

From Mrs. Smith's Desk

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of our school year is in 7.5 days! As the year comes to a close we reflect on the amazing experiences that have occurred throughout the year. From the classroom book tastings and March Madness to the Northeast Livestock Expo - our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the gigantic amount of learning which has taken place this year. Encourage your child to share their most memorable moments this year. Throughout all of these activities our students demonstrated great levels on engagement and perseverance. We are so proud.

To our 5th graders - you will be greatly missed. Congratulations on all of your achievements during your time as a students at Williams Elementary School. The WES staff wish you all the best as you move across the field to start a new chapter of your educational journey at Messalonskee Middle School. If this is your last child to leave WES, we would like to thank you for your support throughout the years and for the guidance you have provided your child(ren).

I hope you all have a fabulous and fun summer with your families! Fingers crossed it will start feeling like summer soon.

Sizzling Summer Passport



I am excited to announce a new summer challenge, the RSU 18 Sizzling Summer Passport! Our district wellness team has been hard at work to create a summer challenge for staff and students (K-12) with the goal of encouraging everyone to stay active throughout the summer months. During the summer, our RSU18 Facebook page will share out cool and fun activities for your family to try. If your child chooses to participate they can mail the completed passport to school or turn it in during the first week of school in the fall. We will have a special assembly at the start of the 2019-2020 school year to

recognize Summer Passport participants.

Students will be recognized for the following:

Bronze Medal: completed 18 activities

Silver Medal: completed 25 activities

Gold Medal: completed 40 activities

The Summer Passports will be sent home on Monday, June 17.



Scholastic Book Fair Success

Thank you for supporting our Summer Reading Kick Off Book Fair and helping us to achieve our goal with our Scholastic Book Fair!! We made \$2767 in sales! We have earned almost \$2,000 in Scholastic Dollars, as a result of our book fair sales, to purchase books for our school! We are so excited to purchase new material for our students to read! I would like to thank Shelly Moody and Jim Belanger (community volunteer) for all of the time and energy they dedicated to both book fairs this year, our classroom teachers that volunteered time to work the book fair and families that purchased books for classrooms. This success was truly a team effort.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 11: Budget Validation Ref.
Grade 3 LC Bates Trip

June 12: Spirit Week Starts
Field Day

June 13:

- Step Up Day -Grade 5
- Grade 3 Trip to Oakland Library
- Eagle of the Week Luncheon
- PTA meeting 6-7PM- WES music room

June 14: Field Day Rain Date

June 18: Grade 5 Awards Celebration at 1PM
in the gym.

June 19: End of Year Slideshow at 9AM
Red Carpet Exit during dismissal

SPIRIT WEEK

June 12 - Class shirt/class color

June 13 - Wacky/Tacky Day

June 14 - Patriotic Day

June 17 - Twin Day

June 18 - Fancy Pants Day

June 19 - Beach Day

Student Apple IDs

It has come to our attention that parents are receiving emails about their child's Apple ID being used. Our Tech Team is updating new iPads with student accounts tied to each iPad and this is the reason you are receiving that message. Sorry for the confusion.

Bikes For Books

As mentioned in the May newsletter, the Oakland Masons are again sponsoring a Bikes for Books! Your child still has time to participate in this awesome opportunity. Two bikes will be awarded for each grade level. Please help use increase participation by encouraging your child to read each night. Representatives from the Oakland Masons will visit our school on June 14 to announce the winners!

Attendance Update

Mr. Parisi and I visited classrooms this week to recognize students with perfect attendance for the month of May. **60%** of our students received perfect attendance certificates for the month of May!!! We greatly appreciate all of your support with our attendance efforts this year. Let's finish the year strong by giving our best effort to attend the final **7.5 days** of the school year. We can do it! :)

Williams Gardens

Ms. Richards, her students and parent volunteer Shannon Wallace got our tower garden up and running after April vacation. We currently have spinach, lettuce, basil, cilantro and nasturtiums (edible flowers) growing like crazy. Our tower garden has a watering and lighting system that runs on a timer. Ms. Richards and her class made Basil-Spinach Pesto and conducted a taste testing for students. Students were able to enjoy our homemade pesto on pita chips and bread. I have included the recipe if you would like to recreate this healthy snack at home. This week, Ms. Richard's and Ms. Cotter's students helped to construct raised beds on the side of our building. We are excited to plant fruit and vegetables in these gardens to create new recipes for students to sample.



Simple Basil-Spinach Pesto



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Recipe By: markfernandez

"I wanted a very simple, basic basil or spinach pesto without all the 'extras,' so I created my own version. This is great as a spread or anywhere a pesto is called for. The basil and spinach are interchangeable for 2 kinds of pesto or they can be combined (half-and-half) for a great spinach-basil pesto!"

Ingredients

1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, packed
1/2 cup fresh spinach leaves
1/4 cup pine nuts

2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

- 1 Combine basil, spinach, and pine nuts in a food processor; blend until finely chopped, about 30 seconds. Add garlic and pulse 15 to 30 seconds. Add oil slowly while food processor is on. Stop to scrape sides with a rubber spatula as needed. Add Parmesan cheese and pulse until blended.

Congratulations to this Week's Eagles of the Week!

Grade 3 - Sierra Kingsbury

Sierra was nominated by Kylie Gauthier for showing all areas of being an EAGLE. Sierra always works her hardest on every assignment that she is given. She does everything that she needs to do. She follows the directions completely. She always helps others when they need it. She continues to work hard every day!

Grade 4 - Preston Bedard

Preston was nominated by Mrs. Levesque from his AWESOME attitude. No matter the day and no matter the situation Preston always remains positive. When faced with a challenge he wears a smile on his face and takes the challenge head-on. Preston's positivity is contagious! We can all learn something from Preston!

Grade 5 - Savanna Binnette

Savanna has been nominated by a handful of her classmates as well as her teacher, due to the amount of effort she consistently puts into her classwork, and into her friendships. Miss Cotter said that Savanna started the year strong, and has continued that trend all the way through. Way to be, Savanna! All your hard work has, and will continue to pay off!

Educationally yours,

Melanie Smith