



Dolphin Press

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with their family and friends. As January approaches, it is definitely a time to reflect on the previous year and set new goals / resolutions for the upcoming year. As a school, Willards Elementary continues to focus upon its motto, "Riding a Wave to a Brighter Future"! We strive to develop a partnership with the home and community in order to prepare students to become lifelong learners and self-sufficient citizens in a safe, orderly environment. The staff at Willards Elementary values many of the beliefs that support our motto. The following belief is evident when you enter the classrooms: Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches and opportunities for success. The staff constantly works hard to meet the needs of all of the students. Just the other day as we walked through the classrooms, many teachers were using technology and a hands on approach to teach a concept to the class. In addition to the whole group instruction, the students also worked in small groups where more individualized instruction was offered. The strategies taught to each student, enabled each person to be successful with the concept. This is just another example of how differentiation is utilized to meet the needs of all students. It is because of the hard work and commitment of the staff, students, parents and community that Willards Elementary is an outstanding school. Let's continue to strive to be the best! In closing, we challenge you to set goals for the second half of the school year to assist your child with being successful in school. Perhaps, you could volunteer or visit your child's classroom regularly. We look forward to working together to benefit your child.

Stay Warm!

Mrs. Regina Rando and Mrs. Jennifer Rice

Attendance Counts! (December 2015)

Grade Level	Average Daily Attendance~	Our Goal is
	94% Required	95%
AM Pre-Kindergarten	89.82	
PM Pre-Kindergarten	91.35	
Kindergarten	92.66	
First Grade	93.47	
Second Grade	95.2 	
Third Grade	94.78 	
Overall Attendance	93.76	

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Special points of interest:

√ **Check your child's agenda book each day.**

√ **Drop off your child after 7:45am.**

√ **Arrive before 8:15am or your child will be counted tardy.**

√ **Send us a note about changes in transportation, illness, and/or contact information.**

√ **Students will not be dismissed from the office after 2:15 unless a note has been sent in stating they have an appointment.**

THE ARTS ARE HAPPENING AT WWS!

Congratulations to the 2nd grade for a VERY successful winter show!

The first grade is looking forward to their visit to OC Center For The Arts and a pottery experience. Permission slips and information will be sent home soon after returning from winter break.

The third grade will have an artist in residence January 12-15. They will be making kinetic (moving) sculptures with Futuremakers. Information about seeing their creation will also be sent in January.

Media Memos

Destiny

Did you know you could check from home to see what books are in the media center? You can just type or copy & paste this link into your browser to get to the Destiny home page. <http://64.26.102.182> Just click on our school name and you will be right at our school's Destiny website.

Accelerated Reader (A.R.)

Congratulations to the students who hit the first target which was to reach 25% of their goal by the end of Term 1! Their names are displayed on the TV scroll and on the windows of the Media Center. Those students also received a free Homework Pass. The next target is 50% by the end of Term 2 on January 29, followed by the third goal of 75% by March 24 and the ultimate goal of 100% by May 20th. Students can still reach 100% even if they miss some of the previous goals by the deadlines. The first three goals are just in place to help students pace themselves. (You can use this link <http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx> to see if books you have at home are A.R. books.)

*If you have any questions feel free to contact me at school. Keep up the good work and keep encouraging your kids to read, read, read! :)

Mrs. Vicki Ewalt

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

We want to wish everyone at Wonderful Willards a HAPPY and HEALTHY 2016; and extend a warm welcome to our first SU Intern of the new year, Alia Otwell. Ms. Otwell will be working, in Kindergarten, with Mrs. Mary Lynn Stavelly.



GOOD DOLPHIN CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Throughout the month of December, fairness was the name of the game. Our guidance lessons were centered on fairness towards others in many situations. Students were helping others and being a team player.

