

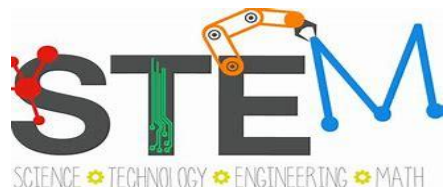


Dates to Remember in December

December 1-15—School-wide Toy Drive
December 6-17—10 Days of Holiday Activities
December 15—5th Grade Spelling Bee @ 8:15 A.M.
 (Virtual Link Will be Sent)
December 16—PAWS & Play
December 17—Virtual Holiday Program (Link Will be Sent)
December 17—1/2 Day (Dismissal @ 11:30 A.M.)
December 20-January 1—Winter Break (No School)

From Our WMES Family...

Happy Holidays
 To you



DONATIONS Needed...Paper Plates, Craft Sticks, Pom Poms, Googly Eyes

National Family Code Night

Featuring Hour of Code™ puzzles from Code.org®

December 6th @ 6:00 P.M.

Link will be sent home

The one-hour family learning event from home that families LOVE.

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.

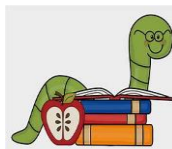
YEARBOOKS

If you missed out on buying a 2020-2021 Yearbook, we still have a few on sale for \$15. Please send in your payment in an envelope to Mrs. Delee, and she will send home a yearbook with your child.

Congratulate a special 5th grade student in your life with a personal ad in our 2021-2022 WMES Yearbook. If you would like to place an ad in this year's yearbook, please go to the link below. If you would like the yearbook staff to design your page, you can email your pictures along with the form that will be sent home with your 5th grader to to wmesyearbook29477@gmail.com

You can purchase yearbooks, yearbook accessories, and love lines for all WMES students on the site below. Any questions please contact Mrs. Britt at the above email.

<https://www.balfour.com/south-carolina/saint-george/williams-memorial-elementary-school/yearbook-packages>



From the Literacy Coach...

SIGHT WORDS

One of the most important skills for effective, independent reading is the ability to accurately and rapidly recognize words. This skill is most frequently developed using repeated practice and memorization drills. Learning the spelling patterns and word recognition strategies can be cumbersome for a child who has trouble with memorization or who becomes bored with repeated activities. Students in the primary grades are often highly motivated to learn through play. What does this all mean? Find out what words your child needs to learn, ask their teacher, or I recommend using the Dolch Lists, put them on index cards and play games using the words. What can you play?

- Read and then spell the words in shaving cream, sand, table salt, etc in a pie pan or on a table.
- Read and then spell words with play dough, clay, cookie batter, pipe cleaners, magnetic letters, etc.
- Use two sets of index cards and play a memory, matching, or Go Fish game.
- Put the words around the house and have your child play hide and seek to find, read, and then spell the words.
- Take a board game and put the words on the spaces, have your child read and spell the words as you play. You could also make new rules. For example, the game Candy Land—When a person gets a card with 1 square they read or spell one word; Two squares = two words; Special card with a picture reads and spells all words in the pile.



The Paw Print



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2021 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—NO RATING

December 2021



Dear WMES Family-

As the holiday season approaches, no matter how busy you are, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the people who have enhanced your life. In the pressures of daily life, we may sometimes take for granted the people most important to us. The holiday season gives us an opportunity to remember and reflect on the ways certain individuals add value to our lives. I want to take this time to express my appreciation to everyone who is working so diligently to make WMES "PAWS"-itively the Best: our students, our faculty and staff, and our parents and guardians.

For Thanksgiving, our students, faculty, and staff collected food items and were able to create 16 Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Turkeys were purchased for all of the baskets through a Faculty & Staff Fundraiser. In December, we will sponsor a school-wide Toy Drive to benefit the MUSC Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House.

Just a few reminders, with the weather getting cooler, students need to come dressed accordingly. According to our Dress Code that was in our Student Handbook, flip flops should not be worn to school. Also, all shorts and skirts should be fingertip length, as well as "rips" or tears in pants. Hats and hoodies should not be worn in the building. If your child is riding a bus, please make sure they have a mask. It is a State mandate that masks are to be worn on the bus.

Once again, I am truly blessed to have a great group of students, parents, guardians, and faculty and staff members to work with! We look forward to seeing you.

I sincerely hope that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ruth Mims



I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Please remain vigilant in regards to holiday gatherings. Stay home if you or someone in your family is sick. Also, stay home if you are aware of others who are sick within the group. Please continue to stay in contact with Nurse Stickles if your child has been exposed to COVID or tests positive for COVID.



Use Dorchester District Four's PowerSchool Parent Portal to obtain real-time access to view your child's:

- Attendance
- School Announcements
- Assignments
- Assignment Scores
- Final Grades
- Teacher Comments

You can access the PowerSchool Parent Portal online from the homepage of any Dorchester District Four website. Please contact your child's teacher for log-in information.

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.