

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 School

October 2018

Vision Statement: Watson Williams' vision is for students to attain the knowledge, skills and character necessary to become life-long learners and college and career ready one leap at a time.

"The world's most precious treasures are in the mind of a child."

Autumn Is Here...

I hope all the parents and guardians of the Watson Williams School community were able to meet with their child's teacher, on Wednesday, September 19th at our Open House. Valuable information was provided regarding our curriculum, Title I funding, Watson's Academic performance, and our AIS program. All of the teachers were available to discuss our Reading Curriculum and grade level expectations. As mentioned at the open house your continuous support has helped us to make incremental gains and increase the learning outcomes of our students.

However, if you were unable to attend, we will have a 1/2 day of school on Thursday, October 25, 2018 to conduct Parent Teacher Conferences. You will receive a date and time for your conference. We ask for your partnership in helping us to effectively prepare our students for our local and the New York State Assessments. Please review your child's homework assignments daily and communicate with your child's teacher(s) frequently for updated information.

Your voice is very important to us and your attendance is highly encouraged and recommended at the scheduled events throughout the school year. I'm looking forward to the new school year and meeting with each of you. In addition, our fundraising campaign starts the 1st Wednesday and Friday in October. Please speak with your child's teacher about how you can become an active parent in supporting the schools initiatives throughout the year.

On behalf of all the staff at Watson Williams, we thank you for your continued support and interest in our programs and becoming active participants in your child's education.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cheryl B. Minor
Principal

SAFETY PATROL- Congratulations! to all of our Safety Patrollers for the 2018-2019 school year. The students will be helping throughout the building and on our busses to support student safety. Our program begins October 1, 2018 and the installation of patrollers will be at our assembly October 18, 2018.

FIRE PREVENTION week is October 7-13, 2018. There will be a fire prevention assembly for our students this month to share this year's Fire Prevention Week theme - Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere. In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. The assembly will also reinforce why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

PARKING

On February 5, 2003 the Utica Common Council passed a code of ordinances with respect to stopping, standing and parking on Elmwood Place and Elm Street.

The following is in effect:

ELMWOOD PLACE: Northside (school side)- NO STOPPING, STANDING or PARKING
Southside (Across from school) – NO PARKING, STANDING ONLY
DRIVER MUST STAY IN CAR

ELM STREET: Eastside (school side) – NO PARKING, OR STOPPING, STANDING ONLY
DRIVER MUST STAY IN CAR

Westside (Across from school) – NO PARKING, STANDING or PARKING



**** Illegally parked or stopped cars will be ticketed. The fine is \$20.00.***



***PLEASE NOTE: WHEN DROPPING YOUR CHILDREN OFF FOR SCHOOL REMEMBER TO REINFORCE SAFETY RULES. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING!! ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PARKING OR STANDING IN THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE OFF OF ELM STREET.**



WATSON WILLIAMS FUNDRAISERS— Starting on October 3rd, every Wednesday, lollipops will be sold for 50 cents and every Friday beginning on October 5th, popcorn will be sold for 50 cents. 4th grade classes will be sponsoring the popcorn fundraiser this month. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to assist with making popcorn.

WATSON WILLIAMS HALF DAY – Thursday, October 4, 2018

All students will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. Classes will resume on Friday, October 5, 2018.

ENL PARENT NIGHT – Thursday, October 4, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION: Monday, OCTOBER 8, 2018- School will not be in session on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

SHARED DECISION MAKING MEETING

Watson Williams' Shared Decision Making Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room to finalize our objectives and annual activities. The team has parent and community member vacancies. Please become involved and join our team. We need your input and support to ensure optimal student achievement and a positive school climate.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY- The student of the month assembly will be conducted on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Kgn – 3 at 9:30 a.m. and Gr. 4-6 at 2:10 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

WATSON WILLIAMS HALF DAY- Thursday, October 25, 2018

All students will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th due to Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Classes will resume on Friday, October 26th.

DISTRICT-WIDE HALF DAY- Wednesday, October 31, 2018

All students will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st. Classes will resume on Thursday, November 1st. Please note that when the students return, it will be school picture day.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH REMINDERS

Just a gentle reminder, all walkers that wish to eat breakfast must arrive before 8:45 a.m. Please remind your child(ren) to enter the cafeteria as soon as they arrive at school if they are attending the breakfast program. Each child who eats at school is expected to follow the cafeteria expectations, remain on school grounds and obey personnel. Children who fail to do so will not be allowed to eat in our cafeteria.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

A copy of the UCSD Student Conduct Policy citing behavioral expectations and consequences and also the Dignity for All Act is available in the main office for parent or guardian's review.

DRUG PREVENTION WEEK – "RED RIBBON WEEK" - October 22nd – 26th

We will have an agenda of fun; daily activities and announcements pertaining to this, such as wear red/white/blue day. I would like to ask the Watson Williams Community to get ready for our "Animal Food Drive for the Utica Humane Society." During this week, we will be collecting any items for cats and dogs from bowls, food, collars, leashes, etc...Please help us out and plan ahead! We are learning to do good things for others and animals! Thank you!



TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Please support our students at Watson Williams Elementary by giving us your 10 digit #. You can enroll at Price Chopper.com or at any store. Send in the form that we gave to all students. WE NEED YOUR HELP to earn points to get FREE educational equipment.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



Once again the flu season is here! Please keep your children home if they are vomiting or have an upset stomach. Hand washing is the number one way to stop the spread of germs. If your children are eating at school, please have them here on time. Many students are late to school and are not eating breakfast. Please call the nurse's office should you have any questions! I am here for your children and will help you.

Mrs. Wendy Divine RN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

School Picture Day will be conducted on Thursday, November 1, 2018. Students are to bring their ORDER FORMS AND MONEY with them on this date. The re-take day is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - Fall
back one hour - November 4th



Dress for the weather...It's Fall time again!! Please make sure your children dress for the weather: Encourage your child to wear a warm sweater, jacket or coat. The mornings are cooler than the afternoons. The students will be lining up at their entrances before entering school unless the weather is rainy, snowy and or below 32 degrees. It's important to keep body parts, such as the head, hands and feet warm when it's cold outside.



HALLOWEEN TIPS:
When Trick-or-treating-

1. Wear light clothing.
2. Carry a flashlight.
3. Go in groups.
4. Have adults check candy.

