



Dolphin Press

November is the perfect month to reflect and be thankful for all of the blessings we have. At Willards Elementary, we are so thankful for the hard working staff members and students! We appreciate the parents and the fact that each day you send us your children ready to learn! As we visit the classrooms, we see teachers presenting engaging lessons and students that are excited to be here. You will have the same opportunity during American Education Week, which is November 16 - 20. This is a time for parents to visit the classroom and see exactly what your child does each day. Please remember that the visitors need to be 21 years of age or older and please do not bring young children during your visit. In order to assist families with scheduling, as well as managing the number of people in the building, the following visitation days are strongly recommended:

- Pre K - November 16
- Kindergarten – November 17
- First Grade – November 18
- Second Grade – November 19
- Third Grade – November 20

During this time, take a moment to visit the Book Fair Monday through Friday in the Media Center. It's a great opportunity to purchase books at a very reasonable price!

In closing, please spend time discussing your child's report card with him / her. This is an opportunity to see your child's strengths and weaknesses, in addition to providing assistance if needed. Attendance is extremely important and is directly related to academic success. We challenge all students to attend school every day! If your child is sick, please send in a note and be sure to request any missed work so that it can be completed. Feel free to contact the teachers or administration if you have any questions or concerns. We strive to work together so that your students are successful. We look forward to seeing many visiting family members and appreciate all that you do!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mrs. Rando and Mrs. Rice

Attendance Counts! (October 2015)

| Grade Level | Average Daily Attendance~ | Our Goal is |
|---------------------|---|---|
| | 94% Required | 95% |
| AM Pre-Kindergarten | 92.88 | |
| PM Pre-Kindergarten | 96  |  |
| Kindergarten | 94.31  | |
| First Grade | 94.77  | |
| Second Grade | 95.43  |  |
| Third Grade | 95.73  |  |
| Overall Attendance | 95.05  |  |

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“The more you give away the more happy you become.”

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!

Max Bent will visit during American Education Week, and kick-off his residency with a school-wide performance. The second grade students will work with him on beatboxing and rap summaries. Students will share what they learn with the school and parents. Information about both performances will come home soon. The second grade students are also preparing for their winter performance to be held on December 15, 6:30pm.

Ms. Rittling, P.E. and Arts Integration Lead Teacher

Mrs. Phillips, Visual Art

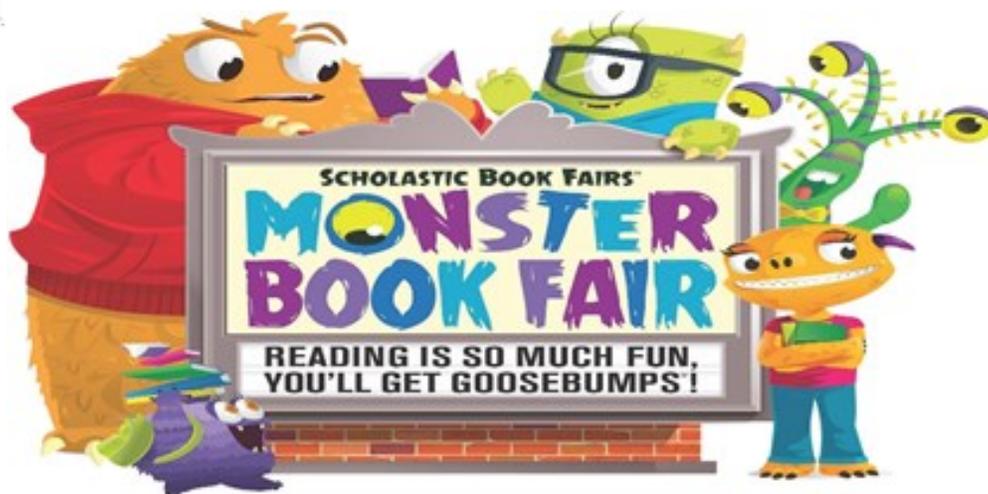
Ms. Brown, Music

Mrs. Ewalt, Media



Media Memos

**Dream Big
Read!**



NOVEMBER 13 & 16-20

GOOD DOLPHIN CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

The students at Wonderful Willards did a great job showing they are responsible students. Our students were recognized for helping other students in the hallway, stacking extra chairs without being asked, turning in money they found, and always being prepared for the day.

