



Dates to Remember in January

- *January 4—School Resumes (Hybrid until January 19th)
- January 18—No School (ML King Day)
- January 21—Virtual SIC Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- January 28—Character Kids Celebration (Generosity) @ 8:00 A.M.



From the Faculty, Staff, and Administration



- *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 3 consecutive days.

Disengagement... THEY WILL BE COUNTED ABSENT!

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



Looking for your child's Zoom link?

- Check Google Classroom
- Check your child's email
- Look for a Remind message from the teacher

Having trouble connecting?

- Power down the device, wait 5 minutes, and restart



Need additional help?

Complete the technology help form

<https://www.dorchester4.k12.sc.us/technology>

or

Call 843-563-5906

From the Literacy Coach ...



Making the Best of Learning at Home

Here are just a few reminders to help support successful learning at home:

1. **Make a specific space to learn.**
 - Create a specific, personal space for learning. Getting the space ready will help them get ready to learn.
2. **Set a routine. This is so important.**
 - Children need more structure, so make sure to let them know what to expect.
 - Have them follow a routine as if they're going to school (getting dressed, brushing teeth, etc.) instead of lying in bed or still in their pajamas, which could lead to less learning.
3. **Review expectations for at home learning.**
 - Go over what the school and teachers expect around on-line learning, such as keeping the camera on, looking at the camera, submitting work on time, etc.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, exciting year in 2021!

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.

The Paw Print

WMES is "PAWS"-itively The Best!

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Dear WMES Family-

Happy New Year! As we embark on the New Year, I just want to take this opportunity to revisit the vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School. The administrators, faculty, and staff are diligently working on...

- creating 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.

When students return face-to-face, please make sure your child has their mask and water bottle when they pack their belongings for school. Students should wear their masks while on the bus or have it on when they exit your car in the car rider line. All students must have on a face mask or shield when they enter the building. We all have the increased burden and responsibility of keeping ourselves and those with who we share our space safe. Therefore, we will continue to check our temperature, to practice social distancing, to wear our face masks or shields, and to wash our hands.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

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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



Please remember school hours are 7:45 A.M.-1:45 P.M. for face-to-face students. 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, not the Front Office.

The following school-wide ZOOM protocols are in place:

- *Students will be placed in the Waiting Room if they are not on Camera, disengaged, or disrupting instruction.
- *Students will be removed from class for the use of profanity or inappropriate comments or chats either by the student or an adult.
- *Lessons and conferences will be recorded and saved for documentation
- *All assignments should be submitted by 8:00 A.M. (the next day), if a student does not complete their work during Monday-Thursday instruction. Students have until 8:00 A.M. Monday to complete all Friday assignments.
- *Google Hangout has been deactivated because of inappropriate use by students.
- *Teachers will not respond to REMIND or text messages during instructional time. They will respond before 7:45 A.M. or after 2:00 P.M.

Please remember that our teachers are working very hard and need your support and understanding. This is a difficult time for all of us, so your patience is appreciated.