

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.

Watson Williams

January 2018

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.

To Our Parents, Guardians and Friends,

On behalf of the faculty and staff we thank all of the good Samaritans that provided tokens of good will to all of our children and families this holiday season and we wish you all a safe and peaceful New Year! We are off to a good start this school year. We have provided enriching learning experiences for our students and many more exciting activities are planned. Our primary focus continues to be academic achievement and providing students with experiences to be life-long learners.

This month we are starting our Parents as Reading Partners Program with the One Book One School initiative. The entire school will be reading One Book - The Water Horse and the primary students K-2 will receive the Loch Ness Monster Spotter to read at home as well. We ask that you support our efforts by reading with your child each night from January 2 through February 16, 2018. We will also collaborate with community partners to raise funds to support displaced school children in Puerto Rico due to the hurricane devastation.

Watson has received additional funding from an Empire Grant so we will also be extending our Tutoring Program beginning Monday, January 8th. The teachers will be sending home the student's schedule for the days when tutoring will be in session. If your contact information has changed, please inform the school so that we can update our records.

Hopefully, there won't be any snow storms! But, in case of bad weather, please listen to the radio or watch TV for a possible school closing. We also send mass messages to parents and community partners for important updates, so please advise the school of any telephone number changes that you may have had.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cheryl B. Minor
Principal

"There are two lasting gifts we can give our children...one is roots; the other is wings."

WINTER REMINDERS

The weather is cold. Please start sending your child with a hat and mittens along with a warm coat, boots and socks. We want your children to stay healthy. Also, if they have a bad cold or fever, please keep them at home for their health, and the health of other children at school. Please remind your children to wear warm outerwear and to carry shoes or sneakers to school in order to prevent them from remaining in wet boots.

In order to protect student safety, absolutely NO snowball making or throwing of any kind is permitted. This rule will be strictly enforced.



Also, kindly have an emergency plan in place in the event schools are forced to close early due to inclement weather. Announcements will be made over the local media.

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



FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - Popcorn Sale - Purchase a box of popcorn for 50 cents every Friday school is in session in January. The 3rd grade is sponsoring this month. If you are available to assist with popcorn, please contact your child's teacher.



PARP - ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK - We will begin our reading program January 2 thru February 16, 2018 - Please read every night and enjoy our weekly incentives.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: NO SCHOOL

School will not be in session on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.



SDM MEETING - Friday, January 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room #102.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY - Thursday, January 25, 2018 - K-3 at 9:30 a.m. and Gr. 4-6 at 2:10 p.m. in the Gymnasium.



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is an essential part of your child's education. We expect your child to come to school on time every day. While we do not expect you to send your child to school when sick, we do expect all children to be here regularly.

If your child is tardy or absent, you will receive a call informing you of your child's absence if he/she does not arrive by 10:00 a.m. Upon arrival he/she must report to the office for a late pass.



If your child is absent from school, you are responsible for sending to school a written note signed by you explaining the absence. This note is due when your child returns to school. Otherwise, your child's absence will be considered illegal.

Please call school if your child is absent from school two (2) or more days so homework arrangements can be made.



The Utica City School District's Attendance Policy is available in the office for your review.



A PARENT'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

I pledge to...

PARTICIPATE in my children's
Education by supervising homework,
Talking with my children about school,
And volunteering.

ACEPT my children for who they are.
I will try to nurture those qualities
That make each of my children special.

READ to or with my children every day
Of the year.

EXPECT the very best from my children
At all times.

NEVER let a day go by without telling
My children that I love
Them.

TURN off the television for homework,
Reading time, and for special times with My children.

