



## Dates to Remember in November

- November 1**—Dental Screenings  
**November 2-14**—Thanksgiving Basket School-wide Project  
**November 6**—Set Your Clocks Back  
**November 11**—Veterans' Day Parade & Readers @ 8:15 A.M.  
**November 13**—World Kindness Day  
**November 14**—National Diabetes Awareness Day (Wear Blue)  
**November 14-18**—Career Development Week  
**November 16-17**—Thanksgiving Basket Pick-Up  
**November 17**—SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M. in Media Center  
**November 17**—Family BINGO Night @ 6-7 P.M.  
**November 21-25**—Thanksgiving Break (No School)  
**November 28**—2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interim Reports  
**November 28-December 14**—District Winter Assessment Window  
**November 29**—Make-Up Picture Day  
**November 30**—Character Kid Celebration @ 8:15 A.M. (Integrity)



## Career Week

November 14-18, 2022



- Monday "Balancing a Bright Future"**  
 (Wear Bright or Neon Clothing)  
**Tuesday "College Day"**  
 (Wear College or Team Colors/Clothing)  
**Wednesday "Dress for Success Day"**  
 (Wear Uniforms or Professional Clothing representing various careers)  
**Thursday "Dreaming Over the Rainbow"**  
 (Each Grade wears a Designated Color)  
 Red—Pre-K & K5                      Blue—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 Orange—1<sup>st</sup> Grade                      Yellow—4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Green—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade                      Purple—5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Friday "Striving for Success-School Spirit Day"**  
 (Wear WMES School Colors)



2022-2023 Yearbooks are on sale now for **ONLY \$25** until December 31, 2022. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, the yearbook price will increase to \$30 for the remainder of the year. Forms should have come home last week with your child. 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 website below.

Congratulate that special **5th grade student** in your life with a personal ad in our 2022-2023 WMES yearbook. If you would like to place an ad in this year's yearbook, please go to the link below. Yearbooks, yearbook accessories, and love lines for all WMES students can also be purchased on the site. If you have trouble uploading pictures to the site, you can e-mail them to [wmesyearbook29477@gmail.com](mailto:wmesyearbook29477@gmail.com).

Want to include your own photos in our yearbook? Scan and send your school related pictures to the e-mail above and label them with your child's name and teacher.  
<https://www.balfour.com/south-carolina/saint-george/williams-memorial-elementary-school>

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Code To  
Order  
Online



Our Health and Wellness Committee presents the **WMES Water Bottle**

**Challenges!** All students and staff at WMES are encouraged to drink enough water to fill *Lake Marion*!

- Children are encouraged to bring their water bottle to school each day and refill using our refilling stations!
- The second part of our challenge is to try and guess how many 16 ounce bottles it would take to fill the lake.

The student who guesses the amount or the closest will win

### 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



**WMES is "PAWS"-itively the Best!**

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**2022 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—AVERAGE**

**NOVEMBER 2022**



Dear WMES Family-

I just want to take the time to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. Our families are a true blessing, and I want to personally tell you how thankful I am to be the principal of such a wonderful school. As the saying goes, "It takes a community to raise a child". You are to be commended for what you are doing to insure our students are continuing to excel academically and socially. Our teachers are to be commended for the outstanding job they are doing with working with our students. Last but not least, our students are working very hard in class. By working together, we will continue to strive for excellence and continue to make WMES "PAWS"-itively the Best!

Just a few reminders, with the weather getting cooler, students need to come dressed accordingly. According to our Dress Code that was sent home in our Student Handbook, flip flops or shower shoes should not be worn to school. In case of an emergency, this could cause a safety issue. Also all shorts and skirts should be fingertip length, as well as "rips" or tears in pants.

This month, our students, faculty, and staff will be collecting food for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Monetary donations will also be accepted for buying food items for the baskets. In December, we will be collecting toys for our MUSC Toy Drive.

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 at our November parenting event!

From the WMES Faculty and Staff—Happy Thanksgiving!

*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.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

In the spirit of giving, WMES staff and students will collect non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets to be shared with deserving families in our community. Grade-levels have been assigned certain food items as follows:

- **K-4/K-5: Boxed or Canned Desserts**
- **1<sup>st</sup> grade/2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Boxed Grains (Pasta, Stuffing, Rice, Corn Bread, etc.)**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Canned Fruits**
- **4<sup>th</sup> grade: Canned Soups**
- **5<sup>th</sup> grade: Canned Vegetables**

**Collection will begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will end on November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The grade-level collecting the most non-perishable food items will receive a Thanksgiving treat!!!**



Did you know that your family could be receiving 100% **FREE** books to keep? St. George is a qualifying area in South Carolina for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Once you sign up, your child(ren) between the ages of birth to five years old will have books shipped, for free, directly to your residence every month. If you are interested in signing up, fill out the PDF sent through Remind.

Once you have filled out the form mail it to: 4500 FORT JACKSON BLVD, STE 150 COLUMBIA SC 29209.

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