

FROM MRS. SMITH'S DESK

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NEW STAFF

Ms. Courtney Letourneau is our new Alternative Education teacher and will be running our Kid's Zone. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Letourneau to Williams Elementary.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) coming to WES!

We hosted a pizza party for all parents/grandparents interested in joining the Williams Watch D.O.G.S. We were so impressed with the turnout. Over 20 adults attended the pizza party with their children. At the end of the night, 18 adults signed up for over 45 dates throughout the school year! What a great start to the WATCH DOGS program at WES! If any other parents or grandparents would like to join the Watch DOGS at WES or learn more about this great program please contact Chad Parisi at cparisi@rsur18.org or by calling the school 465-2965.



Williams Elementary School

Lead and Learn Like a Champion!

Dear Students and Families of Williams Elementary School!

We have had a phenomenal start to the 2019-2020 school year. Your children have enjoyed participating in team building activities to increase classroom community, participated in grade level assemblies to review and learn about our school wide code of cooperation: Fly Like an Eagle!

Students have also completed the fall NWEA and DRA assessments. I am very proud of our students' effort on these challenging assessments. Our teachers use this data to plan individualized and small group instruction to meet your child's needs. Next week, teachers will meet to plan our first rotation of W.I.N. (What I Need). We have a specified W.I.N. block in our daily schedule on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for each grade level. Our W.I.N. block will incorporate the following: math skill support related to our Everyday Math beginning year assessments, skill practice on IXL, PE interventions with Mr. Engleright, book clubs with Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Smith our librarians, technology projects with Mr. Veilleux, social skills group with Mr. Parisi, and enrichment opportunities. We are excited to start W.I.N. on October 15. Check in with your child to see what they are working on during this time.

Educationally Yours,

Melanie Smith, Principal

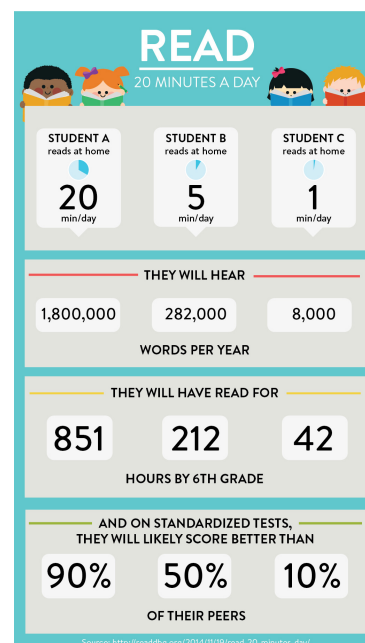
The Importance of Nightly Reading at Home

"Reading aloud every day is the single most important thing you can do to prepare your child to learn." - author unknown

5 Reasons You Should Read to Your Child Each Day

from: <https://welcometothefamilytable.com>

1. Develops a strong bond between parent and child.
2. Helps cultivate active listening skills.
3. Helps develop strong literacy skills.
4. Sets our children up for future academic success.
5. Children will likely become avid readers.



IMPORTANT DATES

SPIRIT WEEK

9/30: Class Color Day
(3rd = red / 4th = white / 5th = blue)

10/1: Twin Day & Crazy Hair Day

10/2: Hawaiian Day

10/3: Fancy Pants Day

10/4: Eagle Pride Day

October 2 - Flu Clinic

October 3 - School Picture Day

SAY CHEESE!



October 7 - Our 1st Community Morning Meeting

October 10 - WES/ATW Walk Against Cancer 12:45PM

October 11 - No School (teacher comp day)

October 14 - Columbus Day Observed

October 23 - Author Tamra Wight Visits WES

October 25 - PTA Fun Night 6-8PM

October 31 - Halloween Parade in the Morning. Wear a costume if you would like.

Monthly Morning Meetings

This year, WES will be holding monthly Monday assemblies. The goal of these assemblies is to increase school community, celebrate student attendance, and discuss topics that apply to students at Williams. Our first meeting will take place Monday, October 7. October is Bullying Prevention Month and all students are asked to wear blue in support of this. Our school will have weekly challenges for students to complete in support of bullying prevention.

Our bullying prevention challenges come from Stomp Out Bullying (stompoutbullying.org) and include:

Week of October 7th: Make friends with someone at school you do not know.

Be kind to others. - During the month of October we will have a kindness graffiti wall where people have the opportunity to share acts of kindness that have happened to them throughout the month.

Week of October 14th: Stand up for others.

Week of October 21: No one eats alone.

Week of October 28: Spread Kindness Like Confetti. Kindness Bingo Challenge

Principal's 100 Club Reward - Pumpkin Play Dough

Mr. Parisi and I enjoyed celebrating with our first Principal's 100 Club Mystery Motivator winners last Friday by making pumpkin play dough, participating in fall word game activities and enjoying a special treat. Our Mystery Motivator Winners included: Destini Miller, Zoe Brann, Ben Wilkinson, Caleb Lewis, Connor DeFelice and Hunter Palmer. I have included the Pumpkin Playdough recipe if you would like to make it with your family.

What's Needed

1 ½ Cups Flour
¾ Cup Salt
1 ½ teaspoon Cream of Tarter
1 Tablespoon Pumpkin Pie Spice
1 ½ Cups Water
1 Tablespoon. oil
Orange Food Coloring 10 drops

Directions

1. Place all the ingredients into a medium size saucepan and mix well.
2. Cook over medium heat and constantly stir for 4-5 minutes. It will begin to form into a thick ball as you stir. Keep flipping the ball over, flatten it, then continue to cook until the dough isn't sticky.
3. Remove from heat and knead it for a few minutes. You may need to add a little flour to get the right consistency, but if you cook it long enough, you shouldn't have too.
4. Let cool, then start playing! Store in an airtight container to keep for a few weeks.

