



## Dates to Remember in November

November 2 & 4—Picture Days  
 November 3—No School (Election Day)  
 November 4 & 5—ITBS Testing (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
 November 10—End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 November 11—Veterans' Day  
 November 17—Report Cards Home  
 November 19—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting (4:30 P.M.)  
 November 19—VIRTUAL Literacy Night  
 November 23—VIRTUAL Character Kids Celebration (Integrity)  
 November 24-27—Thanksgiving Break



### Literacy Night and School-wide Fundraiser

There will be a VIRTUAL Literacy Night on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Families are encouraged to join one of the two sessions—5:30-5:50 P.M. or 6:00-6:20 P.M. Please be on the lookout for the ZOOM Link from your child's teacher.

WMES will have a school-wide fundraiser during the month of November for the Low Country Food Bank. Monetary donations will be taken until Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be sent starting Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Low Country Food Bank has provided and continues to provide food for our community during the Pandemic, so we would like to give back to this organization. We are hoping that all of our students, faculty, and staff will participate in this fundraiser. The winning class will receive an Ice Cream Sundae Party.

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.



### IMPORTANT DHEC GUIDELINES FOR CLOSE CONTACTS

Anyone who lives in a home with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is considered a close contact. If you have been identified as a close contact, you should quarantine at home for a full 14 days...children should not attend school in person during those 14 days. They will ZOOM in with the other Hybrid Students. DHEC does recommend that if you are a close contact you get tested 7 days after your last contact with the infected person. Please inform Nurse Stickle if someone in the home has tested positive, and your child needs to quarantine at home. Please visit the following DHEC link for additional information: <https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-012601.pdf>



## From Our Literacy Coach

### Literacy at Home: What can we do?

As students are working on assignments from home, here are several tips to make school work from home be a little easier:

**Keep it varied.** It is a bad idea to expect your child to spend large amounts of time doing anything or any type of thing. If one school assignment requires reading, then follow that with something very different—math problems, discussion, or some activity involving movement. Remember to take breaks.

**Keep it reflective.** Kids often hurry through their work, just trying to get it done. But that reduces the chances of learning. When they think they are done, get them to take a moment to think about it – what they learned or what they are able to do now as a result. If they have just read a chapter and slammed the book shut thinking its sandwich time, talk to them and ask them to summarize what they have read or done before taking a break.

**Keep it literate.** Whether there is a school assignment or not, your kids should **read and write and talk** about what they read and about assignments they complete. This is so important. Talk to your child(ren) about their assignments.

**Don't forget to support our PTA!  
Memberships are \$5.00 each**



# The Paw Print



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**2019 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—42 (AVERAGE) NOVEMBER 2020**



Dear WMES Family-

This is a busy time of the year, and 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 a school community, we have been taken out of our comfort zones and have had to learn how to work with each other in this new "normal".

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 who are in class and those zooming in for lessons. Last but not least, our students have adapted to their "new" learning environment and are working very hard either in class or at home. 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. Masks should be worn on the bus and in the building. Please make sure that before your child(ren) leave home, they have their mask. Car riders should also have on a mask when they exit a vehicle.

Once again, I am truly blessed to have a great group of students, parents, guardians, and faculty and staff members to work with! Our doors are always open, and we look forward to seeing you.

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.



#### Referral Process

The Gifted and Talented Referral procedures ensure students who have demonstrated ability or potential for high performance in academic areas will have access to the Gifted and Talented Program. In accordance with R 43-220, Dorchester District Four's procedures allow for referrals from administrators, parents, teachers, and the students themselves. The Gifted and Talented Referral Window is now open. Forms are available at each school and on each school's website. Forms can either be mailed or taken to the District Office by the end of the day on November 13, 2020.



All second graders in South Carolina take the CoGAT and ITBS Tests, and our students will take ITBS November 4-5.

- Have your child at school on time each day of testing, so they can test in a familiar setting.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.
- Make your conversation about the testing positive.

**\*Please be on the lookout for procedures that will be followed with our Hybrid and Virtual Students.**