



# The Paw Print



**WMES is "PAWS"-itively the Best!**  
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**2023 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—AVERAGE**

**NOVEMBER 2023**



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 events!

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 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Delivery will be November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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



**Jahki Fuller has been selected as a member of the 2024 South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir that will perform Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Convention Center in Columbia, S.C. We are so proud of you, Jahki!**



Please go to our school's website at and select the **NURSE'S CORNER** tab at the top to access update information from Nurse Peters.

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## Dates to Remember in November

- November 1**—Dental Screenings
- November 2-9**—Thanksgiving Basket School-wide Project
- November 5**—Set Your Clocks Back
- November 9**—Fall Carnival (5-7 P.M.)
- November 10**—Veterans' Day Parade & Readers @ 8:15 A.M.
- November 13**—World Kindness Day
- November 14**—National Diabetes Awareness Day (Wear Blue)
- November 14**—Thanksgiving Baskets Delivery
- November 13-17**—Career Development Week
- November 16**—Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
- November 16**—SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M. in Media Center
- November 20-24**—Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- November 27**—2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interim Reports
- November 28**—Make-Up Picture Day
- November 29**—2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interim Reports
- November 30**—Character Kid Celebration @ 8:00 A.M. (Generosity)
- November 30**—Family Movie Night (5:00-6:30 P.M.)

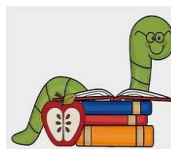


## Career Week

**November 13-17, 2023**



- Monday "Don't Hide from Success!"**  
(Wear Your Camo)
- Tuesday "College Day"**  
(Wear College or Team Colors/Clothing)
- Wednesday "Dress for Success Day"**  
(Wear Uniforms or Professional Clothing representing various careers)
- Thursday "Running Into Your Future!"**  
(Wear Joggers or a Sweat Suit)
- Friday "Striving for Success-School Spirit Day"**  
(Wear WMES School Colors)



### From Our Literacy Coach...

Did you know that putting up your holiday decorations can lift your mood? Psychologist Deborah Serani confirmed to TODAY that it's true! "It does create that neurological shift that can produce happiness." So why not add a few holiday books to your decoration collection?! You can get our students excited about the holidays and reading all in one! Many libraries, including our WMES school library and the Dorchester County Library, have holiday themed books on display that are free to borrow and enjoy! So cuddle up during this cold season with a seasonal book and cup of hot cocoa! Some favorite titles for children include:



### PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Use your turn signals
- Watch your speed
- Pay attention to the officer directing traffic
- Do not be distracted/Do not use your cell phone while in the Car Rider Line
- Students should exit/enter the car from the right hand side of your car, once you have stopped
- Buckle your little ones in their seats
- If you have any questions, please contact Officer Lamarte Williams, SRO



### 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.



Please remember that school officially starts at 7:45 A.M. If a student arrives after this time, they are considered tardy and

must be signed in by a parent or guardian. The school day ends at 2:40 P.M.; however, there should be no sign-outs after 2:00 P.M. A student must be at school all day to count towards perfect attendance. We are working on a school goal of 98% attendance for a school-day. When we make it, there will be a school-wide incentive!