



Dates to Remember in

January 16—DD4 Spelling Bee @ 6:00 P.M. (WHS)
 January 17—Teacher Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
 January 20—No School (Martin L. King, Jr. Day)
 January 21—End of 2nd Quarter
 January 21—Board Meeting at WMES @ 6:00 P.M.
 January 23—SIC Meeting @ 4:00 P.M. in Media Center
 January 24—Report Cards Home
 January 27-31—Penny Wars (PTA Fundraiser)
 January 30—Character Kids Celebration @ 8:30 A.M.



- *Attendance directly impacts academic achievement.
- *State law requires students to attend 90% of all school days for promotion.

If your child is absent...

- *Send a note stating the date and reason for the absence within 3 days of his/her return.
- *Medical documentation must be provided if a child misses more than 4 consecutive days.

Tardies:

- *Students must be at school or in the classroom by 7:45 A.M., or they will be counted as tardy.



will be held in February—Please look for information that will be sent by your child's/children's teacher(s).



District Spelling Bee

Imani Daniels (1st Place), Caleb Bunch (2nd Place), and Jervaz'e Salley (3rd Place) will represent WMES at DD4's District Spelling Bee that will be held in Woodland High School's Media Center Thursday, January 16th, at 6:00 P.M.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION COMING HOME FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

- PTA Fundraiser—Penny Wars
- Character Kids Celebration

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.



From the Literacy Coach . . .

Do you need some **ideas** to help your child with reading? Understanding what we read is very important. After reading a story, ask your child some of these main idea and summary questions:

- What is the main idea?
- What are two supporting details?
- What would be a good title for this story?
- What happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- Write a summary of the story using the beginning, middle, and end.



Exact Path

We are excited to be piloting an adaptive learning program called Exact Path in Grades 2 – 5. Exact Path:

- Is a computer based program that can also be accessed at home
- Uses monthly data to create a unique learning path for each student
- Helps close learning gaps
- Provides enrichment for students above grade level

To access Exact Path at home, log in to www.clever.com using the student's school email address and password. Use the black Edmentum icon at the bottom. If you need more information about logging in to Clever, please contact your child's teacher or the instructional coach, Alisa Lemon.

The Paw Print

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Dear WMES Family-

Happy New Year! As we embark on the New Year, I just want to take this opportunity to revisit the vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School. The administrators, faculty, and staff are diligently working on...

- creating 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.

According to Section 59-155-160 of ACT 284, *Read to Succeed*, it is our school's goal that your child become a proficient reader and advance on schedule to fourth grade. Your child's progress has been regularly assessed and additional supports have been provided based on the results of those assessments. "A student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of the third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the State summative reading assessment [SC READY]."

Please remember we have an "Open Door Policy" and that all of our stakeholders and community members are always welcome.

Ruth Mims



Just a reminder...To help keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy, please keep your child(ren) home anytime

they have a fever or appear physically sick. A child should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Additionally, you should contact the nurse if your child has any physical or health limitations, so appropriate accommodations can be made for your child.



Early Dismissal Days

There is no Early Dismissal Day scheduled for January. The remaining Early Dismissal Schedule is as follows:

- February 12th
- March 11th

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, February 12th, from 1:00-5:30 P.M. Teachers will send information home with students closer to conference time.

Make-Up Days

Dorchester School District Four has decided to use February 14th and April 10th as Make-Up Days from when students missed school due to Hurricane Dorian. All DD4 schools and the District Office will operate on a regular school day schedule.

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.