



Dates to Remember in January

- January 3—School Resumes
- January 10—Pre-K/Kindergarten Parent Workshop @ 6:00 P.M.
- January 12—District Spelling Bee @ 6:00 (WHS)
- January 13—Staff Work Day (No Students)
- January 16—No School (M.L. King Day)
- January 17—End of 2nd Quarter
- January 17—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. (WMES)
- January 19—Blood Drive @ WMES
- January 19—SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- January 23—Report Cards Home
- January 24—Academic Celebrations (Virtual Link will be Sent)
- January 31—Virtual Character Kids Celebration (Excellence) @ 9:15 A.M.
- January 31—100th Day of School



*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.



Needed Materials: Craft Sticks, Cotton Balls, Chenille Sticks/Pipe Cleaners, Pom Poms,
Recycled Items: Tissue Boxes, Cardboard Rolls, and Jell-O/Fruit Cups

Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies and recycled materials to our STEM Lab. Students are displaying creativity, cooperation, perseverance, and problem solving thinking skills in STEM Lab. Second through fifth graders are using the Engineering Design Process to create devices to solve a real world problem such as cleaning up an oil spill or designing a house that can withstand hurricane winds. Younger students are using their fine motor skills to place corresponding color beads on its chenille stem or build a car with Lego bricks. Many of our activities require materials that are either recycled or can be purchased from a dollar store. Please help replenish some needed supplies if you can. Thank you for your continued support of the STEM Lab.



5th Grade Spelling Bee Results

- Jatzen Rudd (1st Place)
- Sanija Simmons (2nd Place)
- Tri'Niya Glover (3rd Place)

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

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.

From the Literacy Coach ...



Did you know that our school librarian, Ms. Ruane, is conducting a year-long reading challenge? The goal is that our students read 500,000 books by May 2023. Each time your child reads a book, a book is read to your child, or your child reads a book with someone, children can take a quiz on *Accelerated Reader*. That book is then counted towards the reading challenge. Each book is labeled with its reading level and a colored sticker that supports that reading level. Please encourage and support reading at home and having your child take an *Accelerated Reader* quiz Monday through Friday 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. Books documented on your child's reading logs are counted towards the reading challenge. Most of the books from our school library can be found on *Accelerated Reader*.



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2022 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—AVERAGE

JANUARY 2023



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 who took the time out of their busy schedules to be "elves" who ran the Polar Pals Store December 12th-16th. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience! I also want to thank everyone who contributed for our school-wide MUSC Toy Drive. The volume of toys donated surpassed our expectations!

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



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Will sponsor a Blood Drive at
William Memorial Elementary School
January 19, 2022, from
11:00 A.M.-04:00 P.M.

All donors will receive a \$10 eGift card and a \$10 charitable donation will be made for every blood donor. The grade level with the most donors will receive a Popsicle party.
**Use the QR Code at the top to schedule your appointment*

If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Peters or Nurse Owens either by calling the school or through e-mail.

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