



## Dates to Remember in SEPTEMBER

- 7 until Further Notice—Remote Learning
- 8—Literacy Day
- 12—Grandparents' Day
- 15—Early Release (12:35 P.M.)
- 17—1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interim Reports Home
- 21—DD4 Board Meeting @ SGMS (6:30 P.M.)
- 21—VIRTUAL Open House (Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) @ 6:00/6:30 P.M.  
\*Teacher's Zoom link will be used
- 23—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.  
\*Zoom link will be posted day of meeting
- 23—VIRTUAL Open House (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) @ 6:00/6:30 P.M.  
\*Teacher's Zoom link will be used
- 30—Picture Day (Tentatively Scheduled)

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The school day begins at 7:45 A.M. and ends at 2:40 P.M. Students are considered tardy after 7:45 A.M. Instruction begins at 7:50 A.M. regardless if students are learning from home or face-to-face at school.

\*When face-to-face instruction starts back, students will have to be signed in after 7:45 A.M. by the front entrance.

Please remember there will be no sign-outs after 2:00 P.M. for students to be dismissed early.

All vehicles should have a maroon and white car tag displayed to pick up any student who is a car rider. If you do not have a car tag, you will have to go to the front office. An extra car tag can be purchased for \$5.00, if needed.

#### *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.



Just a reminder, please let Nurse Stickles know if your child has been a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 or if your child has tested positive. This should be reported even while students are learning virtually.



### From Our Literacy Coach

Distance learning is a challenge for everyone involved. With all of the unknowns, the best way to support your child is to set them up for success. Below are some tips for helping students learn online.

- ❖ Create a designated learning **space** for your child. Give them a distraction free space to work. Make sure they have easy access to all the materials needed for class.
- ❖ Post and follow your child's classroom **schedule**. Check-in to be sure they are attending class and are on task. Create a cue with your child to get back on task, if they become distracted.
- ❖ During scheduled **breaks**, have your child get exercise. This reduces stress and can prevent anxiety. Make sure they get away from all screens.
- ❖ Check to see if your child is turning in their **work**. Use their google classroom(s). Go to the classwork tab. Click on "view your work". Here you will see what is assigned, what is returned, and what is missing.
- ❖ Keep open **communication**. All teachers at WMES have a REMIND account and an e-mail address. When in doubt, reach out!
- ❖ **Reward** efforts. Establish a reward system with your child. Reward them to keep them motivated and remind them of their reward when times get tough.

**Don't forget to support our PTA!  
Memberships are \$5.00 each**



# The Paw Print



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

**SEPTEMBER 2021**



Dear WMES Family-

First, I want to thank you for your continued support and understanding as once again, we, as a school and a community, have had to respond to the unexpected increase of positive COVID 19 cases in DD4. I am so proud of the way our WMES faculty, staff, students, and parents/guardians have handled the demands we have been faced with to protect everyone as we continue to educate and feed our students during this most unusual of circumstances.

While we are in the business of educating our students, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students and employees. I encourage you to frequently visit our school's and District's webpages 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, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents and caregivers needing to work, and all of the other unexpected consequences of not being in school in a traditional setting.

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.

*Ruth Mims*

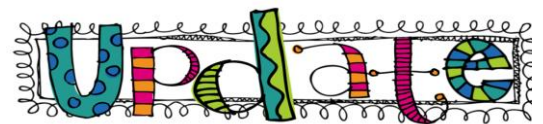
**Our Mission Statement**

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.



WMES will be holding Virtual Open Houses on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and Thursday, September 23, 2021. Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will host two (2) sessions on Tuesday while 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will host theirs on Thursday.

Parents will have the opportunity to join their child's teacher's Zoom either at 6:00 P.M. or 6:30 P.M. During the Open House, parents will also be able to sign-up for their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference to discuss the progress of their child.



Due to high COVID 19 numbers, the Soccer Program and the Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center will not start until students are back in the building for face-to-face instruction.

Applications for both will be available once students return to school.

- The registration fee for soccer must accompany the registration form.
- The TTAHC application and registration form must be submitted with the first week's fee.