

Williams-Cone School
Principal's Newsletter
Summer 2014
Randa C. Rineer, Principal



Thank-You Williams-Cone School Community!!!

It is the last day of school for the 2013-14 school year! What an incredible year we had! From receiving the 2013 National Blue Ribbon School Award to Year of STEM activities, this has been a year to remember! And of course this would not have been possible without the amazing support that you, our school community has so generously extended to us everyday!

One of WCS's goals for the 2013-14 school year was to increase our number of volunteers by 30%. However I am extremely proud to share that we increased our number of volunteers by over 100% this year!! This represents countless hours, tons of energy, dedication and simply amazing people! On behalf of the staff I would like

to extend our sincere thanks for the support that you have so generously given to our students.



Volunteerism strengthens community and it brings people together for a common purpose. It also improves schools, supports families and it promotes personal growth and self-esteem.

Hopefully, all WCS volunteers witnessed and/or experienced these positive "side-effects" this year!

Volunteer opportunities will abound during the 2014-15 school year in many facets of our school life from classroom supports to before and after school offerings. Every person counts...Remember YOU have made a difference and we need you!

Again, thank-you WCS community for being the wonderful community that you are!

Have a safe and restful summer!

- Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal

Important Dates

June 25th: Trust for Our Future Golf Scramble, 8:15 A.M., Highland Green

July 15-17th: STEM Camp for Students Currently (2013-14 school year) in Grades 2-5

Summer Check-Ins:

July 15th: Picnic & Popsicles, WCS Playground, 12:00-1:00 P.M.

August 6th: "Breakfast Book Talk", 9:00-10:00 A.M., Topsham Public Library

August 20th: "Tailgate, Tunes & Tales." WCS Parking Lot/ Playground, 4:00-5:00 P.M.

August 25th: FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Learning Commons

**September 2nd: First Day of School*

WCS SUMMER CHALLENGE

Did you know?

- Research out of John Hopkins University is conclusive. All students lose up to 2.6 months of learning (literacy and math) if they do not actively engage in summer learning activities.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of 6th grade those students who lose reading skills during the summer months are on average 2 years behind their peers.

What can you do?

Take the Summer Reading Challenge! Take the Summer Math Challenge! Information has been sent home with students on the last day of school in their report card envelopes or you can also check out:

www.wcssummer.weebly.com

****To help support students summer check-ins are scheduled (see important dates).****

"Together we can keep it simple, but keep it going!"



Lost & Found

Parents, there is a large collection of clothing (Fleeces, jackets, boots, hats gloves) and lunch boxes in the lost and found. Note that on the last day of school all of the clothing that is left is taken to Goodwill. Please come and look at what is there before it all goes.



Farewell Mrs. Brawn!

On behalf of the WCS staff and students please join me in thanking Mrs. Helen Brawn, for 38 years of service to MSAD #75 including the past five years at WCS as an English Learners Ed. Tech. While Mrs. Brawn spent a majority of her career at Bowdoinham Community School, she helped to redesign the district's K-12 English language program. While Mrs. Brawn will be greatly missed we wish Mrs. Brawn all the best in her retirement!

