

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.

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER WATSON WILLIAMS SCHOOL

EDUCATION...“the key that unlocks the door to a successful future” IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Parents/Guardians:

Our International Night Celebration was a great success due to your participation and our community partners. We look forward to seeing you at our next Shared Decision Making Event “Very Important Person (VIP)” Program on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:00 - 7:00. Please return your reservation forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

I hope you had an opportunity to review the additional information we provided you on The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which is the legislation that outlines how states can use federal money to support public schools. As we noted in previous correspondence, the law was approved by the federal government in January 2018 to ensure that all students succeed in school no matter who they are, where they live, and where they go to school. Again, some of the highlights of the legislation include: Schools and districts will be measured annually on indicators such as ELA, Math, Science, ESL, and chronic absenteeism. NYS will look at how teachers and leaders are prepared for success, and Parents will participate in decision making for low performing schools. Additionally, the new public reports will show parents how the school is performing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school. Again, thanks for all of your support and participation in the school's initiatives.

EXTENDED DAY TUTORING and EMPIRE GRANT TUTORING CONTINUES - Please check your child's book bag for a schedule. A late bus is provided for both programs.

WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISER - LOLLIPOP DAY - Every Wednesday school is in session. Purchase a lollipop for 50 cents.

FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - POPCORN DAY - Every Friday school is in session. Purchase a box for 50 cents. The 1st grade classes are sponsoring this month. If you are available to assist with making popcorn, please let your child's teacher know.

GRADUATION PICTURES AND SPECIAL CLUB PICTURES - Gr. K and 6th

On Tuesday, March 5th, students in Gr. K and 6th grade will have their graduation pictures taken. Picture forms have been distributed. If you need another form, there are some available in the main office. Special Club pictures, i.e... choir, Basketball, Communication Club, etc. will be taken as well. The make-up day will be held on Wednesday, March 6th.

SPRING PICTURES - Gr. 1st-5th grade

On Wednesday, March 6th, students in Gr. 1-5 will have the opportunity to have their picture taken. Spring picture forms have been distributed. Money must accompany the form on this day. If you need another form, there are some available in the main office.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Please note that physicals will be conducted on March 18th and March 27th.

SDM Meeting - Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us as we plan fun-filled learning activities for Watson Williams' students and their families.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLIES - Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. - Gr. K-3 and 2:10 p.m. for Gr. 4-6.

SDM SPONSORED VIP NIGHT - Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WATSON WILLIAMS HALF DAY - Thursday, March 28, 2019 - Dismissal will be at 12:05 p.m. so that teachers can conduct Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your child's teacher will send home a note regarding the time of your scheduled conference.



MAGNET APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in your children attending a Magnet school other than their home school, or would like your child to return to their home school in September, please complete a Magnet School Choice Application. You may submit the application on-line or pick one up from your child's school office. They are due by May 24, 2019.

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. If you need to talk to a teacher, you will have to set up an appointment in the main office, and then exit the building.

STUDENT DISMISSAL

Student dismissal is at 3:05 p.m. A written note to the teacher is required for early dismissal. The cutoff time to sign your child out of school is 2:45 p.m. After 2:45 p.m., for your child's safety, parents must wait OUTSIDE at their child's designated door for dismissal at 3:05 p.m.

Also, please let your child know the arrangements for after school before they leave in the morning so that there is minimal interruption to the office and teacher's classroom.

