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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

3/2-3/10, 3/14-3/18 Parent Teacher
Conferences

3/10 Early Dismissal, 12:00 P.M.

3/10 Smitty's Movie Theater
Fundraiser benefitting FOWC, All
Day

3/11 Professional Development Day,
No School

3/16 All School Read-A-Thon, 2:00
P.M.

3/21-3/25 Grade 5 Maine Education
Assessments Administered

3/28-4/1 Grade 4 Maine Education
Assessments Administered

3/29 2016-2017 Public Budget
Forum, WCS Gymnasium, 6:30 P.M.

3/30 FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M.,
Learning Commons

4/4-4/8 Grade 5 Maine Education
Assessments Administered

4/15 Professional Development Day,
No School for Students

4/18-4/22 Spring Break

4/26 FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

WCS: Learning About Compassion & Responsibility

Spring is coming-or so we have been told! We have had a busy winter at WCS filled with lots of learning, growth, special projects and opportunities. Here are a few highlights:

*The 5th grade Tiger Team recently had an opportunity to learn more about local homelessness. Community leaders from local organizations including Seven Rivers Habitat for Humanity, Tedford Housing, MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program, Brunswick/Topsham Housing Authority as well as the Town of Topsham visited the students. As a result Tiger Team students organized a children's book drive. The Mid-Coast community response was tremendous resulting in over 1000 donated books! Students then organized themselves into teams and assigned roles and responsibilities for preparing the books for delivery. This included students decorating donated book bags by the and filling and labeling the bags by age groups. The project concluded with students delivering the books to Pejepscot Head Start, Tedford Housing, MidCoast Hospital and Woodford Family Services.

*Second grade students organized the annual "Have a Heart for Hunger" food drive benefitting Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program. Students collected and delivered 250 pounds of food!

*Our annual Variety Show held on February 26th was bursting with entertainment ranging from martial arts demonstrations to jokers and musicians. Students in grades 2-5 shared their wonderful talents and skills demonstrating much creativity and commitment.

*FOWC is hosting several Kid's Academies giving students opportunities to grow their basketball, field hockey, carpentry, math, science, technology and foreign language skills.

Whether you donated books, food and/or supported a Kid's Academy or the Variety Show, the WCS staff and I want to share our appreciation for all that you do to support our students. You are helping us to grow compassionate, curious and confident learners!

Looking ahead over the next several weeks our school community will be engaged in state assessments, parent/teacher conferences, Kid's Academies, fundraisers, kindergarten registration and a public budget forum. Continued communication, partnerships and commitment is integral to these activities and most importantly, each learner's success. Thank-you in advance for your support!

-Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal

Nutrition Tips

Nutrition Tips for National Breakfast Week 2016

March 7 - 11 is National Breakfast Week. Please talk to your child about the importance of eating food first thing in the morning and how it can improve one's brain function and energy level. Here are a few tips:

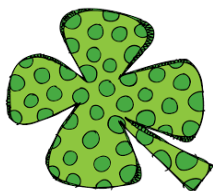
*People who eat a little food in the morning tend to be more focused and less sleepy during the day. Whether you eat breakfast at home or at school, make sure you eat something first thing in the morning - your brain will thank you.

*If you are not in the habit of eating breakfast each morning, try starting with something light, such as cereal and milk. Your school offers a variety of cereals every morning in addition to other breakfast choices.

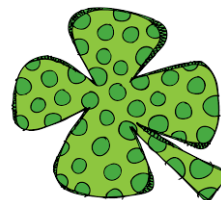
*Breakfast food can be any time food. Some people like to eat rice and tofu first thing in the morning, and others may enjoy a slice of cold pizza. The idea is to fuel your brain back up after you have been sleeping all night. That's why it's called BREAK FAST, because you are breaking the fast.

*If you can only eat a few bites of anything when you first get up, don't worry - that is a great way to start! You can eventually train your body to get used to breakfast and once you do, you will enjoy the added boost of energy.

Calling 2016-17 Kindergarten Students!



If you have a child who will turn 5 no later than October 15, 2016, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2016. Kindergarten registration is taking place March 7th- March 25th. Please call Karen Sanders, WCS secretary at 725-4391 to schedule a time to register your child. Registration information is available on the district website at: link75.org



FOWC News

Williams Cone Families,

We have a new addition to our school lobby, "Box Top Bot". He currently loves to eat box tops! So we need your help feeding him. Every box top gives our school .10 cents! We have sent home a sheet for the month of March where students can tape/ glue their box tops on and send it into school and feed our friend! Our goal is to try to raise money with box tops that come on a variety of items (food, cleaning products and office supplies) we purchase right at the stores.

Our movie night showing Inside Out was a blast. A big thank you to 99 Restaurant for donating the popcorn! For all the families who participated we raised \$90.00 that will go into our classroom needs!

Our next upcoming event will be March 10th at Smitty's. In order for FOWC to receive the credit for this fundraiser each person purchasing a ticket will need to show a card that FOWC has available. There was an orange form that went home to get the cards prior to event. Any movie that day/night is allowed! Smitty's has some great movies that day some beginning at 3:00, 3:30 and dinner times. Please go to their FB page or online for a list of showtimes. Please remember Thursday is a half day of school and no school on Friday!!!!

Thank-you for all of your support!!!!

Andrea & Nyssa, FOWC Co-Chairs