



## Dates to Remember in February

- 3-7—School Guidance Counselors' Week
- 4—100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Activities
- 7—National Wear Red Day
- 10-14—Bus Drivers' Appreciation Week
- 10 & 11—Valentine's Store (PTA Fundraiser)
- 12—Early Release (12:35 P.M.)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-5:30 P.M.)
- 13—Sweetheart Dance (Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- (PTA Fundraiser 5:30-7:00 P.M.)
- 14—Make-Up Day for Hurricane Dorian
- Job Shadow Day (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- 17—No School (Presidents' Day)
- 20—SIC Meeting (4:00 P.M.)
- McTeacher Night (5-7:00 P.M.)
- 21—3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interim Reports
- 25—Character Kids Celebration (8:30 A.M.)
- National Elementary Honor Society Induction
- (6:00 P.M.)
- 28—Black History Month Program (8:30 & 10:00 A.M.)
- 29—WMES Pageant TBA



*Come out and support WMES Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7:00 P.M.*



WMES has a new website that will launch soon...<https://wmesdorchesterse.schoolinsites.com/>

### 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.*



Please update your contact information if it has changed since you enrolled your child in school. Many times we try to contact parents and find the phone numbers are not valid. This is extremely important, especially in the case of an emergency. You can notify the office or your child's teacher with updated phone numbers.

Please be sure to have your numbered car tag displayed so the color and number can be easily read. This will alleviate delays in the afternoon car line. If you have misplaced your car tag, you will need to come to the front office to pick up your child(ren).

Don't forget School starts promptly at 7:45 A.M. And dismisses at 2:30 P.M. Students must be signed in at the Front Office, if arriving after 7:45 A.M. There are no sign outs after 2:00 P.M.



## Five Ways to Motivate Your Child to Read

When children *like* to read, they do it more often—which boosts their reading skills and overall school success. To ignite your child's love of reading:

1. **Celebrate.** Instead of simply checking out books at the library, make an event of it. Select interesting books, then choose a special place to enjoy reading together.
2. **Explore.** Help your child find an appealing book series. He may not be able to resist picking up the next book.
3. **Investigate.** If he doesn't know what a word means, have your child take a guess. Look it up together and see if he is right.
4. **Play.** Turn something you just read together into a fun challenge: Ask your child to summarize the story using only three sentences. Or, ask him to use the characters from the story in a new story.
5. **Experiment.** Try new kinds of books with your child. If he's used to reading fiction, have him try a biography or how-to book, for example.

# The Paw Print

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## Dear WMES Family-

Happy February! We have hit the ground running since January. Please know that our teachers and staff are working diligently to instruct your child based on their strengths and needs, with input from their STAR assessment and classroom academic performance. Our teachers are continually looking for new ideas and consistently change tactics and strategies to make certain our students are engaged during classroom instruction. The STAR Progress Report helps keep you informed as to your child's academic growth in reading and math. If you have not yet received your child's STAR report, it will be coming home soon.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching and are scheduled to be held February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-5:30 P.M. Your child(ren)'s teacher will send home notes for scheduling your conference. Please make plans to attend the conference, since it will give you the opportunity to talk about your child's progress.

February is a very busy month, so please make sure you check our website or the Upcoming Events Box on the back of this newsletter to see what is happening. We look forward to seeing you at our school sponsored events during February!

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.



## From the Transportation Office...

Just a reminder to students and parents that teddy bears, flowers, balloons, candy, etc. are not allowed on the school bus, especially on Valentine's Day. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Cobbs, Director of Transportation.

*WME Bus Drivers are "PAWS"-tively the best!*



## From the Literacy Coach . . .

Want to help your child choose an appropriate book but don't know their reading level? Use the Five Finger Rule.

When the book is chosen, ask them to turn to a random page and read it. For every word that they don't know, hold up a finger.

Use the finger chart to guide you:

0 or 1 words—Probably too easy

2 words—Good choice; reasonable challenge

3 words—Can be a big challenge

4 words—May be too difficult to read on their own