In the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms, we discussed ways to keep ourselves safe and ways to keep ourselves healthy. I shared the story How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe? by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague. The students discussed a way they keep themselves safe such as holding an adults hand to cross the street, wearing their bike helmet when riding a bicycle, and sitting down to use scissors. We also saw & discussed videos of eating healthy. The students saw the Pyramid Power Team (veggies, fruitful, milkman, grained team players) play the Junk food Bandits (French fry, doughnut, candy bar, soda team players) in a basketball game. We saw how the junk food players had a lot of energy in the beginning, but then they became tired the 2nd half of the game. Our students saw how the sugar affected the player's bodies. We discussed how it's okay to have a doughnut once in a while, but not every morning for breakfast.

In the second and third grade classrooms, we read the story entitled The Energy Bus for Kids by Jon Gordon. Our students discussed many challenges they face on the school bus every day. The story encouraged students to think positively and to not allow negativity into their day. The students created bumper stickers to show their message for students' on the school bus. Students created sayings such as No Bullies Allowed, Keep Positive Thoughts, Be Kind and Respectful, just to name a few. Some of the bumper stickers are posted on our Willards' school buses and the others are on display in our school. We also discussed how to use self-talk as a responsible strategy to remember information, make a change in life, or achieve something. The students practiced self-talk when trying to remember a telephone number and their spelling words.

We would like to congratulate the following students for showing responsible behavior. In pre-kindergarten, they are Bradley Bowers, Ashton Seaton, Layla Townsend, Evan DuPont, Gabriella Coverdale and Madison Wallace. In kindergarten, they are Alana Davis, Jason Perdue, Mason Hickman, Adelina Taylor, Jacob Morris, Hayley Jones, Austin Kinhart, Avery Wiltbank and Dave Smith. In first grade, they are Gavin Luffman, Alayna Barrett, Connor Bratten, Lennox Addo, Jack Flower, Kaydence Seaton, Hayden Truitt, Michael Tull and Dominic Taylor. In second grade, they are Sean Carrick, Joshua Funk, Parker Linzey, Masen Shahan, Jadyne Ott, Reagan White, Tameeia Savage, Noah Blank, Anna McWilliams, Katelynn Austin, Grace Kreger and Evan Tyler. In third grade, they are Jack Smith, Claire Killian, Thomas Hibble, David Kohlhoff, Jordan Fletcher, Emerson Savage, Zoey Richardson, Hunter Church, Emma Holland, Avery Donaway and Richard Gaunt.

During the month of November, we will be learning about being courageous. We will be having a Veterans Day program on November 11th to honor the men and women who courageously kept our country safe.

Sincerely
Christina Thompson





Pre Kindergarten

Wow! Where did the month of October go? Now that November is here we are going to be spending time learning about the five senses, our body and the world around us. We will focus on the letters Cc, Hh, Ff, Dd, Aa and Oo. Students will continue to learn about print awareness illustrating and writing about their drawings in their journals and using poems. In math the students will work on classifying objects, demonstrating an understanding of size and counting by rote. A HUGE thank you goes out to all the wonderful Grandparents that came to visit on Grandparent's Day!

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten unit, *Colors All Around*, will focus on why colors are important, identifying primary and secondary colors, identifying color words, and how feelings are associated with colors. We will be using a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts to make connections as we explore colors around us. We will also be learning about Thanksgiving traditions from past and present. We will be focusing on making sets past 10 as well as counting aloud to 100 and identifying attributes of shapes. Please continue to review letter sounds at the beginning and ending of words and recognizing sight words listed: a, am, go, I, is, like, my, see, an, and, at, can, in, it, the, to

First Grade

It's hard to believe that the end of the first marking term is right around the corner! You will be receiving your child's report card on Friday the 13th. Please plan to schedule a conference with your teacher if you have any questions or concerns at that time. We will be launching our new reading them, "Animal Adventures". The students will be reading fiction and nonfiction texts about animals and will begin working on informational writing. Additionally, we will be sequencing stories and finding the various story elements within literature. In math, we will continue to learn about base ten as well as addition and subtraction strategies. Students should be using various strategies to solve problems. The first graders will be taking their first math benchmark the second week of November. We will continue to learn about place value and will also be comparing numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to. In social studies, we will be learning about the first Thanksgiving and the students will be writing pieces about things that they are thankful for. We look forward to greeting our families during American Education Week! As always, continue to practice weekly words and math facts at home!

Second Grade

During the month of November we will be reading stories about Amazing Animals from our anthology and from our leveled readers. With this theme we will be learning about ants. We will also have numerous integrated activities in a unit of study on spiders. In addition to Amazing Animals we will be doing an in depth study to the coral reef. In math we will be finishing a graphing unit and begin working on addition and subtraction within 200 with word problems to 100. The children will be working on becoming fluent with their addition facts as they try to earn their way into the "Minute Club." Veterans' Day will be celebrated this month and we will take time to reflect on the heroic contributions of Veterans to our nation. Mrs. Barbara Barga, our 4-H representative, will involve our students in a hands-on study of corn which will undoubtedly prove to be fun and educational! Last but definitely not least....We will be pleased to have our artist in residence, Max Bent, who will engage the students in the art of beat boxing and the writing of rhyming stanzas containing Australian facts.

