The Paw Print

Dear WMES Family-

We are entering the last month of school, and our 3rd-5th graders will be taking State assessments May 14th-16th and the 21st-22nd. You will find the testing schedule to the right and the events happening in May on the back page of this newsletter.

On-Line Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be continuing through May 31, 2024. There will not be any paper packet registration this year, so please check our school's website for the documentation that needs to be submitted with your On-Line Registration. On-Line Registration for new Kindergarten-5th graders will open soon.   All returning students verification of addresses, phone numbers, and proof of residency will also be done on-line later in the summer. If you need assistance, please contact the front office.

Promotion Program information will be sent home (schedule is on the back). Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs will be held in the gym, and the 5th grade program will be held at Johnston Football Field. If it rains, the 5th grade program may have to be moved to the gym. Please remember that tickets will be used because of the limited seating. No balloons should be taken into the gym during Promotion Programs.

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.

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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.

All 3rd-5th graders will follow the following schedule for State SC Ready Testing:
May 14 & 15—SC Ready ELA Testing
May 16—SC Ready Mathematics Testing
May 21—SC Ready Science (ONLY 4th Grade Students)
May 22—TDW Field Testing (3rd-5th Grade)

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

...and the WINNERS are...

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 Winners—Chloe Primus and Ahmir Green
WMES Luckiest Tigers: 1st Place-Da'Miya Ramsey; 2nd Place-Janylah Kelly; and 3rd Place- Ahmir Green

Wee Miss WMES—Olivia Traxler
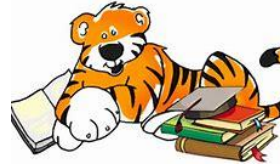*Little Miss WMES*—Chloe Primus
Junior Miss WMES—Madison Britt
Master WMES—Malachi George

Dates to Remember in May & June

May 1-31—Pre-Kindergarten On-Line Registration
May 1—Top TIGERS Celebration
May 2—4th Quarter Interim Reports
May 3—School Lunch Hero (Cafeteria Worker's) Day
May 6-10—Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6—Kindergarten Cap & Gown Pictures
May 8—School Nurse's Day
May 10—Color Run & Kindergarten Fun in the Sun Day (Make-up Day-May 17th)
May 13—Kindergarten Field Trip to Middleton Place
May 14-22—SC Ready Testing (3rd-5th Grade)
May 16—STEM Family Night
May 21—DD4 Board Meeting @ WHS (6:00 P.M.)
May 27—No School (Memorial Day)
May 31—Pre Kindergarten Promotion Program @ 8:30 A.M. & Kindergarten Promotion Program @ 12:00 P.M.
June 3—EOY Awards Programs (1st Grade @ 8:30 A.M. & 4th Grade @ 10:00 A.M.)
June 3—5th Grade Promotion Program @ 7:00 P.M. (Johnston Field, in gym if inclement weather)
June 4—EOY Awards Programs (2nd Grade @ 8:30 A.M. & 3rd Grade @ 10:00 A.M.)
June 6—End of 4th Quarter & 1/2 Day for Students
June 7—Last Day for Teachers and Assistants
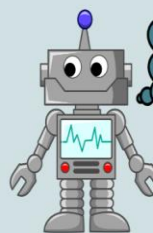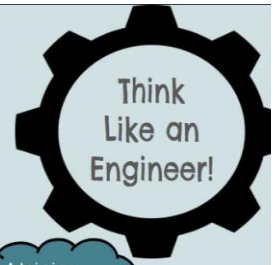
From Our Literacy Coach…

Class Spelling Bees will be held May 28th in the Media Center. Each student competing will receive two (2) tickets for a parent or guardian to attend. A ZOOM link will also be sent through REMIND that can be shared with other friends and family members.

8:15-9:15 A.M.—2nd Grade
9:15-10:15 A.M.—1st Grade
10:15-11:15 A.M.—4th Grade
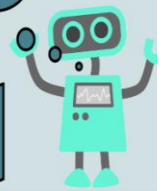11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—5th Grade

We hope to see you at the Bee!

A Message from the Media Specialist…

As we wrap up the 2023-2024 school year, the Media Center will close Friday, May 10, 2024. All books must be returned by Friday, May 17, 2024. Students who have lost or damaged books will need to pay for these books, or the lost or damaged book fees will follow them to the next grade level. Please remember in order to participate in any extra-curricular activities or field trips during the 2024-2025 school year, student's accounts must be cleared. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Stephenson at lstephenson@dd4.k12.sc.us.

STEM Night
When: May 16, 2024
5:00 - 6:30
Where: WMES
Free Admission… Students must be accompanied by an adult.
Think Like an Engineer!
STEM Activities
Robotics
Engineering
Community Presentations
Concessions

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.

EOY Promotion Program and Academic Awards Programs

Information will be sent home later this month, so please make sure you check your child's folder.

- EOY Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Promotion Programs will be in the gym-**May 31**
- EOY 5th Grade Promotion Program will be held at Johnston Field—**June 3**

EOY Awards Programs will be held…

- **June 3** (1st Grade-8:30 A.M. & 4th Grade-10:00 A.M.
- **June 4** (2nd Grade -8:30 A.M. & 3rd Grade-10:00 A.M.)