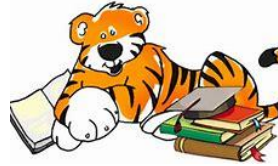




Dates to Remember in April

April 1-May 31—Pre-Kindergarten Registration
April 3—World Autism Day
April 3-7— Assistant Principal's Week
April 3—3rd Quarter Report Cards
April 4—Virtual Academic Awards Programs
April 4—National School Librarian's Day
April 5—Teacher Assistant Appreciation Day
April 5—NEHS Fresh Express Food Bank (10 A.M.-12 P.M.) in Bus Loop
April 7—School Musical (Public Performance @ the Lourie Theater-6:00 P.M.)
April 10-14—Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
April 19—Class Picture Day
April 20— SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M. in the Media Center
April 24-29—National Library Week
April 25—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. (TBA)
April 26—Secretary's Day
April 28—Family Movie Night @ 7:00-8:30 P.M. (Information will be sent home after Spring Break)
April 29—Virtual Character Kids Celebration @ 9:15 A.M.
Upcoming State Testing Dates (Grades 3-5)
May 3 & 4—ELA
May 8—Math
May 9—Science (4th Grade ONLY)



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://fcrr.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 Emailing me at npandora@dd4.k12.sc.us or calling at (843)563-3231 extension 1611.



A Message from the Media Specialist...

As we wrap up the 2022-2023 school year, the Media Center will close Friday, May 12, 2023. All books must be returned by Wednesday May 17, 2023. Students who have lost or damaged books will need to pay for these books, or the lost or damaged book fees will follow them to the next grade level.

Please remember in order to participate in any extra-curricular activities or field trips during the 2023- 2024 school year, student's accounts must be cleared.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Miss Ruane at [rruane@dd4.k12.sc.us](mailto:raruane@dd4.k12.sc.us).

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.



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APRIL 2023



Dear WMES Family-

It is hard to believe that the 3rd Quarter has ended, and June 3rd will be here before we know it.

We are transitioning into the testing part of the year. Our Kindergarten through 5th graders are currently taking their Spring District Assessments. Our 3rd-5th graders will take the SC Ready ELA and mathematics assessments, and 4th graders will take the SC Ready science assessment starting the first week of May. The Guidance Department will send the State Assessments Schedule home later this month.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2023, has started and will continue through Wednesday, May 31st. Packets can be picked up in the front office. All required documentation must be submitted with the packet in order to complete the registration process. We have also started Registration for the 2023-24 School Year for all students who will be in Kindergarten-5th grade.

We will host our first Family Movie Night later this month, and more information will be sent home after Spring Break. A Comprehensive Needs Survey link was also sent home for feedback from our Stakeholders. The feedback that is provided will be used in our Title 1 and School Renewal Plans. Also, if you are interested in receiving an At-Home Child Id Kit, please complete the information survey link that was sent. At this time, we will only send home kits for our Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

We hope you have a safe Spring Break and a Happy Easter!

Ruth

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.



Little Miss and Little Mr. WMES Pageants

The fourth annual Williams Memorial Elementary Pageants were held Friday, March 31 2023, in the gymnasium. The winners are as follows:

Wee Miss WMES—Jocelyn Dandridge

1st Runner Up—Kaelyn Myers

2nd Runner Up—Kinleigh Myers

Little Miss WMES—Chloe Primus

1st Runner Up—Damiya Riley

2nd Runner Up—Zymira Perry

Junior Miss WMES—Kathryn Dandridge

1st Runner Up—Dakota Brown

2nd Runner Up—Madison Britt

Master WMES—Jax Bradham

1st Runner Up—Cayson Bradham

2nd Runner Up—Kayden Muckelvaney



Brayden Matthews won 1st Place and Savannah Racioppa won 2nd Place in the **Dorchester Soil and Water Conservation District** Poster Contest. Brayden won a \$50 Amazon Gift Card for Ms. Hollinshead's classroom!! Brayden's winning poster will be sent to the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest in the Fall, and he (and Ms. Hollinshead) will participate in the Dorchester SWCD Annual Affiliate Banquet on May 4th, 2023. Way to go, Brayden and Savannah!

Congratulations to Mr. Gantt and our students for raising \$984.81 for our school's Kids Heart Challenge (KHC)/American Heart Challenge Program!