



## Dates to Remember in October

- 4-8—Fire Safety Week
  - 4—Stomp Out Bullying (Wear a Blue Shirt)
  - 5—Virtual Title 1 Annual Meeting & Literacy Night (5:30-7:00 P.M.)
- 12-14—CogAT (2<sup>nd</sup> Graders)
- 13—Regular School Day
- 19—Board Meeting (6:00 P.M.)
- 19-20—ITBS Testing (2<sup>nd</sup> Graders)
- 20—End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 21—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting (4:30 P.M.)
- 22—Staff Day (No Students)/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 22-DD4 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic @ SGMS (10 A.M.-2 P.M.)
- 25-29—Scholastic Book Fair AND Red Ribbon Week
  - 25—GT Referral Window Closes
  - 26—Report Cards Home
  - 27—VIRTUAL Academic Celebrations
  - 29—VIRTUAL Character Kids Celebration (TRUST)
  - 29—Trunk or Treat



## From Our Literacy Coach

Literacy Night is quickly approaching! WMES invites you to join us for a fun filled evening of literacy based activities.

Here is the 5 Ws & H Strategy you can use to answer any questions about the event:

**Who can attend?** Anyone! There will be grade bands for Pre-Lindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**What can we attend?** Attend up to 2 Sessions with your grade level of choice

**Where do we go to attend?** Zoom links will be sent to students' e-mail

**When do I need to attend?** October 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30 P.M.—Title 1 Meeting

6:00-6:20 P.M.—Session 1

6:30-6:50 P.M.—Session 2

**Why should I attend?** Literacy fun with your family, friends, and teachers

**How can I possibly win a prize?** Attendance will be submitted into a drawing for prizes

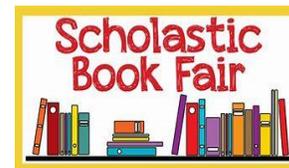


Just a reminder that if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. Students should stay home if they are running a fever and should remain home until fever free for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication. Also, fever reducing medication should not be administered prior to a student coming to school, since this could prevent the detection of a fever during the school day.

Please contact Nurse Stickles if your child has been a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 or if your child has tested positive.

### Our Vision Statement

The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and to graduate with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.



After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our

students. Here's what you need to know about the Book Fair, which will take place from **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Book Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!
- If you can't make it to the Book Fair, then shop on-line at our Virtual Book Fair. All orders will ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your on-line orders will also benefit our school.
- Please remember when you send money on the day your child goes to the Book Fair, 7% sales tax will be collected.
- Visit our Book Fair's homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
- The Virtual Book Fair will be open from Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please use the following site to make your on-line purchases.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/williamsmemorial>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!



# The Paw Print



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**2021 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—NO RATING**

**OCTOBER 2021**



Dear WMES Family-

While we are in the business of educating our students, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students and employees. Be assured, we are working diligently to ensure that our building is clean and disinfected daily. I encourage you to frequently visit our webpage for up-to-date and accurate information. There are many false rumors being disseminated which leads to unnecessary confusion. Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different, and we fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents and caregivers needing to work, and all of the other unexpected consequences of this Pandemic. I am so proud of the way our WMES faculty, staff, students, and parents/guardians have handled the demands we have been faced with since we returned to school in August. Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our students and employees during these challenging times.

October is a very busy month! The Gifted and Talented Referral Window is now open. Forms are available in the front office and on our school's website. The deadline for submission to the District Office is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center will be held Monday-Friday, and our afterschool tutoring will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting this month. Please contact the front office, if you are interested in additional information. For now, soccer has been postponed. Please make sure you check out the Calendar of Events on the back page for more events in October.

*Ruth Mims*

**Our Mission Statement**

The children, parents, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.



## **STOMP OUT BULLYING & RED RIBBON WEEK**

**October 4- Wear a Blue Shirt** (Kindness...Pass it On!)

**Red Ribbon Week Activities:**

**October 25- Wear Red** (*Get RED-y to Live a Drug-Free Life*)

**October 26- Wear College or Career Attire** (*My Future Matters; Live Drug-Free*)

**October 27- Wear a Tie-dyed Shirt** (*Say Peace Out to Drugs*)

**October 28- Wear Your Clothes Backwards** (*Turn Your Back on Drugs*)

**October 29- Wear your Halloween Costume** (*Say "Boo!" to Drugs*)



All second graders in South Carolina will take the CogAT and ITBS Test October 12-14 (CogAT) and October 19-20 (ITBS). It is very important for our students to be at school on these dates. Here are some tips to help you do your best on this tests:

- \*\*Come to school on time each day of testing.
- \*\*Make sure your brain is alert by getting a good night's sleep each night before and by eating a healthy breakfast each morning of testing. (Breakfast is served at school between 7:00 and 7:40 A.M.)
- \*\*Bring your school issued Chromebook with you each day of testing. Don't forget to charge your Chromebook completely before coming to school.
- \*\*Above all else, believe in your abilities. You can do your best on all tests, because **YOU are "PAWS-ITIVELY" the BEST!**