

The Paw Print

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2019 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—42 (AVERAGE) JANUARY 2022



Dear WMES Family-

Happy New Year! As we embark on the New Year, I just want to take this opportunity to revisit the vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School. The administrators, faculty, and staff are diligently working on...

- creating 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.

According to Section 59-155-160 of ACT 284, Read to Succeed, it is our school's goal that your child become a proficient reader and advance on schedule to fourth grade. Your child's progress has been regularly assessed and additional supports have been provided based on the results of those assessments. "A student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of the third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the State summative reading assessment [SC READY]."

A special "THANK YOU" goes out to the PTA parents and grandparents who took the time out of their busy schedules to be "elves" who ran the Polar Pals Store December 13th-16th. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Ruth Thomas
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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



DreamBox Learning is a K-8 digital math program that independent studies have found to raise student achievement and better prepare children for future success. Powered by the brilliance of each child, DreamBox combines a fun and engaging learning environment with a rigorous, standards-based, math curriculum. DreamBox promotes active learning and independent critical thinking by responding to each student's strategies and decisions in the moment. Since DreamBox adapts lessons and recommendations based on the needs of each learner, children always have just the right level of support when and where it's needed. DreamBox is an online instructional math program that can be used wherever there is internet access, which means parents have the unique opportunity to influence their child's learning outcomes both inside and outside of the classroom. 100% of our lessons are available in English and Spanish. DreamBox is used in grades K-5 at WMES.



Reading Eggs unlocks all aspects of learning to read for your child, focusing on a core curriculum of phonics and phonemic awareness, sight words, vocabulary, comprehension, and reading for meaning. The program is based on solid scientific research and focuses around the five essential keys to reading success - phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. Reading Eggs is used in grades K-2 at WMES. Both programs can be accessed through the District's Clever portal. Visit www.clever.com. Log in with your c's school email and password.

Dates to Remember in January



- January 3—School Resumes
- January 10—Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)
- January 17—No School (Observance of M.L. King Day)
- January 13—District Spelling Bee @ 6:00 (WHS)
- January 14—End of 2nd Quarter
- January 20—SIC/Title I Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- January 21—Academic Celebrations (Virtual Link will be Sent)
- January 21—Report Cards Home
- January 28—Virtual Character Kids Celebration (Generosity) @ 8:15 A.M.
- January 31—100th Day of School



Please look for information that will be sent by your child's/children's teacher(s).

Monday, January 10th

Our Vision Statement

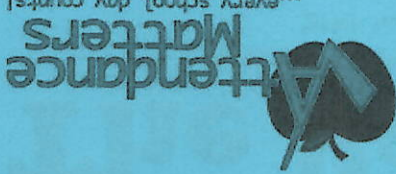
The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.

5th Grade Spelling Bee Results



Jerrett Riley (1st Place)
Christopher Seunandan (2nd Place)
John Donato (3rd Place)

The top three finishers will represent WMES at Dorchester District Four's District Spelling Bee that will be held at Woodland High School on Thursday evening, January 13th, at 6:00 P.M.



...every school day counts!

- *Attendance directly impacts academic achievement.
- *State law requires students to attend 90% of all school days for promotion.
- If your child is absent...
 - *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.



From the WMES Faculty, Staff, and Administration

From the Literacy Coach ...



- It's that time of year to think about and make New Year's Resolutions! Most adult Americans make goals for positive changes in their personal diet, exercise and finance habits.
- But why not reading or writing? The best way to enrich and encourage a child's literary growth is through support. Consider sitting down with your child and creating a goal to build their educational self-esteem in school.
- Could they read a book, a chapter or a number of pages each day?
- How about writing a short story, paragraph, sentences, words or letters?

I challenge you to assist your child in growing their brain this year! Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a wonderful, exciting year in 2021!