



Dates to Remember in March

- March 1-2**—Children's Museum of the LowCountry
 - March 2**—Parents Workshop @ 6:00 P.M. (3rd-5th Grades)
 - March 6**—Title 1 Surveys Due
 - March 7**—Statewide Tornado Drill @ 10:00 A.M.
NEHS Induction Program @ 6:00 P.M.
 - March 8**—Early Release (Dismissal @ 12:35 P.M.)
 - March 9**—5th Grade Field Trip (Patriot's Point)
 - March 16**—SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
 - March 20-24**—3rd Quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - March 21**—Board Meeting (HES/H-RMS) @ 6:00 P.M.
 - March 23**—Glow Dance (3rd-5th Grades)
 - March 24**—Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
 - March 24**—WMES Pageants
 - March 27**—End of 3rd Quarter
 - March 31**—Virtual Character Kids Celebration
WMES Pageants
- March's Grandparents' Lunches Schedule**
- March 2-3**—Pre Kindergarten
 - March 3**—1st Grade
 - March 10**—3rd Grade
 - March 16-17**—Lucas & Fludd
 - March 23**—4th Grade
 - March 31**—5th Grade



Just a Reminder...

Please monitor your child's health. If you see any of the following signs of strep, we advise you to reach out to your pediatrician.

- Sore throat
- Fever
- Stomach ache/vomiting
- Rash
- Irritability
- Stiff neck

If your child has been diagnosed with strep, please notify the school. Your child may not return to school until he/she has been on antibiotics for 24 hours and are fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

Dorchester School District Four nurses and staff are here to support the students in the District and will reach out to parents as needed. Please assist us in our efforts to communicate with you by making sure to keep your contact information (phone number, email, and address) updated.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Nurse Peters at (843) 563-3231.



From the Literacy Coach...

Inferential Thinking - Strategies That Work by Harvey & Goudvis

Making inferences is a challenging reading skill for students. But why? The questions for inference require the reader to come up with answers that are not explicitly found in the text. Students need to combine their thinking with clues from the text. The best way to do this is to try to seek for and underline text evidence that supports the student's answer. Some questions and questions stems you can ask your student to enhance their inferential thinking skills are below:

- Why...
- What can you conclude about?
- What lesson does this teach?
- What lesson did the characters earn?
- From the story/article you can probably guess...
- Which of these is most likely true about...



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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 Paw Print

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2022 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—AVERAGE

MARCH 2023



Spring is right around the corner! It is hard to believe, but we are fast approaching the end of the 3rd Quarter. Our students have been working diligently and are showing growth in all content areas. We want to congratulate our 4th and 5th graders who are being inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society next week.

The Girls in Pearls and Guys in Ties Dance was a HUGE success with our Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade students and their parent(s). We will host a Glow Dance for our 3rd-5th graders this month, so please be on the lookout for information on how to purchase tickets. Our Yearbook Committee will also host the WMES Pageants this month.

Title 1 Surveys went home Monday, February 27th, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it by Monday, March 6th. Your input is greatly needed for planning our 2023-2024 Title 1 plan. We cordially invite you to our SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting on Thursday, March 16th, at 4:30 P.M. We want to hear your ideas!

March is another very busy month, so please make sure you check out the calendar of events that is included in this newsletter. Events are also posted on the front marquee, and our teachers will send home fliers and other pertinent information through REMIND.

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

Ruth Mims



Metal Detectors

Dorchester District 4 is intentional when it comes to providing safety for our students, staff, and stakeholders. On October 18, 2022, the Dorchester District Four School Board of Trustees unanimously passed the Board Policy JIH (Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests). Additionally, the Board Policy JIH has been posted on the District's website for your review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District Office at (843) 563-4535.

National Elementary Honor Society Induction



Our National Elementary Honor Society Induction for fourth and fifth graders will be held in the gymnasium Tuesday, March 7th, at 6:00 P.M.

2023 Inductees

Tanner Auton	Maxwell Jackson
Madelyn Braden	Jase Loftis
Kathryn Dandridge	Sadie Shuler
Waylan Hilton	Kirstan Thompson
Acacia Williams	

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.

