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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"

5/19 Gr. 3 Field Trip to Planetarium

5/20 Gr. 5 Field Trip to Northeast Livestock Expo

5/23-5/26 Scholastic Book Fair

5/23 Gr. 5 STEM Fair, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

5/24 Gr. 4 STEM Fair, 1:30-2:30 P.M.

5/25 Gr. 5 Step Up Day

5/25 Arts Festival & Book Fair, 5:30-7:00 P.M.

5/30 Memorial Day, No School

5/31 Professional Development Day, No School for Students

6/2 Bike Trip, Grades 4 & 5 (Rain Date 6/3)

6/2 Gr. 2 Kish Field Trip to CREA

6/6 Field Day, Grades 3-5

6/7 Field Day, K-2

6/8 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 A.M.

6/9 Gr. 2 San Pedro Field Trip to CREA

6/10 Gr. 5 Field Trip to Museum of Science, Boston

6/13 FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M., LC

6/16 2016-17 Kindergarten Mini-Day, 10:00 A.M.

6/16 5th Grade Farewell Assembly, 1:30 P.M.

6/17 Last Day of School, 12:00 P.M. Dismissal

As the school year begins to wind down things are actually winding up around WCS. We have great learning, activities and experiences taking place all around our school community. An overarching theme this year has been to teach our students how to be compassionate, curious and confident learners. Over the past couple of weeks instructors from the Riverview Foundation have been visiting our classrooms helping students to learn how to access self-confidence. Students have been introduced to the traditional martial arts tools of breathing, blocking and balance. Through the review of these skills students are learning how to better "balance their day" through identifying elements in their daily life (ex. sleeping well, eating well, homework time, time with family and friends) to keep their self confidence high!

The "Screen Free Week" that was held earlier this month also helped to reinforce confidence. Over 50 WCS students participated in screen free activities ranging from playing board games with family members to playing games with neighborhood friends during non-school hours. While going screen-free was understandably a challenge in this technological age, we have received lots of positive feedback regarding the positive benefits of this great initiative. Participants will be treated to a bonus recess and will be allowed to participate in"Crazy Hair Day" on Thursday, May 26th. Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who supported this important event!

I would also like to give a big "shout out" to the volunteers that have made Kid's Academies possible over the past several months. Opportunities of this nature are not possible without your support. You may have noticed that the hallways in the Williams Wing between the office and Learning Commons have received a fresh new look. The staff and I would like to thank the parents, staff and students who made this possible under the direction of WCS parent Gordon Kinney. The cheerful colors lend a new vibrance to our school community!

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank FOWC for the fabulous "Staff Appreciation" meal and treats. We appreciated the generosity and thought that went into making the week special for all of us. Thank-you so very much!!

2016-17 Kindergarten screenings were recently held with 31 incoming students! We are excited to welcome these students to our school community. Many thanks to the staff and community members who helped coordinate this introduction to our wonderful school!

A reminder that while the end of the school year is in sight, it is still very important for students to take school seriously and do their personal best. This includes social, behavior and academics. Please take the time to review our Code of Cooperation (Rights, Respect & Responsibility) with your children. Thank-you!

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal

Lost and Found

We currently have many valuable items ranging from coats to lunch boxes in our Lost and Found area Please stop by the Lost and Found (located between the boys and girls bathrooms near the main entrance) and check to see if you have any "lost" items. Items that are not claimed by June 17th will be donated to a local charity.

Arts Festival

Dear WCS Families,

Our annual Arts Festival will be held on **Wednesday, May 25**. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a time to see some of the artwork that students have created this year.

There will be classroom performances in the music room and the Special Chorus will also sing. Families may visit the Book Fair in the Library and snacks will be available in the gym. The evening will end at 7:00.

Your child will bring home an invitation for the Arts Festival. Please look it over as it lists the schedule for the evening, including times of the musical performances. We hope you will plan to join us for this wonderful family activity!

FOWC News

Hello Friends,

We are close to the end of the school year and have one more fundraiser for FOWC. On June 5th we will be doing another movie day at Smitty's in Topsham. We will have the cards available in order for FOWC to receive the proceeds, keep an eye out for a flyer coming home. It will be any movie playing on that Sunday. Thank you for making the last Smitty's fundraiser so successful!
We had a great turnout with past families, and current families helping to paint the entry in our school! It looks absolutely fantastic and we could not have done it without Gordon Kinney overseeing the project! Our hopes are this summer to complete the long hallway and will ask for volunteers then as well.
Our teacher appreciation week consisted of a meat and cheese platter along with salad from Michauds in Topsham, cupcakes, ice cream sundaes, flowers and drinks in the teachers lounge along with a fantastic breakfast cart! For all who donated to make this possible we greatly appreciate it! This is what FOWC is all about!
Next months newsletter we hope to get some dates for the upcoming school year's events along with the teachers basket themes for next fall!

Thank you again for all the hard work and support for our wonderful parent group!

3rd Annual Trust for Our Future Golf Scramble

All district children have the potential to benefit from educational enrichment opportunities, and major funding for grants is provided by our annual GOLF SCRAMBLE to be held on June 22nd at 8:15 A.M. at the Highland Green in Topsham.

Here are some ways you can be involved:

*Have fun playing golf in the tourney at Highland Green in Topsham! Online registration is available at: www.trustforourfuture.org

*Sponsor the scramble as a business, family, individual, or in memoriam!

*Donate goods or services to our popular SILENT AUCTION the day of the tourney!

*Join the golf scramble committee!

*Sign up to be a Volunteer.

For information or to get involved, email Holly Kopp, event coordinator: hollyjkopp@gmail.com

Trust for Our Future, an education fund benefiting M.S.A.D. 75, is a nonprofit organization that expands educational opportunities, fosters partnerships and advances academic excellence for students beyond the general school curriculum. The Trust awards competitive mini-grants to teachers for innovative teaching and learning projects that are designed to engage students in meaningful learning. Projects focus on technology, the arts, science, health promotion, service learning, school and community presentations, career learning and visiting authors. Trust for Our Future is seeking to provide greater learning capacity and opportunities for M.S.A.D. 75.