

# The Paw Print

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

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**2019 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—42 (AVERAGE) APRIL 2024**



## Dear WMES Family-

It is hard to believe that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter has ended, and June 6<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. We are transitioning into the testing part of the year. Our Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders took their spring i-Ready Diagnostic Reading and Math Assessments before Spring Break. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will take the SC Ready ELA and mathematics assessments, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will take the SC Ready science assessment starting the second week of May. The Guidance Department will send the State Assessments Schedule home later this month.

Registration for new and returning students for the 2024-2025 School Year will be ON-LINE this year. Pre-Kindergarten registration for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024, will continue through Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Packets can be picked up in the front office, if needed. All required documentation must be submitted to the front office in order to complete the registration process.

The QR Code for our School Report Card Parent Climate Survey was sent home before Spring Break. Also sent home was the link for our Comprehensive Needs Survey. We need feedback from our stakeholders in order to develop our Title 1 and School Renewal Plans.

The WMES On-Line Store will be open until Friday, April 12, 2024, for purchasing school apparel. Purchases will be paid online; the school will not collect any money or orders. Orders will be delivered to the school.

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

*Ruth Mims*

## 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.*

*Congratulations To...*

*Isabella Ranck*—highest gains on the i-Ready Math Winter Assessment  
*Kensley McMillan*—highest gains on the i-Ready Reading Winter Assessment

Students took the i-Ready Spring Reading and Math Assessments before Spring Break. Please be on the lookout for your child's reports to see the progress that he or she made from Winter to Spring.

\*This is the final i-Ready assessment for the school year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

**WILLIAMS MEMORIAL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ON-LINE STORE**



**Please Use the QR Code to place your order for WMES apparel on or before April 12, 2024**





## Dates to Remember in April

- April 1-May 31**—Pre-Kindergarten Registration
- April 1-5**— Assistant Principal’s Week
- April 1**—Teacher Work Day
- April 2**—World Autism Day
- April 3**—Teacher Assistant Appreciation Day
- April 4**—National School Librarian’s Day
- April 5**—Special Olympics @ WHS (eXpo Games)
- April 5**—WMES Pageants @ 6:00 P.M.
- April 8**—3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards
- April 8**—Half Day (dismissal @ 11:30 P.M.)
- April 9**—Virtual Academic Awards Programs
- April 11 & 12**—Low Country Children’s Museum
- April 16**—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. WHS)
- April 19**—Early Release (12:35 P.M.)
- April 24**—Secretary’s Day
- April 25**—SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.

### Upcoming State Testing Dates (Grades 3-5)

May 14 & 15—ELA

May 16—Math

May 21—Science (4<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY)

May 22—Writing TDW Field Testing



Williams Memorial Elementary Pageants will be held Friday, April 5, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the gymnasium. Doors will open to the public at 5:30 P.M.

\$5 Admission Per Person - \$3 for students - 3 and under free

## FIELD TRIPS

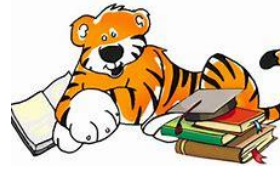


April 3 & 4—5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Boeing

April 12—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Bee City

April 16—4<sup>th</sup> Grade to River Dogs Game

April 26—1<sup>st</sup> Grade to SC Aquarium



From Our Literacy Coach...

The most common request educators receive are ways to help students at home with reading. Unfortunately, there is no one size fits all or quick fix methods for supporting students' needs. But why? When it comes to the English Language, there are multiple building blocks which students need in order to become strong readers. Those building blocks are **Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.**

When students struggle, there is a breakdown in one or more of the building blocks. The first step to take in order to help students is to identify their most basic area of need and start there! If you do not know where to start, this is where contacting your students' teacher and/or the literacy coach can help! Using data, we can help identify what is needed to help your student grow! To learn more about the building blocks for reading, one of the best resources I can suggest to use to further your understanding of your students' needs is Reading Rockets.



Please Visit...

<https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-101-guide-parents/reading-basics> for articles, videos and activities you can do to help your student.

Another great resource I use and highly suggest is,



FLORIDA CENTER FOR READING RESEARCH The Florida Center for Reading Research <https://frr.org/student-center-activities>. Here you can find hundreds of free printable Pre-K through Fifth grade game based activities to practice areas of need at home.

Need more? Reach out by e-mailing me at [npandora@dd4.k12.sc.us](mailto:npandora@dd4.k12.sc.us) or calling at (843)563-3231 extension 1611.

### 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.



### Upcoming Events...

**Vision to Learn (Eye Exams)—April 2-5 & 8**  
**Healthy Promotions (Dental)—April 15-19**  
If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Peters.