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WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

**“WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL IS A SAFE AND KIND COMMUNITY THAT
INSPIRES EVERY STUDENT TO SUCCEED-COMPASSIONATE,
CURIOUS, CONFIDENT LEARNERS”**

Important Dates

1/13 FOWC Meeting, 6:30
P.M. *Note Date Change*

1/18 Martin Luther King
Day-No School

1/30 FOWC, Winter
Wonderland Playground
Fun, 1:00-2:30 P.M.-*snow
date 2/6

2/15-2/18 Winter Break 2

2/29 FOWC Meeting, 6:30
P.M.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2016 is off to a great start for WCS students and staff. This month we welcome Mr. Mike Thompson, Special Education Teacher to our staff as well as several Special Education Techs including Mr. Chris Myrick, Mrs. Lori Kane and Mrs. Rebecca Brooks who will be supporting students in short term and long term capacities.

Students are actively learning how to be compassionate learners this month through projects including the 5th grade Tiger Team Children's Book Drive (see below), and "Bucket Slips." The Bucket Slips initiative encourages and promotes students to follow our school's Code of Cooperation (Rights, Respect, and Responsibility), Standard Operating Procedures and/or engage in positive acts of compassion, curiosity and/or confidence. Staff will

complete and place slips in a bucket located in the school office. Slips will be posted on the "Living the Vision" bulletin board located near the gymnasium. One slip will be read to students during the daily announcements. Stay tuned for additional compassion building activities that will take place in February!

Students who participated in the Winter Break 1 Reading Challenge will be having lunch with a mystery guest and myself this month. There will be another Reading Challenge during Winter Break 2. Please continue to ensure that your readers are engaging in at least 20-30 minutes of daily at home reading. This builds interest, fluency, volume and stamina-essential skills for reading success!

-Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, Principal

Williams-Cone School 5th Grade Tiger Team Compassion Project

Children's Book Drive

Students in the Williams-Cone School 5th Grade Tiger Team, a leadership/service club are collecting gently used and/or new children's (all ages) books. Students will assemble book bags that will be donated to children who are supported by local homeless shelters and/or hospitals.

Book donations are being accepted **January 11th through January 25th**. Participating students may bring their donations to school. Book donation boxes are also located inside the WCS main entrance.

Please consider how you may support this project! Thank-you!

Questions: Please contact the WCS office at 725-4391.

Variety Show News

The Variety Show audition dates are January 13 & 20. Students can choose which day they want to audition. Please make sure your child returns a signed permission slip. Students should come to school that day with everything they need for their audition. It would be a good idea to send an extra snack, as students will be at school until 5:00. We are excited to see the acts!

If your child is accepted into the show, here is the rehearsal schedule-

- **Rehearsal dates - Wednesday, January 27
February 3 and 10 (all 3:30-5:30)**

VACATION WEEK

- **Dress rehearsal - Tuesday, February 23
(3:30-6:00 & MANDATORY TO BE IN THE SHOW)**
- **School assembly - Wednesday, February 24**
- **Show date - Thursday, February 25 (6:30 PM)**
- **Snow date - Tuesday, March 1 (6:30 PM)**
- **Pizza Party - March 2 (3:30-4:30)**

FOWC News

Hello Friends,

This weather has been very unpredictable this year! Our hopes are to have our Winter Fun event on Jan. 30 at the school. We have a back up date of Feb. 6, but again, what fun if we don't have any snow. This event will be a sledding, snowman making, hot cocoa and cookies "Thank You" to all you wonderful parents for donations from: food, time, and attending our fundraisers! Without all the help/ support these events are not possible!

Our Christmas Caroling was absolutely beautiful and we were so thrilled with the turnout of all our little WCS students and families. There were many smiles from students and the recipients!!! Our teacher wish list will be out on Monday to help fill classroom needs. We are also in the process of scheduling and planning some upcoming fundraisers. We are hoping to get some dates booked with our meeting scheduled for Wednesday night, we would love if you can attend. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Andrea & Nyssa