



Dates to Remember in October

October 3—Stomp Out Bullying Day (Wear Blue)
 October 10-14—Fire Safety Week
 October 11—School Picture Day
 October 11-13—CoGAT Testing (2nd Grade)
 October 17-20—Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 17-21—Bus Safety Week
 October 17 & 18—ITBS Testing (2nd Grade)
 October 18—End of 1st Quarter
 October 18—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. (TBA)
 October 19—Early Release @ 12:35 P.M.
 October 20—Great Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)
 October 20—SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M. in Media Center
 October 24-28—Scholastic Book Fair
 October 24—1st Quarter Report Cards Home
 October 24—Virtual 1st Quarter Academic Celebrations
 October 24-28—Red Ribbon Week (See Below for Days)
 October 26—Literacy Night 5-7 P.M.
 October 28—Virtual Character Kids Celebration (Integrity) @ 8:00 A.M.
 October 31—Trunk or Treat



October 24—Wear PJ Pants (Dreams can take you places, drugs can't)
October 25—Wear Neon Colors (Always be the spark & never in the dark)
October 26—Wear Red (Put drugs on red alert)
October 27—Wear mismatched clothes (Drugs are a fashion disaster)
October 28—Wear Our School Colors (YOU are "Paws-i-tively" the BEST)

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.



The Book Fair, which will take place in the gym **Monday October 24th-Friday October 28th.**

- Williams Memorial's Book Fair website is <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/williamsmemorial>.
- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called **eWallet**. It's a convenient digital account that allows you to use your credit card for your child to shop at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too! **Students do not receive change from e-wallet**. The leftover money will be kept until the next Book Fair.
- Please remember when you send money on the day your child goes to the Book Fair, 7% tax is collected.
- Check your child's Homework Folder the week of October 24th-October 28th to find your child's Wish List, the Book Fair flyer, and more about the eWallet.
- You can shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. The Online Book Fair is open from Monday, October 24th-Sunday, November 6th. The website is <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/williamsmemorial>
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Ruane at rruane@dd4.k12.sc.us.

The Book Fair will be open during our Literacy Night that will be held **Wednesday, October 26th.**



Make Kindness Count...Stomp Out Bullying!!!

Williams Memorial Elementary recognized Blue Shirt Monday, October 3, 2022. We stood up for kindness and against bullying by wearing our favorite blue shirt. We turned WMES blue on October 3rd!

We Supported Kindness by wearing a blue shirt!



The Paw Print



WMES is "PAWS"-itively the Best!

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2021 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—NO RATING

OCTOBER 2022



Dear WMES Family-

It is hard to believe the first quarter is coming to a close, and Fall is here! Fall means time will be changing soon, and that means shorter daylight hours. We want to make sure our students are safe boarding the bus in the morning, so please make sure there is adult supervision at the bus stop. The weather will be getting cooler this month, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

October is a very busy month! The Gifted and Talented Referral Window will open this month, so please check our website for the dates. Forms will be available in the front office and on our school's website. The deadline for submission to the District Office is October 25th. Our second graders will be taking the CoGAT October 11th-13th and ITBS October 17th & 18th, and information is in the lower right corner of this page. We will also celebration Red Ribbon Week October 24th-28th (information is on the back). Please make sure you check out the Calendar of Events on the back page and our marquee in the front of the school for events happening in October.

Our Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center has a few spots left. The TTAHC is for Kindergarten-5th grade students and is open daily until 5:00 P.M. A snack is provided for students. The TTAHC is open Monday-Friday, expect for Early Release Days. Applications can be picked up in the front office.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our students!

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.



From Our Literacy Coach

Did you know that WMES students need to answer questions using evidence? The **RUBS** strategy is a great tool to use with all subject areas! Now it's your turn to practice this strategy too!

Read the entire problem twice.

Underline the question.

Bracket the important information.

Solve and support in a complete sentence.

*We will practice the RUBS Strategy at Literacy Night.

Literacy Night will be held Wednesday, October 26th, At literacy night, you can listen to community readers, play literacy games, and buy books from the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope to see you there!



All second graders in South Carolina will take the CogAT and ITBS Test October 11-13 (CogAT) and October 17-18 (ITBS). It is very important for our students to be at school on these dates. Here are some tips to help you do your best on this tests:

**Come to school on time each day of testing.

**Make sure your brain is alert by getting a good night's sleep each night before and by eating a healthy breakfast each morning of testing.

(Breakfast is served at school between 7:00 and 7:40 A.M.)

**Above all else, believe in your abilities. You can do your best on all tests, because...

YOU are "PAWS-ITIVELY" the BEST!