moved to Lethbridge for school and met my husband and we have been in Lethbridge ever since. We have an (almost) one year old son, and a wild 2 year old Labradoodle! I graduate from the Lethbridge College in 2019 with a diploma in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). Since then I have worked in several different family physician clinics, home care, Chinook Bone and Joint Clinic, the border and Lethbridge Emergency! I kept getting maternity positions that would last

9-12 months. At the time it felt annoying and frustrating but I am so grateful for all of the different experiences this gave me! Through my nursing career I realized that I was more drawn to the mental health aspect of nursing. So I went back to school and graduated from the University of Lethbridge in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a double minor in Mental Health and Neuroscience. I have since been accepted into Yorkville University and will be taking a Bachelor of Arts in Counseling Psychology I am looking forward to this uncoming school wear and all it has to affer

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## In the Community

# Our School is also fortunate to have two PS 3 Students joining our team please find below a quick introduction from them:

Hello! My name is Nathan Lockwood and I am a PS3 Student Teacher here at Warner School, under Mrs. Haley Cunningham and Mr. David Zink. I have attended the University of Lethbridge for the last 5 years, studying Mathematics, as well as Anthropology and Archaeology. I will be teaching the Grade 8/9 Science, as well as Math 10c and 10-3 during my time here in Warner. I was born and raised in Coaldale, so working in small schools is something close to my own upbringing. My own life includes taking care of my 2 dogs, Bentley and Luka at home, in Coaldale.

I am excited to begin my teaching experience in Warner, and will try my best to bring some interest to mathematics through my own personal love for the subject. I can be reached at nathan.lockwood@horizon.ab.ca at any time before 6:00 during the week if there are any questions or concerns.

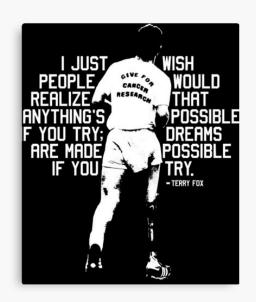
Hello everyone, my name is Logan Heggie, and I am a 36-year-old intern student in the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge. My journey in education has already taken me through two fantastic practicums at Cardston Elementary and Miami Colony, both of which provided invaluable experiences. Now, with the guidance of Mr. Justin Korol, I have the exciting opportunity to teach grade 8/9 Social Studies, English, and Physical Education. Before pursuing education, I completed a Bachelor of Professional Arts - Law Enforcement degree from Athabasca University and spent 12 years as a caseworker at the Lethbridge Correctional Centre. On a personal note, I have been happily married for 12 years and am the proud parent of two beautiful children and a chihuahua named Nova. I love anything outdoors including hunting, caving, backpacking, and hiking, but my biggest passion is to just be a good husband and father. I am thrilled to be part of the Warner School community and look forward to a great year ahead!

#### Early Learning

We are looking forward to a new school year with the Early Learning children. Our classes will be on Mondays. We will start on Monday, September 9,2024. In September we will be getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school routines. Warner Early Learning Program is still accepting registrations. Forms are available at the office or on our Website @ https://warner.horizon.ab.ca/

#### Terry Fox

This September 20th, 2024, we continue the Annual Terry Fox Run surrounded by messages of love, hope and inspiration from Canadians everywhere. Parents and community members, please join us with donating a Toonie for Terry, and join us for Warner School's Terry Fox Run, beginning at 11:15am in the school gymnasium.





## Around our Community

Hello hockey families!

We are starting to plan for the upcoming 2024/2025 hockey season!

This year we are offering a "Learn-To-Play", U7 and U9 Rec team. Plans are being made for a league to start in Southern Alberta which would include Warner and would also see us starting games in early October.

Please contact us if you have a child who is interested in playing whether they have previous experience or not or if you have any questions! This will help us plan a successful season for our players!

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