

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 NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Parents/Guardians:

Please be reminded that student dismissal is at 3:05 p.m. Dismissal time is very busy and we work hard to secure the safety of all students and to make certain all students are dismissed appropriately. As part of the dismissal procedure, it is important that a written note is provided to the teacher if you are requesting that your child be dismissed early. All teachers are instructing until the end of the day, so if it is not an emergency and a note has not been provided in advance, please **DO NOT** come to the office and request for your child to leave early. For your child's safety, parents/guardians or escorts 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 to prevent confusion for your child and so that there is minimal interruption to the office and teacher's classroom.

Additionally, the Extended Learning Time program will be starting this month and the students will be staying on different days until 4:00PM or 4:30PM. The teachers have identified the student groupings and will be sending home parent permission letters and schedules for your child's attendance. Please support your child's opportunity to receive additional instructional time to become better learners, if requested. Your continuous assistance and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to All!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**. Order forms and money must accompany the children on this day. Re-take day is scheduled for **TUESDAY, December 4th**. Please note that **CLASS PICTURES** will not be distributed until after the retake day has been completed. To ensure all students are photographed, class pictures will be delivered no later than the end of February 2019.

FALL BACK ONE HOUR NOVEMBER 4th - Daylight Saving Time ends

WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISER - Fruit Lollipops - Every Wednesday school is in session in November, lollipops will be sold for 50 cents.

FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - Popcorn - Every Friday school is in session in November, popcorn will be sold for 50 cents. If you are able to assist with helping with popcorn, please contact your child's teacher.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, November 6th - Superintendent's Conference Day - Classes will resume on Wednesday, November 7th.

SQUARE ONE FUNDRAISER



Beginning November 8th, please check your child's folders as they will be coming home with a personalized catalog of their artwork. You will have the option to buy anything in the catalog. These items will make great Holiday gifts! Order forms will be due to your child's teachers by November 27th. Items ordered will arrive before Winter recess. Please contact Mrs. Traglia at atraglia@uticaschools.org if you have any questions about this fundraiser. All funds raised through this fundraiser will benefit our students at Watson Williams!

VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL - 11/12/2018

School will not be in session on Monday, November 12, 2018. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY - Thursday, November 15, 2018 - K-3 at 9:30 a.m. and Gr. 4-6 at 2:10 p.m. - October students will be honored

SDM MEETING

It is still not too late to join Watson Williams' Shared Decision Making Team! The meeting date is Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us and help us make our annual activities a success.

GO HOME EARLY DRILL: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 2:50 P.M.

To practice the Go Home Early Portion of our School's Safety Plan, students will be dismissed at 2:50 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20th.

Please make the necessary arrangements for your child's safety and supervision on this early dismissal date.

SCHOOL RECESS: Wednesday, November 21st - Friday, November 23rd

School will not be in session from Wednesday, November 21st thru Friday, November 23rd due to Thanksgiving Recess. Classes resume on Monday, November 26, 2018.

Nurses Notes:

Watson Williams Elementary has had only two Confirmed cases of Cocksackie Virus. There is no "Outbreak" here at our school. Please keep in mind that good Hand washing is very effective in stopping the spread of germs.

I have included a little information about what the Cocksackie Virus is.

Please call me if you have questions or concerns about your child or children. I am always happy to answer any health related questions.

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Watson Williams Elementary

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Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (Cocksackie Virus)

Hand, foot, and mouth disease is an early childhood condition most commonly caused by the Cocksackie virus. This viral infection is named after its classic symptoms: small ulcers on the inside cheeks, gums, and tongue, and a red rash that can result in blisters on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

Cocksackie virus is easily spread from an infected person through nasal secretions, saliva, droplets in the air after a cough or sneeze, fluid from open blisters, or stool contamination. The best protection against its spread is thorough hand washing, especially after diaper changes or use of the bathroom. Breakouts of the disease are common in child care settings, preschools, and elementary schools.

