



## Dates to Remember in September

- 13—Open House/Technology Night/Annual Title 1 Meeting for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (5-7 P.M.)
- 15—1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interim Reports Home
- 15—Open House/Technology Night/Annual Title 1 Meeting for Pre-Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades (5-7 P.M.)
- 21—Early Release (12:35 P.M.)
- 22—SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- 30—Character Kids Celebration
- \*Information will be sent for Lunch with Our Grandparents



Items for Nursing Homes (Adopt a Grandparent) Games, Socks, Sugar-Free Snacks and Gum, Puzzles, Craft Items, and Kool-Jammers



## From Our Literacy Coach

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year Dorchester District 4's Elementary Schools are implementing a new reading program entitled Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA). CKLA is a language arts program for Grades K-5 that combines an explicit, multisensory approach to phonics with rich texts that are carefully sequenced to build content knowledge so that learning to read and reading to learn develop together. Every day in Grades K-2, students complete one full lesson that builds foundational reading skills, as well as one full lesson that builds background knowledge. In Grades 3-5, students start to master the basic skills of reading, further opening up their worlds. Be on the look for Take Home informational letters and activities in your child's communication folders to complete at home.

Student Readers:



Student Activity Book:



## Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center

The primary program goals of the TTAHC are to provide academic assistance and recreation for students after school. The 2022-2023 fee for the Homework Center is \$60 per child. Adjustments may be needed in case of inclement weather and Early Release Wednesdays. The TTAHC operates in accordance with DD4 policies regarding early school closing in the event of emergency weather conditions.

A parent/guardian must come in to register student(s). Payment will be due at that time. No checks, only cash, will be accepted. Please do NOT send money or registration forms with students. Registration forms are available in the Front Office when you come in. Payment is due up front either on the Friday before or Monday of the current week for the entire week. Services will be suspended if no pre-payment is made for a week. There will be **NO** pay per day option.

Pick-up is in the Cafeteria. Please drive to the back of the building and use the loop between the new wing and the cafeteria. Parents or guardians must sign out children daily.

A light snack/meal will be provided.

\*Please note the TTAHC will NOT be open on Early Release Days.



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 Peters 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.



# The Paw Print



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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**



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 and that we are following all protocols for safety. We will conduct monthly fire drills as well as practice drills for earthquakes, tornados, and intruders (lockdown and lock out).

I encourage you to frequently visit our webpage for up-to-date and accurate information. Our teachers have set up REMIND accounts that they use to send information home. If you have no joined, please reach out to your child's teacher for the link.

We will hold our Open House/Technology Nights later this month. The Annual Title 1 Meeting will also be held during this time. Information will be sent through REMIND and posted of the school's website.

The Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center will begin after Labor Day. If you did not receive information for it, please stop by the Front Office to register your child.

We are also holding Soccer Registration for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. If your child did not bring home a form, please reach out to Mr. Gantt or Miss Ravenell. Please make sure the fee is returned with the form.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our students!

*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.



#### **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. and will have to be signed in through the Front Office.

All vehicles should have a maroon and white car tag displayed to pick up any student in the car rider line. If you do not have a car tag, you will have to report to the front office. An extra car tag can be purchased for \$5.00, if needed. After Labor Day, the afternoon car rider line will be cut off at 3:05 P.M. Students will have to be picked up from the front office.

To sign out a student, you must be in PowerSchool. Please remember there will be no sign-outs after 2:00 P.M. for students to be dismissed early.

Students should not bring electronic devices to school. This includes SmartWatches.

Please make sure you send back the Home Language Survey Form to your child's teacher.

Due to regulations on school wellness policies put in place by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Dorchester School District 4 will regulate treats brought into the school (birthday treats, celebratory treats, etc.). Treats must follow the "Smart School Snack" guidelines that were sent home at the beginning of the year. Please visit the following site to find snacks that are acceptable to send to school:

<https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/calculator/>