



Dates to Remember in November

November 3-11—Thanksgiving Basket Food Item Drive

November 7—Set Your Clocks Back

November 10—Early Release (12:35 P.M.)

November 15-19—National Career Development Week

November 16-17—Thanksgiving Basket Pick-Up

November 17—Career Dress Up Day

November 17—Math and Science Night (6-7 P.M.)

November 18—Make-Up Picture Day

November 18—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting (4:30 P.M.)

November 19—2nd Quarter Interim Reports

November 22-26—Thanksgiving Break

November 30—Character Kid Celebration (Integrity)

FREE Thermometer!--FLUency

FLUency has been helping schools stop the spread of illness for over 7 years! Families and school staff get free smart thermometers and health tools to stay healthy. You'll know what illness symptoms are going around school to help keep you and your kiddos informed and prepared.

- Download the Kinsa app: Text JOIN to 24020 OR search for Kinsa in your app store.*
 - Create an account and join our school.
 - Fill in the order form for a FREE thermometer! *Thermometers will be shipped to our school.*
- *Messages and data rates may apply. You can always text STOP to end messages.

By signing up, our school also has a chance to win free Lysol® Wipes for our classrooms!

See flier for more information!

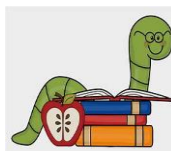


Just a reminder that if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. Students should stay home if they are running a fever and should remain home until fever free for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication. Also, fever reducing medication should not be administered prior to a student coming to school, since this could prevent the detection of a fever during the school day.

Please contact Nurse Stickles if your child has been a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 or if your child has tested positive.

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.



While reading with your child, do you notice challenges with keeping them actively engaged in the reading process? In order to promote reading comprehension and interaction, try this strategy!

Use a coding system in the margins to mark the text as you read. If it is a school or library book, use sticky notes to prevent damage. During or after your reading, discuss the coding you used and share why each coding was used. This promotes active thinking and discussion about text. Below are just some examples of codes you can use while reading:

- R** Reminds me of
- T-T** Text to text connection
- L** New learning
- ?** Question
- *** Key Idea



A light bulb for a new idea

- !** Surprising Information
- I** Inference

This strategy and many others like it can be found in ***Strategies That Work*** by Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis.



The Paw Print



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NOVEMBER 2021



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 either 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 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. If your child is riding a bus, please make sure they have a mask. It is a State mandate that masks are to be worn on the bus.

This month, our students, faculty, and staff will be collecting food for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Monetary donations will also be taken for the purchase of turkeys. In December, we will be collecting toys for our 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.

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 nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets to be shared with deserving families within our school community. Grade-levels have been assigned certain food items as follows:

K-4/K-5: Boxed or Canned Desserts

1st grade/2nd grade: Boxed Grains (Pasta, Stuffing, Rice, Corn Bread, etc.)

3rd grade: Canned Fruits

4th grade: Canned Soups

5th grade: Canned Vegetables

Collection will begin on November 3rd and will end on November 11th.

The grade-level collecting the most nonperishable food items will receive a Thanksgiving treat!!!



Dear WMES Parents:

PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Use your turn signals
- Watch your speed
- Pay attention to the officer directing traffic
- Do not be distracted
- Buckle your little ones in their seats

Warmest Regards & Best Wishes,

Deputy Robert Cass, SRO