In the guidance lessons, we discussed fair ways to play such as sharing, trading and taking turns. I shared stories with them such as Me First by Helen Lester and The Biggest Snowman Ever by Steven Kroll. We discussed rules for always being fair. The students showed their fairness by creating the most creative snowman with a partner. During this activity, they had to share ideas and make sure each person had input regarding the development of the snowman. Lastly, the students showed fairness by voting on the most creative snowman of their class. The 2nd and 3rd grade students also created shoes for the statement, "If I had to walk a mile in your shoes". We discussed how others feel in different situations and the fair way to react to those students.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for showing fairness! In pre-kindergarten, they are Colton Taylor, Bella Garcia, Mackenzie Davis, Airiana Parker and Hannah Walton. In kindergarten, they are Bryce Brittingham, Alina Whitt, Aidan Bouchelle, Mason Stallings, Kinley McCoy, Logan Marine, Madison Pazdan and Travis Davis. In first grade, they are John Baum, Thomas Baker, Reese Whitaker, Emma Scott, Mason Foxwell, Leigha Bragg, Evan Cooper, Karma Moss and Madison Seaton. In second grade, they are Alix Ennis, Madyson White, Mckenzie Wells, Hailey Renshaw, Kirra Burton, Mason Townsend, Dulce Antonio, Shyanne Rogers, Wyatt Downs, Samme Nguyen and Mia Ringgold. In third grade, they are Kaylin Furbush, Briley Brumwell, Charlie Chalmers, Jordan Fletcher, Mikayla Smith, Jackson Horner, Tarik Khalid, Briar Parsons and Emily Merritt.

During the month of January, we will show how we can use self-discipline to make good choices.

Sincerely,

Christina Thompson

School Counselor





Pre Kindergarten



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!!! During the month of January we will be busy learning all about the four seasons, the weather and how they change. The students will participate in shared, choral, interactive and close readings of a variety of text. They will continue to respond to text through speaking, drawing, writing and dictation. We will focus on the letters Ll, Kk, Jj, Ww, and Ee of the alphabet. In math the students will learn about more, less and equal. We continue to practice counting and making sets up to 10. Continue to read each night and review the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. Thank you for all of your hard work and continued support!

Kindergarten

Our next Kindergarten Unit, which will last six weeks, is Sunshine and Raindrops. Our Kindergarten unit will focus on how weather affects us. We will be using a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts to make connections as we explore the types of weather around us. We will be focusing on making sets for teen numbers, identifying 2D and 3D shapes, and counting aloud to 100. We will be working on reading our Unit 3 sight words- come, do, he, me, no, so, up, we. If you child is still working on their Unit 1 and 2 sight words, please continue to practice these at home so they can become better readers.

First Grade

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready to get back into the swing of things. In reading, we will continue our unit "Animal Adventures" reading various fiction and non-fiction text. Long vowel sounds will be our focus in phonics. In math, we will continue working to master addition and subtraction facts within 10 and practice using a variety of strategies to solve problem within 20. Continue to check your child's agenda and blue folder every night. Remember to read nightly and fill out your child's reading log. Many students are running low on school supplies, such as glue, crayons, and pencils. Please check with your child and replenish as necessary. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Grade

During the month of January we will be reading stories about places around a town from our anthology and from our leveled readers. In math we will be double digit addition unit and begin a subtraction within 200 with word problems to 100 unit. The children will be working on becoming fluent with their addition facts as they try to earn their way into the "Minute Club." Martin Luther King birthday will be celebrated this month and we will take time to reflect on his contributions. Mrs. Barbara Barga, our 4-H representative, will involve our students in a hands-on activity which will encourage them to eat healthy. We want to thank everyone for all of the many supplies you have sent in for activities this past month and we wish you all a safe and happy New Year!

Third Grade

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Now that we are back, it is business as usual. Please make sure that your child has all of the necessary supplies. Before the holidays, many of our third graders were running low on pencils and glue sticks. Also, check your child's notebooks as some of them are almost all used up and will need to be replaced. We need everyone to be prepared to learn. Please let your child's teacher know if you need any assistance with supplies!

Please continue to practice your math facts. Mastery of addition, subtraction, and multiplication is expected for all third graders. Are you completing your yellow reading challenge calendars? The competition is fierce! Please make sure to send them in on the dates specified.

We are excited to begin our arts integration residency the week of January 12-15! Future-Makers will be joining us for some STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) integrated activities! We are most looking forward to the Dance Party!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
	PTA 6:30					
D 4	E 5	F 6	A 7	B 8	9	10
				Spirit Day		
C 11	D 12	E 13	F 14	A 15	16	17
School Closed MLK Jr. Day 18	B 19	C 20	D 21	E 22	23	24
School Closed Professional Day 25	School Closed Professional Day 26	F 27	A 28	Report Cards Distributed B 29	30	31

JANUARY



Parent Link Messages

If you are not receiving phone messages from the school or the board of education please contact us so that we can make sure your phone numbers are correct in our system.