

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

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

"Strive to be the best you can be"

Dear Parents/Guardians,

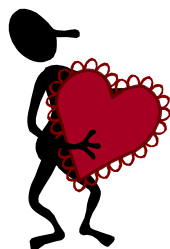
In honor of Black History month, we will be commemorating various African Americans for their achievements and contributions. The students will receive information which acknowledges past and present leaders, such as Harriet Tubman, Maggie Lean Walker, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Fannie Barrier Williams, Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Donald Hopkins, Lorraine Cole, Robert Johnson, Duke Ellington, Benjamin Banneker, Jan Ernst Matzeliger, Percy Lavon Julian, Bessie Coleman, and Martin Luther King, Jr. They will study their achievements and contribution to our nation throughout the month in various ways. Please ask your child to share with you and reflect on the person and the great character traits that helped them achieve success.

On Friday, February 2, 2018 we will have a ribbon cutting celebration for the new Sport/Climbing Wall that has been installed in our gymnasium. The Watson Williams sports/climbing wall project was sponsored by the Utica City School District through the generosity of a \$14,400 grant from the M&T Bank/Partners Trust Bank Charitable Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties and other community partners. We are so excited to be unveiling the new sports equipment that will be used to enhance the learning experiences of our students.

Hopefully, there will not be any snow storms! But, in case of bad weather, you should receive a message from the district school messenger service. In addition, please listen to the radio or watch TV for a possible school closing. Please be reminded that Mid-Winter recess will be Monday, February 19th through February 23rd and will resume Monday, February 26, 2018.

Just a gentle reminder! As the children are leaving home, please make sure they are properly dressed and have on the proper footwear when coming to school. The weather is getting colder and I see most of the children have coats, hats and gloves. If they are wearing boots, please send in shoes or sneakers to change into during school hours. The children's feet sweat in the boots and once their feet are wet, they will get colder faster. Again, thanks for all that you do! Good work parents!!

Sincerely,
Dr. Cheryl B. Minor
Principal



SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY

There is no student entry through the front entrance. Parents are to drop off students at their assigned entry doors and NOT enter the building. If it is an inside day due to weather, student entry is only in the back at the cafeteria entrance. Adults may not enter the building with students. Any unauthorized adult in the building will be cited for trespassing.



FUNDRAISERS

Every Wednesday school is in session; purchase a lollipop for 50 cents. Every Friday school is in session is popcorn day. Purchase a box of popcorn for 50 cents. If you are available to assist with making popcorn, please let your child's teacher know.

RIBBON CUTTING

Please join us on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. for the unveiling of our sports/climbing wall. We appreciate your support.

MATH FUN NIGHT

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018, Watson Williams Faculty, Staff and students would like to invite our families to a night of learning and fun. Everyone will have the opportunity to show off their "moves" and how smart they are. We will have loads of fun activities at various stations and lots to eat and drink.



SHARED DECISION MAKING MEETING

Please join us on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 8:30 A.M. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend. We welcome your ideas.

MID-WINTER RECESS: February 19th– 23rd

School will not be in session from Monday, February 19th-23rd due to mid-winter recess. Classes will resume on Monday, February 26, 2018.

PLAN AHEAD: MARK YOUR CALENDARS –



March 1st: K and 6th grade graduation and Yearbook Group Picture Day



March 2nd: Spring Picture Day