Third Grade

A lot of exciting things are happening in 3rd grade! Clubs periods have begun, and the students are busying learning, creating, and developing in their clubs!

We are nearing an end to our first theme in Language Arts on relationships.

Students are hard at work mastering their multiplication facts. Please keep those flash cards out and continue to quiz your 3rd grader!!!

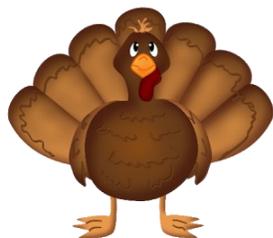
The students are excited as Grandparents Day draws nearer! They are excited to have their Grandparents come in and visit.

The school-wide reading challenge is off to a great start! Congratulations to Mrs. Jones' 3rd grade class for logging the most minutes on their calendars in the entire school for the first two weeks. Way to go! Let's keep 3rd graders on top, so read, read, read!!!

Please remember that as the weather starts to get colder, we still go out for recess everyday for 30 minutes. Please be mindful of this in dressing your children appropriately and sending them to school with proper attire.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|
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| SRI Gr. 2 | SRI Gr. 2 | SMI Gr. 2 | SMI Gr. 2 | Grand-parent's Day | | |
| B 2 | C 3 | D 4 | E 5 | F 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | Make Up Picture Day | Report Cards Distributed | | |
| A 9 | B 10 | C 11 | D 12 | E 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <i>American Education Week/Book Fair</i> | | | | | | |
| F 16 | A 17 | B 18 | C 19 | D 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | Christmas Ornament forms Due | Thanksgiving Holiday-School Closed | | | | |
| E 23 | F 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| A 30 | | | | | | |

NOVEMBER



Important Notice

If your child is going to be a car rider, we ask that you stay in the car rider line to pick up. It is extremely busy in the office at the end of the day. We will only dismiss from the office if you have an apt. Please note that if you are taking your child before the 2:35 dismissal time it is counted against them as an early dismissal. Also, please remember to send notes in with your student if a different person is picking up or there is a dismissal change. This will ensure your student is where they are supposed to be and staff does not have to search for your student and hold up the line.

PTA NEWS

The Joe Corbi's fundraiser did very well. We raised over \$8,000.00 for our school. The tops sellers were Addyson Ondo, Summer Wheeling and Kareem Walker. The funds earned will pay for assemblies, art supplies and more for the school. Thank you all for your continued support.

Trunk or Treat was held on Friday October 23rd. The PTA/PAC handed out candy to over 600 Trunk or Treaters. It was an incredible and well organized event. Special thanks to all the families to decorated their trunks and donated candy. A very special thank you April Kinhart, the event chairwomen, who with out her, this would not have happened.

You should have received the information about the Christmas ornaments in your childs folder. Each student will receive one free ornament, if you wish to purchase additional one, please fill out and return the order form no later than November 23rd. Willards PAC /{TA will once again host a Grandparents Luncheon. This event is open to Grandparents only. You must return the form sent home by October 30th. We can not accept late forms, as the lunches will need to be pre-ordered.

Do not forget to join the Willards Elementary School PTA/PAC facebook page. We are keeping the page private to ensure the student safety. If you have any questions regarding any events, please don't hesitate to contact PTA President Tonya Lewis at [410.430.5265](tel:410.430.5265) or PTA Secretary Chastity Killian at [443.523.7982](tel:443.523.7982)/

***Just a friendly reminder to please review all paperwork sent home from the school.

OUR PARTERSHIP WITH SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Wonderful Willards Elementary School continues its' partnership with Salisbury University by serving as a Professional Development School (PDS) site.

Remaining in our school for the next seven weeks are: Madison O'Leary in Mrs. Cristin Eurice -George's class; and Laura Poore in Mrs. Debbie Simpkins' class. We welcome these teacher candidates to our second grade Willard's Family.





Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26 – 30th

Red Ribbon Week is an initiative at Wonderful Willards to remind students to make healthy choices to keep their heart strong. During the morning announcements, we discussed the choices we can make to keep our bodies healthy and safe. As a school, we participate in Jump Rope for Heart during Red Ribbon Week. Miss Rittling and Mrs. Thompson create activities in the gym to keep our students on the move and keep their heart healthy. This year our slogan is “There’s a MINION reasons to be on the move & healthy”.

