



Dates to Remember in March

- 1 Title 1 Surveys e-mailed/Sent through REMIND
- 1-5 Read Across America Week
- 4 3rd Quarter Interim Reports
- 8 Title I Surveys Should be Completed
- 8-18 Performance Task Assessment (2nd-5th Graders)
- 10 State-wide Tornado Drill (9:00 A.M.)
- 10 National Elementary Honor Society Induction (6:00 P.M.)
- 18 SIC/Title 1 Meeting (4:30 P.M.)
- 31 Virtual Character Kids Celebration (8:00 A.M.)

Happy
St. Patrick's Day



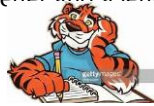
Please be advised...to help us keep illness from continuing to spread by following these simple guidelines.

- Please keep child(ren) home that have a fever of 100 or greater.
- Students should remain home until they are fever free, without fever reducing medications, for 24 hours.
- Also students with vomiting and diarrhea should be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Also please make sure all contact information is correct and updated, so we will be able to contact you for any medical issues.

South Carolina Performance Tasks Assessment

Qualifying students in grades 2-5 will take the Performance Task Assessment (PTA) in March. If your child has qualified to take this assessment, you should have received a district letter and a letter from the school.



Testing dates are below:

March 8-9 - 2nd/3rd - Face to Face students
 March 10-11 - 4th/5th -Face to Face students
 March 15-16 -2nd/3rd Grade - Virtual and Hybrid students
 March 17-18 - 4th/5th Grade - Virtual and Hybrid students

Preparing Your Child:

- Help your child approach the testing in a relaxed, positive way.
- Explain that the purpose of taking the Performance Tasks is to learn and use skills on several tasks.
- Tell your child that he/she needs to listen to directions and focus on the task.
- There are multiple acceptable responses and all responses are considered.
- Emphasize that these tasks require no special preparation.



From Our Literacy Coach...

This month our focus is on the love of reading with our Head Start, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students. Read early and read often. The **early years** are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child!

The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child. No matter what the age, spending time with your child(ren) enjoying reading will give great benefits!

■ **Read together** every day. Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

■ Give everything a **name**. Build your child's **vocabulary** by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings on the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

■ Point out **print everywhere**. Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.

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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Dear WMES Family-

Spring is right around the corner! It is hard to believe, but we are fast approaching the interim for the 3rd Quarter. Our students have been working diligently and are showing growth in all content areas.

Title 1 Surveys have been e-mailed to student's accounts and sent through REMIND accounts. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by Monday, March 8th. Your input is needed for planning for next year for our Title 1 plan.

Please make sure you check your child's e-mail for the change in Learning Platform Questionnaire. Hybrid and Virtual students are being given the option of returning to the building as of Monday, March 8, 2021. All questionnaires need to be submitted by Wednesday, March 3, 2021. All students will resume to five (5) days of synchronous (live) learning on March 8th.

The Performance Tasks Assessment will be administered March 8-18, 2021. Letters were sent home to students who will be tested. If you have any questions, please contact your child's guidance counselor or Ms. Lemon.

Please make sure you mark your calendars for the events happening in March (see the back side).

Ruth Mims

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.

National Elementary Honor Society Inductees

Our National Elementary Honor Society Induction for fourth and fifth graders is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th, at 6:00 P.M. Each inductee will receive two (2) tickets for admission to the program. Masks will need to be worn and social distancing will be observed. Seating will be spaced out in the gym.

2021 Inductees

Sarah Cannady

Maurizio Paris-Celi

Erin Garvin

Laynie Harbeson

Clark Misik

Laken Murray

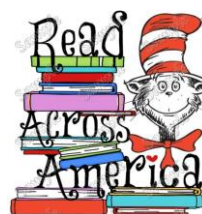
Jarret Riley

Jasmine Robinson

Christopher Seunandan

Katherine Westbury

Katelyn Young



WEEK ACTIVITIES for MARCH 1-4th

Monday: *One fish two fish red fish blue fish* (Wear red or blue!)

Tuesday: Dr. Seuss Day (Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss Character!)

Wednesday: *Wacky Wednesday* (Wear wacky, mismatched clothes)

Thursday: *Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book* (Pre-K thru 2nd grade wear your favorite pajamas; 3rd-5th grade wear your favorite pajama pants)