

Mission Statement: Watson Williams will provide a quality education for a diverse student population in a peaceful and positive learning environment. Students will continue to use their reasoning, literacy, mathematical and technical skills to become life-long learners and productive members of society.

Vision Statement: Watson Williams' vision is for students to obtain the knowledge, skills and character necessary to become life-long learners and college and career ready one leap at a time.

WATSON WILLIAMS SCHOOL DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

"Tis the season to be jolly"

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Our next Shared Decision Making activity "Breakfast and Books", in collaboration with the Library services at Watson Williams School is on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Parents and students can have breakfast and read together. We will have a professional storyteller - Joanne Yacovella. Our next SDM Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us.

Our Winter concert is a celebration of the holiday season. The Intermediate Choir, Band, Steel Drums and Orchestra will perform on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy the wonderful talents of your children.

Winter Recess begins Monday, December 24th and students return to school on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl B. Minor
Principal



ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK"- Beginning - 11/26/2018 through February 1st

We are excited to be kicking off "One School One Book" program with the book The BFG by Roald Dahl. Each student grades 2-6 will be receiving their own copy to participate with at school and at home. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a school to home connection as you read the chapters together. The students will be reading with their class and answering weekly trivia questions about the chapters to enter to win a prize. In addition, we will be having a weekly spirit day for 25 cents to participate each week. The teachers will be announcing the trivia and spirit day event to students. The theme of the book that we will be focusing on is "looking out for the unnoticed". Because we are fortunate to be participating in the program during the holiday season, we will be making the theme real by donating items to Galisano Children's Hospital. Each grade level will be asked to make a small donation to contribute to the items that we will donate. As always, thank you for participating in this wonderful opportunity! We look forward to enjoying this book together as a school community!



SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY - Tuesday, December 4th - Order forms are available in the main office.

EXTENDED DAY TUTORING



The Extended Day program for Grades K-6 has begun. It is very important that all students that are assigned to participate attend regularly. The classroom teachers will be sending a schedule home to let you know when your child is expected to attend. Your assistance is greatly needed to increase the learning outcome of the students. Thank you for your support in advance.

WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISER - Every Wednesday school is in session, purchase a lollipop for 50 cents.

FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - Every Friday school is in session, purchase a box of popcorn for 50 cents. If you are available to assist, please let your child's teacher know. The 6th grade class is sponsoring for the month of December. Plan ahead: The 3rd grade class will be sponsoring for the month of January.

If you ordered from the SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER, your items will arrive to Watson Williams around December 18th.



Congratulations to the October Students of the Month:

Chrisvanna Moo, Samuel Htoo, Nawnaythar Lay, Qadar Hayder, Ella Yager, Andre Rios, Josue Ventura-Flores, Noah Litz, Robert Garrett, Alexis Bogan, Eh Nee Htoo Thaw, Ismail Husic, Nazariah Patterson, Kaydn Leftridge, Eh Kler Hted, Yandel Hernandez, Nayla Alba, Mu Lar Hai Htoo, Qwaze Cubbage, Moo Soe Lah, Andy Kong, Abdulahi Khalif, Deborah Lah, Jaylyn Simon, Fatuma Mohamed, Bruce Carangui, Solomiia Tymoshenko, Leonel Liciaga, Caydence Hill, Cristian Reyes, Anelys Oquendo, Ke'yonce Turner, Delvonte Wright, Kpaw Soe and Omarianna Thompson

The November STUDENT OF THE MONTH/PRINCIPAL-ACADEMIC AWARD CEREMONY is on Thursday, December 20, 2018 - K-3 at 9:30 a.m. and Gr. 4-6 at 2:10 p.m. in the Gymnasium.



A huge "Thank You" to everyone in our Watson Williams School/Community for your donations for the animal food drive for "Stevens-Swan Humane Society. We will be making many animals very happy this holiday season!

WW Cross Country Team..Congratulations to Michael Reed, Nwee Se and Victoria Gomez for finishing in the Top Ten!



MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE: Please update the

school with your current phone number. We have many students with the wrong emergency contact phone number. This makes it difficult to reach the parents/guardians when your child is injured or sick. Please keep your child home from school if they are sick. School physicals will be conducted in the nurse's office on December 14th. Please update your children's immunization records. Per NYS law, all students in school must be up to date with immunizations. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the school nurse, Mrs. Wendy Divine at 315-368-6782.

MESSAGE FROM CENTER FOR FAMILY LIFE AND RECOVERY

This month Watson Williams is focusing on two characteristic words: Fairness and Integrity! Our prevention team has great family games you could do together to help your child learn how to make these words a part of their everyday lives.

Fairness: Have your child pass something around (candy, a pencil, sticker, paper etc.), and have them give more to one person. Ask your child if it's fair for your child to give them more. Then have your child explain their reasoning. You can assist them in understanding that it isn't fair for one person to receive more, and that it's fair that everyone receives the same amount.

Integrity: On a piece of paper, have your family write important things to do or not do. Put these papers in a jar, and at dinner, have someone pull out 1 paper. Focus on why it is important or not important, and see if you can make it a value for your family to stick to. For instance: You could write "lying" on a piece of paper, and explain that lying means not sticking to your word, taking away your integrity.

HOLIDAY RECESS

School will be **CLOSED** Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Classes resume on Thursday, January 3, 2019. **Happy Holidays and Best wishes for the New Year!!**

