



Dates to Remember in December

- December 5**—Afterschool Tutoring Begins
December 5-14—School-wide Toy Drive for MUSC
December 5-16—10 Days of Holiday Activities
December 12-16—Polar Pals Store (Sponsored by the PTA)
December 13—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.
 (TBA)
December 14—5th Grade Spelling Bee for District Bee
December 16—Clubs & Organizations
December 16—Virtual Holiday Program (Link Will be Sent)
****NOTE: December 16 is a full day**
December 19-January 2—Winter Break (No School)

From Our WMES Family...

Happy Holidays
 To you



- December 5th:** *Spirit of the Season*—Wear your Red and Green
December 6th: *Tree Topper Day*—Dig out your favorite holiday hat, headband, or bow
December 7th: *Hang your stockings with care*—Wear your holiday socks
December 8th: *Candy Cane Day*—Dress in Red and White or Stripes
December 9th: *You're invited to our Ho-Ho-Ho-Down*—Wear a flannel shirt and boots
December 12th: *Grinch Day*—Wear Green
December 13th: *Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!*—Wear bells
December 14th: *Ugly Sweater Day*—Break out your ugliest sweater
December 15th: *Santa's Workshop*—Be a part of Santa's Workshop by dressing like Santa, an elf, a reindeer, a present, a toy, etc.
December 16th: *Dream a little Christmas dream*—Get ready for a relaxing break! Wear your favorite PJ bottoms

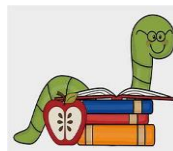
Our Vision Statement

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.



Don't forget that our 2022-2023 Yearbooks are on sale now for **ONLY \$25** until December 31, 2022. Starting January 1st, the yearbook price will increase to \$30 for the remainder of the year. Forms were sent home earlier, so just complete the form and send **\$25** for each yearbook you are purchasing to your child's homeroom teacher. You will need to either pay with cash, a money order, or purchase on-line with the code or at the website <https://www.balfour.com/south-carolina/saint-george/williams-memorial-elementary-school>

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From the Literacy Coach... Free Tutoring!

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Please use the following links for additional information:

- <https://www.scdiscus.org/node/519> to watch a video on how to access services on Tutor.com
- <https://ed.sc.gov/index.cfm?LinkServID=0172A915-AA86-0E2D-6D4459A024F611B7> to access and read a step by step directions with pictures on how to access services on Tutor.com



The Paw Print



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December 2022



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 34 Thanksgiving food boxes that our students delivered to the residents of Dorchester Village. Our faculty and staff did a Jeans Fundraiser for the LowCountry Food Bank. 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.

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

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.



School-wide Community Service Project

WMES will be collecting toys for our MUSC Toy Drive December 5th-14th. All toys and games can be turned in either to the front office or in homeroom classes. Please make sure items are *unwrapped*.



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.