



Dates to Remember in April

- April 2—Early Dismissal (12:15 P.M.)
- April 2—5th Grade School Report Card Survey
- April 5-9—Spring Break
- April 12—Pre-Kindergarten Registration Begins
- April 12-May 7—Parent School Report Card Survey
- April 13—End of 3rd Quarter
- April 15-16—e-Learning Days
- April 20—Report Cards Home
- April 22—SIC Meeting (4:30 P.M.)
VIRTUAL Family Fun Night (6:30 P.M.)
- April 26-30—Unified Spirit Week
- April 27-28—NWEA MAP Testing
- April 30—VIRTUAL Character Kids Celebration (8:00 A.M.)



ATTENTION TIGER FAMILY...

Order your 2020-2021 yearbook using the following link:

<http://bit.ly/WMESybk>

5th Graders ONLY: If you haven't submitted a baby picture yet, but still want yours in the yearbook, please send them to the email address below by April 2. Baby pictures will not be added to the Baby Picture Spread after Spring Break.

If you have any questions or concerns please email Mrs. Britt at wmesyearbook29477@gmail.com
Thank you for your continued support!

Our Vision Statement

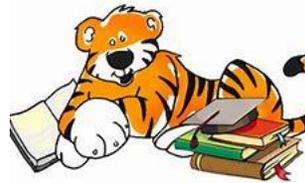
The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.



Please be reminded that if your child has come in close contact with COVID, you need to contact the school's nurse.

Also, please keep sick children home from school. They must be fever free for 24 hours and have no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please make sure all emergency contact information is up to date.



From Our Literacy Coach...

How do you improve reading comprehension? You help students make inferences.

Reading comprehension is a process where readers link ideas within and between sentences and connect ideas between paragraphs. Reading is also where readers use prior knowledge to fill in what the author has omitted. Both of these tasks are inferences. Knowledge and inferences are the forces that drive reading comprehension.

How do you promote inferential thinking? As you encourage your child/children to read at home, take time to ask them inferential questions that begin with "why" and "how." Here is a link to higher level, inferential question stems.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/sites/default/files/OAR-QuestionStems.pdf>

Happy reading!



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2019 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—42 (AVERAGE)

APRIL 2021



Dear WMES Family-

It is hard to believe that the 3rd Quarter will end this month, and June 17th will be here before we know it.

We are transitioning into the testing part of the year. The NWEA reading and math MAP test will be administered to Kindergarten-2nd Graders during the last week of April. 3rd-5th graders will take the SC Ready ELA and mathematics assessment, and 4th graders will take the SC PASS science assessment starting the second week of May. The Guidance Department will send the State Assessment Schedule home later this month. Teachers will also be holding 3rd Quarter Parent-Teacher Conference, so please be on the lookout for more information.

Attendance conferences are being held for students who have five or more absences. Either medical excuses OR up to 10 handwritten notes can be submitted for absences. Excuses should be submitted when a student returns to school after being absent.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021, will begin Monday, April 12th, and continue through Friday, May 27th. Packets can be picked up by the front door. Please call the front office before coming to turn in the completed registration packet. All required documentation must be submitted with the packet in order to complete the registration process.

April 15th & 16th will be e-Learning Days, since our staff will be receiving their second COVID 19 shot. All assignments will be made by your child's teacher electronically and must be submitted electronically.

Ruth Mims



- Students should have on a mask when they get on their bus or exit their vehicle each morning. Water bottles should also be brought to school and can be filled at the water refilling stations.
- If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If they get sick at school, someone will need to come and pick them up.
- School starts at 7:45 A.M. Your child is considered tardy after that time. Please make sure you walk them to the front door and sign them in.
- The school is following the District's Acceptable Usage Policy for electronic devices. If a student is misusing a school issued device, the device can be taken from them.
- The school is also following the District's Attendance Policy. Students with excessive absences are receiving a letter.
- Students are expected to follow all school rules when they are on the bus. If a student does not follow the bus driver's directions or sit in their assigned seat, it could result in a bus suspension.

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.

