

**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 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**"Tis the season to be jolly"**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

The Shared Decision Making Committee is sponsoring our annual "Breakfast and Books" program, in collaboration with our community partners on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Parents and students can have breakfast, read together and create a craft. We will have a professional storyteller - Barry Cavanaugh, author of "Tree Trolls and Their Secret Gifts" presenting. We will also raffle off 2 bicycles to start our season of gifting, so please join us for this Holiday event. Our next SDM Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Our Winter concert will also be a celebration of the Holiday season. The Intermediate Choir, Band, and Orchestra will perform on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy the wonderful talents of your children.

Winter Recess begins Monday, December 23rd and students return to school on Monday, January 6, 2020. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!



Sincerely,  
Dr. Cheryl B. Minor  
Principal

**SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY - Tuesday, December 3rd - Order forms are available in the main office.**

#### **EXTENDED DAY and EMPIRE TUTORING**

The Extended Day and Empire Tutoring 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is sponsoring for the month of December. Plan ahead: The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be sponsoring for the month of January.

**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 numbers and this makes it difficult to reach the parents/guardians when your child is sick or injured. Cold and Flu season is upon us! Please keep your child home from school if they are sick, for their health and the health of other children and staff at school. Please remember any child with a Fever (over 100°F), Vomiting, or Diarrhea- must be kept home for at least 24 hours after the fever (without the use of fever reducing medicines), or episodes of vomiting and diarrhea have subsided. For any further questions or concerns please contact the school nurse, Stacy Kelly RN, at 315-368-6782.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the October Students of the Month:**

Randaveon Courtney, Amiyah Austin, Ehdah Bu, Lydia Htoo, Regi'Nae Jones, Cecilia Htoo, Essence Curet, Samuel Htoo, Fabian Stubbs, Yariel Korzeniowski, Daniel Aung, Tanner True, Jasmin Philbrook, Noor Mohamed-Omar, Robert Garrett, William Ell, Sanei Fowler, Amarah Lumpkin, Robita Faizul, Isabella Waters, Kimora Collins, Nayla Alba, Hyasia Lacy, Kyaw Thin Su, Victoria Gomez, Wilson Htoo, Kpaw Soe, JaQuar Patterson, Jayden Hamilton, David Walker, Na'veyah Green, Mustafa Falak, Eh Mu Shee, Amazyn Edwards and Jaxson Prather



**CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received the Character Trait - GRIT award:**

Star Moon, Zulma Douglas, Lilliani Ly, Zarianna Williams, Kahleb Sherman, Jolante Hopkins, Nawnaythar Lay, Velicity He, Chance Kim, Kaylee Lavoie, Rahzell Hopkins, Jah'Quell Patterson, Sean Cu, Eh Nee Htoo Thaw, Million Nine, Eh Moo Lay Thaw, Quamir Perkins, Mercy Heh, Tahj Mahdi, Bridgett Remache, Nich Neang, Christopher Win, Mu Lar Hai, Eliaenyth Oquendo, Carlito Brown, Zyreece Hendricks, Nobel Moon, Daniel Carrasco, Abdullah Al Nassar and JahQuan Patterson

The November STUDENTS OF THE MONTH/PRINCIPAL-ACADEMIC AWARD CEREMONY is on Thursday, December 19th - 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!

**HOLIDAY RECESS**

School will be **CLOSED** Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3, 2020. Classes resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

**Happy Holidays and Best wishes for the New Year!!**

