

From Mrs. Smith's Desk

Dear Families,

It is so nice to have longer and warmer days during the month of April. On April 14 & 15 our students will be participating in remote days. Each day will start at 8:00AM and end at 2:30PM. During the remote days students will be following their daily schedule which will include attending specials, resource room, and Title 1 services. Your child's teacher will be sharing their daily schedules with you for these two days. It is expected that students login into live instructional sessions with their teacher for reading, math, writing and content as staff will be taking daily attendance. Students will have independent work times to complete tasks assigned by their teacher. Students will also have snack, lunch and recess breaks each day. If you have any questions about the remote days please reach out to your child's teacher.

Breakfast & Lunch on Remote Days

Breakfast and lunches will be available for pick up on the April 14 & 15 remote days. Please fill out the form that was sent home with your child and return the form to our office by April 9 if you would like to pick up breakfast and/or lunch, so that our kitchen staff can prepare. Thank you.

An Important Message From Our Superintendent

Parents of Williams Elementary Students,

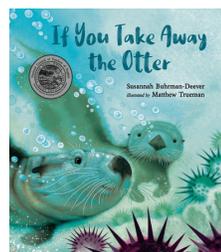
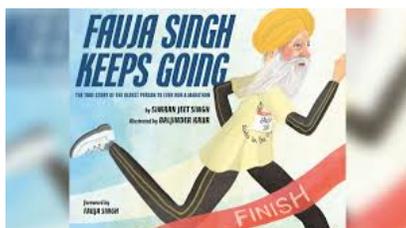
At the end of this week the Maine CDC may identify our Williams Elementary School as having an outbreak status. In the last two weeks we have had three individuals associated with the school test positive for COVID-19. Three cases (staff or students) is the threshold for declaring an outbreak in a school. In two of these three cases, the individuals involved never entered the school after becoming a close contact. The third unknowingly did enter the school, and this was sent out to parents and staff. All of the people involved are wrapping up their quarantines and there have been no more cases as a result. I commend the families and staff across the district. As has been the case all year, your open communication and commitment to our community has allowed us to keep our students and staff safe and our schools open.

Thank you to everyone.

Carl Gartley, Superintendent of Schools

March Madness Winner

On April 12, we will have a special assembly to announce the winner of our 2021 March Madness Nonfiction Book Tournament. Here are the two books battling to be crowned this year's winner:



I am rooting for *Fauja Singh Keeps Going*! Singh became the oldest person to run a marathon when he completed a marathon in 2011 at the age of 100. I love to run and know firsthand how tough it is to run a marathon. What an accomplishment for Singh!

Be sure to ask your child who they are voting for!

Health Screenings

The State of Maine requires school nurses to obtain health screenings for all 3rd and 5th graders. Our nurse, Candace Tardif, will start these health screenings in April, which will include vision, hearing, height and weight checks. If you want your child to be opted out of the health screenings please send in a letter or call our nurse.

Congratulations to Our New Eagles!

Grade 3: Amaya Whitney

Amaya has been nominated for eagle of the week for her positive attitude, hard work, and effort in school. Mrs. Brockway has been impressed with how Amaya stays focused on her school work and takes pride in her assignments each day. It has been a pleasure teaching her and watching the academic growth that she has made this year. Not only is she a wonderful student, she is also kind, caring, and respectful toward others. Amaya continues to be a true role model. Amazing work!

Grade 4: Lillian Rains

Lillian has been nominated by Caraline Lee and Mrs. Forney. Caroline notices that Lily is always paying attention and on task. Mrs. Forney loves that Lily always produces quality work with neatness and accuracy. She always pushes herself to add more details, show multiple strategies in math, and help out a friend who is struggling. Lillian is an engaged, focused and hardworking eagle. She is a true asset to #TeamForney.



Grade 5: Caleb Morris

Caleb has been nominated by Miss Cotter for this week's Eagle. Miss Cotter notices how much effort Caleb puts into his work, along with how focused he is during writing, math, and reading. He is always willing to help his peers when he has completed an assignment, or even help other teachers if need be. Caleb's fun personality shines through in all that he does, and he's Eagle material through and through. Keep shining, Caleb!

Educationally yours,

Melanie Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5: Black Bear Book Virtual Assembly

April 12: March Madness Virtual Assembly

April 14 & 15: Remote days

April 16: Teacher Comp. Day

April 19-23: April Vacation

