



Dates to Remember in October

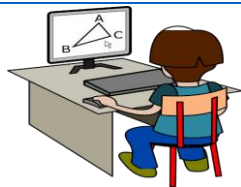
- 1—Virtual Title 1 Meeting & Tech Night (5:30-7:00 P.M.)
- 5—Stomp Out Bullying (Wear a Blue Shirt)
- 8—1st Quarter Interim Reports
- 19-23—Bus Safety Week
- 20—Board Meeting (6:00 P.M.)
- 20-22—CoGat Testing (2nd Graders)
- 22—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting (4:30 P.M.)
- 26-30—Red Ribbon Week
 - 26th— Wear Red Day
 - 27th— Wear a Hat OR Crazy Hair Style
 - 28th— Wear School Colors (Spirit Day)
 - 29th— Wear Your Halloween Costume

From Our Literacy Coach

Are your children ready for learning every day? Do you have a quiet environment set for online learning opportunities at home?

Here are some helpful tips to be ready to learn online from your home. Open the link below to a great article from NewsELA, "Tips for students who are new to virtual learning."

<https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/cms/lib/OH01915844/Centricity/Domain/6979/Tips%20for%20students%20who%20are%20new%20to%20virtual%20learning.pdf>



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.



Just a reminder that if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. Students should stay home for a fever of 100.4 or greater and should remain home until fever free for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication. Also, fever reducing medication should not be administered prior to a student coming to school, since this could prevent the detection of a fever during the school day.



Emergency Drills Practiced

Emergency drills are conducted periodically at WMES to insure that our students, faculty, and staff are prepared in case there is a real emergency. We have monthly fire drills and are practicing our tornado and earthquake drills. On October 15th at 10:15 A.M., WMES will participate in the Great America Shakeout (a Nation-wide Earth Drill). In March, we will participate in the State-wide Tornado Drill.

We will also be conducting intruder drills each month. The Lockout Drill (Soft Drill) is where all rooms are secured, and the teacher carries on with his/her instruction. The Lockdown Drill is when the teacher will move his/her students to a "safe" wall, cut off the lights, and wait for the "all-clear" from the administration.

Ask your students about the different types of drills we practice. They really do a great job either in the classroom, hallway, or evacuating the building!

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



The Paw Print



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Dear WMES Family-

First, I want to thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a school and a community, have had to respond to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March. I am so proud of the way our WMES faculty, staff, students, and parents/guardians have handled the demands we have been faced with to protect everyone as we continue to educate and feed our students during the most unusual of circumstances.

While we are in the business of educating our students, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students and employees. Be assured, we are working diligently to ensure that our building is clean and disinfected daily. I encourage you to frequently visit our webpage for up-to-date and accurate information. There are many false rumors being disseminated which leads to unnecessary confusion. Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different, and we fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents and caregivers needing to work, and all of the other unexpected consequences of not being in school in a traditional setting.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for all of our students and employees during these challenging times.

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.



STOMP OUT BULLYING & RED RIBBON WEEK

- October 5- **Wear a Blue Shirt** (Kindness...Pass it On!)
- October 26- **Wear Red** (Red-y to live a drug-free life)
- October 27- **Wear a Hat or Crazy Hairstyle** (Use your head and stay drug-free)
- October 28- **Wear WMES school colors to show your School Spirit** (Respect your mind, body and spirit; Keep them away from drugs)
- October 29- **Wear a Halloween Costume) Say "BOO" to drugs)**

**All Hybrid and Virtual Students are encouraged to participate!*



All second graders in South Carolina will take the CoGAT and ITBS Test October 20-22 (CoGAT) and November 4-5 (ITBS).

- 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.**