



From Our Literacy Coach...

Did you know that WMES students use specific reading strategies using Ty Beanie Babies? If children are challenged with decoding an unknown word, they use the Stuck on a Word characters. If children are challenged with comprehending, they use the Do I Understand What I Read characters. When reading with your child, if you notice challenges in these areas, mention the characters' names! Remind them of what the characters teach them to do to help their reading. Keep the characters with descriptions on a bookmark and use them daily! (Attachment Included with Newsletter)



All 3rd-5th graders will follow the following schedule for State SC Ready and SC PASS Testing:

- May 10 & 11**—SC Ready ELA Testing
- May 18**—SC Ready Mathematics Testing
- May 19**—SC PASS Science (ALL 4th Grade Students)

Please make sure students have a good night's rest and are at school on time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

A Message from the Media Specialist...

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 school year, the Media Center will close Friday, May 20th, 2022. All books must be returned by Wednesday May 25th, 2022. All books should be returned at this time. Students who have lost or damaged books will need to pay for these books. Students' lost or damaged book fees will follow them to the next grade level. In order to participate in any extra-curricular activities or field trips during the 2022-2023 school year, student's accounts must be cleared.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Miss Ruane at rRuane@dd4.k12.sc.us.

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 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.



Dates to Remember in May & June

- May 2-6—Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2—4th Quarter Interim Reports
- May 3—Family STEM Night 5-7 P.M. (Food Trucks)
- May 4—Early Release (Dismissal 12:35 P.M.)
- May 4—Fresh Express Produce Distribution (NEHS Project) 9-11 A.M.
- May 6—Last Day for Parent Report Card Survey
- May 10 & 11—SC Ready ELA Assessment
- May 11—School Nurse's Day
- May 17—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.
- May 18—SC Ready Mathematics Assessment
- May 19—SC PASS Science (4th Grade Only)
- May 20—Kindergarten Fun in the Sun Day
- May 24—DHEC Vaccinations
- May 27—Pre-Kindergarten Promotion Program @ 8:30 A.M. (in Gym)
- Kindergarten Promotion Program @ 7:00 P.M. (at Johnston Field)
- May 30—No School (Memorial Days)
- May 31—Academic Awards Programs
- 5th Grade Promotion Program @ 7:00 P.M. (at Johnston Field)
- June 2—Early Release (Dismissal @ 12:35 P.M.)
- June 3—Last Day for Students-Half Day (Dismissal @ 11:30 A.M.)
- June 6—Teachers Last Day & Make-Up Day (Work Packets will be sent home with Students)

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Dear WMES Family-

It is hard to believe that we are in the 4th quarter of school, and our 3rd-5th graders will be taking State assessments later this month. You will find the testing schedule and the events happening in May on the back page of this newsletter.

Please do not forget to take a few minutes to complete the State Department of Education's Parent Report Card Survey. All Kindergarten-12th grade parents and guardians are asked to participate. A letter was sent home with your child's Interim Report with the link or QR Code to use to access the Survey. We will also have i-Pads available at our Family STEM Night that can be used to complete the survey.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be continuing through May 31, 2022. Please check our school's website for the documentation that needs to be submitted with the registration packet.

Promotion Program information will be sent home (schedule is on the back). In case of rain, or if it rains, the Kindergarten and/or 5th grade programs will be held in the gym. Tickets will be issued and used in the gym because of the limited seating.

Thank you again for your continued support for our teachers and school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Ruth Mims

Our Mission Statement

The children, parents, faculty, 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.



A huge "thank you" to all of the parents and staff for your help, support, and enthusiastic participation in our annual WMES pageant. It was a giant success, and we could not have done it without you. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Photogenic Winner—Malachi George

WMES Luckiest Tiger: 1st Place- Kaydence Britt; 2nd Place-Hailey Glover; and 3rd Place-Khy'rin Hart

Wee Miss WMES—Zymira Perry

Wee Master WMES—Maverick Riley

Little Miss WMES—Kathryn Dandridge

Junior Miss WMES—Madilynn McClendon

Junior Master WMES—Jerret Riley



Yearbooks from the 2020-2021 school year will be on sale at our Family STEM Night. You can also purchase this year's 2021-2022 yearbook at STEM Night for \$30. Yearbooks will be here at the end of the month.