

The Paw Print

WMES is "PAWS"-tively The Best!

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Dear WMES Family-

Happy February! Students are back in the building for face-to-face instruction. We have hit the ground running since January. Please know that our teachers and staff are working diligently to instruct your child based on their strengths and needs, with input from their STAR assessment and classroom academic performance. Our teachers are continually looking for new ideas and consistently change tactics and strategies to make certain our students are engaged during classroom instruction.

Attendance counts... Attendance directly impacts academic achievement. State law requires students to attend 90% of all school days for promotion. Attendance Conferences have started with Guidance Counselors. If your child(ren) have three (3) consecutive or five (5) unexcused days absent, you will receive an Attendance Letter from our Attendance Clerk. Either medical excuses or up to 10 handwritten letters can be submitted by a parent to the Front Office. Please make sure you contact the school's Nurse if your child has tested positive for COVID 19 or is a close contact with someone who has tested positive. Students who are isolated or have been quarantined by the Nurse are recorded as an EXCUSED absence in Powerschool. Tardies count! Please remember that school begins at 7:45 A.M. If a student arrives after that time, they are considered tardy, and you will have to sign them in at the front door.

When your child(ren) leave the house in the morning, please make sure they have their mask (if a bus rider), a water bottle, and their instructional material. Safety is our top priority at WMES, and we appreciate all of your support!

Juan Hernandez
Ruth Minns

Our Mission Statement

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



- scdiscus.org
- discusoffice@statelibrary.sc.gov
- (803) 545-0201

ways:

Questions? Contact the Discus office of the South Carolina State Library using one of the following

You should then be connected to a live tutor.

4. Complete the four prompts in the gray box and click "Connect Now."

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The South Carolina Department of Education, South Carolina State Library (SCSL), and Tutor.com have partnered to supply students from kindergarten through 12th grade with access to real time virtual tutoring resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 200 subject areas -- at *no* cost to families.



Dates to Remember in February



- February 1—100th Day of School Activities
- February 4—National Wear Red Day
- February 7-11—Guidance Counselors Week
- February 15—Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M (SGMS)
- February 16—3rd Quarter Interim Reports
- February 17—SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- February 18—Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
- February 21—President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 23—Class Picture Day (Info will be sent home)
- February 25—Virtual Character Kids Celebration (Excellence) @ 8:15 A.M.
- February 25—Virtual Black History Month Program
- February 28—Title 1 Surveys Home (Please Complete)
- February 28-March 4—Read Across America Activities
- February 28—Wear Cray Socks (Fox in Socks)
- March 1—Wear Animal Print (If I Ran the Zoo)
- March 2—Dress in Wacky Clothes (Wacky Wednesday)
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dr. Seuss!!!!
- March 3—Wear Red and Blue (1 Fish 2 Fish Red Fish Blue Fish)
- March 4—Wear a Crazy Hat OR Hair Style (Cat in the Hat AND Daisy Head Mayzie)

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DD4 District Spelling Bee Results



CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN DONATO

Spelling Bee Champion for DD4 and WMESI

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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.



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 *Send a note stating the date and reason for the absence within 3 days of his/her return.
 *Medical documentation must be provided if a child misses more than 3 consecutive days.

The Media Center has reopened! Students in grades kindergarten thru 5th grade will be able to check out library books. Students who have lost library books will not be able to check out library books until lost library books are paid for.
 Please reach out to Miss Ruane if you have any questions or concerns.



From the Literacy Coach ...



Valentine's Day is just around the corner! As you prepare for the holiday, consider making homemade Valentines with your student to give to family and friends rather than buying premade ones. Why? This promotes both creativity and writing skills! This year, the Dollar Tree, and stores like it, have Valentine's Day themed stickers, pom poms, ribbons, paints, frames, confetti, artificial flowers and boxes to make mailboxes and cards. For beginning writers and or struggling spellers you could make and provide your student a premade word list with words and phrases like, love, valentine, cupid, kisses, hugs, be mine, etc to help guide their writing. Most importantly, have fun spreading the love!