



Dates to Remember in December

- 1-10—Toys for Tots Drive
- 14—2nd Quarter Interim Reports
- 17—VIRTUAL SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- 18—Last Day before Winter Break for Teachers
- 21-January 3—No School (Winter Break)
- *January 4—School Resumes



From the WMES Administration, Faculty, and Staff



- November 30—Winter Sports Day (wear winter workout gear)
- December 1—Santa's Ho Ho Hoedown (dress in western wear)
- December 2—Jingle Bells (wear bells and jeans)
- December 3—Spirit of Christmas (wear red and green)
- December 7—Hang Your Stockings (wear Christmas socks or leggings)
- December 8—Dashing Through the Snow (wear fur and cold weather gear)
- December 9—Holiday Bling (wear holiday accessories)
- December 10—Tree Topper (wear a holiday hat, headband, or tree topper)
- December 14—Deck the Halls (wear a holiday sweater or shirt)
- December 15—Ugly Sweater Day (wear an ugly sweater with your jeans)
- December 16—Christmas Carolers (wear assigned class color with jeans)
- December 17—Santa's Workshop (dress like Santa, an elf, a toy, a reindeer, a present, etc.)

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.



- *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.

Disengagement...

- *Students are disengaged if they are not actively participating during class (ZOOM), not submitting assignments, or not logging and staying on during instruction.

From the Literacy Coach ...

Thanksgiving and winter break are quickly approaching. While students need a well-deserved break from the classroom, it doesn't mean they need to stop learning. Here are a few tips to keep children's minds sharp and challenged during their break, and it might just help prevent cabin fever if you can't get outside!

1. Search online for worksheets or projects that can be done over the holidays. For a few minutes each day, review with your child math concepts, spelling words, or sentence structure. You can also do a cool science experiment.
2. You can have your child read to you daily from the newspaper, a magazine, or excerpts from their favorite book, and let your child see you reading.
3. Give a book or educational gift that will keep on giving throughout the year.
4. Give your child an opportunity to appreciate the arts by attending free events like concerts or plays during the holidays, or stop by a local museum.



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Dear WMES Family-

As the holiday season approaches, no matter how busy you are, I hope you take a moment to reflect on the people who have enhanced your life. In the pressures of daily life, we may sometimes take for granted the people most important to us. The holiday season gives us an opportunity to remember and reflect on the ways certain individuals add value to our lives. I want to take this time to express my appreciation to everyone who is working so diligently to make WMES "PAWS"-itively the Best: our students, our faculty and staff, and our parents and guardians.

As I look back on 2020, our faculty and staff at WMES have been working tirelessly to deliver an educational program that will prepare our students with the critical 21st Century skills they will need to be globally competitive. Our priority as a school and a District during this Pandemic remains the same—to promote a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment for all students, to increase academic achievement, and to assist our students in excelling in all of their endeavors.

Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season. May you be happy and blessed. I sincerely hope that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.



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.

Don't forget!

Please have your child dressed for the weather on a daily basis. Please

take the time and label your child's clothing with either their initials or last name.

Please remember school hours are 7:45 A.M.-1:45 P.M. Students arriving after 7:45 A.M. are considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent or guardian. All bus changes must be approved by the Transportation Department.

We all have the increased burden and responsibility of keeping ourselves and those with whom we share our space safe.

- Masks are worn at all times unless we are eating or drinking.
- Social distancing is practiced at all time.
- Regular handwashing and using hand sanitizer is a must.
- CDC Guidelines are adhered to in the building.