



## Dates to Remember in September

- 16**—Open House (5:30-6:30 P.M.)/PTA & Title 1 Meetings (6:30 P.M.)  
**18**—Early Release (12:35 P.M.—No Tiger Town Homework Center)

**19**—Picture Day

Interim Reports Home (Tentative)

SIC Meeting in Media Center (4:00 P.M.)

**23–October 7**—Charleston Wrap PTA Fundraiser

## NEW SMART SNACK POLICY

Due to new regulations on school wellness policies put in place by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Dorchester School District 4 will have to regulate treats brought into the school (birthday treats, celebratory treats, etc.) starting this school year. Treats must follow the new "Smart School Snack" guidelines.

Please know that teachers and staff will be following these same guidelines for treats in the school. Also, we want to reiterate that these new guidelines were put in place by the federal government and **NOT** by Dorchester School District 4.

You may visit

<https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/calculator/> and find snacks that are acceptable. The Cafeteria will also have snacks that are approved for sale.

## WMES SOCCER (Coming Soon)

WMES Soccer registration forms will be coming home. Please make sure you return the registration fee with the registration form.

### *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.*

## Tiger Town Homework Center

The primary program goals of the TTHC are to provide academic assistance and recreation for students after school. The 2019-2020 fee for the Homework Center is \$50 per child. Four (4) day weeks will be \$40.00. Adjustments may be needed in case of inclement weather. The TTHC operates in accordance with DD4 policies regarding early school closing in the event of emergency weather conditions.

A parent/guardian must come in to register student(s). Payment will be due at that time. No checks, only cash, will be accepted. Please do NOT send money or registration forms with students. Registration forms are available in the Front Office when you come in. Payment is due up front either on the Friday before or Monday of the current week for the entire week. Services will be suspended if no pre-payment is made for a week. There will be NO pay per day option.

All students will participate in Academic Time from 3:00-4:00 P.M. Two teachers will work with students on homework or tutoring during this time. Students who do not have homework or need tutoring will need a book to read during this time.

Pick-up is in the Cafeteria. Please drive to the back of the building and use the loop between the new wing and the cafeteria. Parents or guardians must sign out children daily.

The TTCH will NOT be open on Early Release Days, the week of Thanksgiving, or the week we get out for Christmas.

A light snack/meal will be provided.





# The Paw Print



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## OPEN HOUSE—PTA & Title 1

WMES will be holding Open House September 16, 2019, for parents to come and sit in their child's class(es) and experience what a school day feels like. Open House will begin at 5:30 P.M. and will end at 6:30 P.M. This is not a drop in event, so please be on time, so the teachers can get through all of their information.

Immediately after Open House, everyone is invited to join us in the cafeteria for our first PTA and Title 1 Meeting of the year.

## Morning Car Riders

Thank you for your patience with car riders the first two weeks. As most of you know, this process will get much smoother as we progress into the school year. To assist with the flow of traffic in the mornings, students can be dropped off in the loop between the new wing and the cafeteria between 7:00-7:10 A.M. Starting 7:15 A.M., students will be dropped off in the normal Car Rider area on the Kindergarten/5th grade side of the building. Please wait for a school employee to be at car riders before letting students out. To assist us in making sure the line moves quickly and safely, please remember to do the following:

- \*Have your children ready as they enter the car rider line.
- \*Have your children exit the car on the passenger side of the vehicle where there is an adult.
- \*Do not use your cellphones in the car rider line.

### 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.

## Honoring Our Grandparents

Grandparents are invited to come to lunch on the following days to celebrate Grandparents' Day. The cost of lunch is \$3.75. Look for the forms that will be coming home in your child's folder.

- 1st Grade--Friday, September 13
- Kindergarten--Monday, September 16
- 3rd Grade--Tuesday, September 17
- 4th Grade--Thursday, September 19
- 2nd Grade--Friday, September 20
- Pre-Kindergarten and 5th Grade--Monday, September 23

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The school day begins at 7:45 A.M. and ends at 2:35 P.M. Students are considered tardy after 7:45 A.M. and will have to be signed in through the Front Office.

Car riders will be dismissed at 2:35 P.M. from the gymnasium. All vehicles should have a maroon and white car tag displayed to pick up any student. If you do not have a car tag, you will have to go to the front office. An extra car tag can be purchased for \$5.00, if needed.

Please remember there will be no sign-outs after 2:00 P.M. for students to be dismissed early.

Students should not bring electronic devices to school. This includes SmartWatches.