

# WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL

**"Williams-Cone School is a safe and kind community that inspires every student to succeed." -Compassionate, Curious, Confident Learners-**

## Important Dates

10/9 Teacher Inservice, No School for Students

10/12 Columbus Day Holiday, No School

10/14 FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M., LC

10/15 Lockdown Drill

10/19-10/23 Book Fair Week

10/22 Book Fair Evening Hours, 4:00-7:00 P.M.

10/23 Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

11/6 Picture Retakes

11/9 FOWC Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

11/11 Veteran's Day-No School

11/13 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-8:30 P.M.

11/16-11/20 Parent/Teacher Conference Week

11/17 Family Lunch Day, 11:30-12:30

11/24 Early Dismissal, 12:00 P.M.

11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break

The school year is off and running! Our school wide learning target/theme for the year is for students to learn how to "live out" our school's new shared vision (see above) and "Code of Cooperation." The Real 3 R's" -Rights, Respect and Responsibility is the foundation for the "Code of Cooperation", giving students a framework for behavioral and social expectations within our school community. To teach, support and reinforce positive behaviors throughout our school community, each classroom has created their own Code of Cooperation that will be practiced and reinforced throughout the year. Amy Wallace, WCS guidance counselor/social worker and I are also visiting classrooms and presenting lessons that give students the opportunity to learn, practice and embed positive behaviors.

Throughout this year our staff's Vision Team will be working together to create and implement school wide and grade specific activities and opportunities that will teach our students how to live out our school's new vision and Code of Cooperation. Beginning this month our school wide focus will be to help our students becoming more "curious learners" by engaging them in a variety of creative, thought provoking activities that will promote inquiry and great interest. During the second marking period the school wide focus will be to teach our students how to be compassionate learners by building an awareness of the needs of others through our local and surrounding communities. And during the third marking period our focus will be on increasing each student's confidence by setting goals, experiencing success and providing strong and supportive feedback.

And of course we need you, our community partners to join us in this great opportunity to grow compassionate, curious and confident learners! Maybe you have a particular skill, hobby or interest that might peak our student's curiosity that you would like to share through a Kid's Academy. Please consider how you can partner with us and support our children this year.

I am also very proud to share that WCS was selected by WCSH Channel 6 for the "Schools That Shine" program. The focus of the segment which ran through the month of September was the "Bus to Books" program that was created by Don Sanders, WCS bus driver, during the 2014-15 school year. Included with this very special honor was a \$1000.00 donation from Norway Savings Bank that will be used to purchase books for our school. Yay for WCS!

***Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal***

**MSAD#75****Community Flu Clinic**

will be held on Saturday, Oct 24 from 9am to 12pm and Tuesday Dec 1 from 4pm-6pm at Mt Ararat Middle School.

Vaccine available for 6 months of age and up Nasal will be available for 18 and under as long as they fit the requirement to receive nasal.

You will not be charged for the flu shot (or nasal mist), but CHANS would like you to bring your insurance card so their agency can request reimbursement for some of the expense from insurance companies.

**Friends of Williams-Cone-Submitted by Andrea Imrie, FOWC Co-Chair**

This year has started off with a large increase in sign ups for volunteers, everyone involved with FOWC greatly appreciates all the support! We would love to thank several families for playground pavement fun and playground clean up. Thank you to the Hemond, Douglass, Woodward, Kinney, Byrne, Jenkins, Imrie and Kibler Families. Thank you very much Jon Kibler for the cedar mulch donation- it makes our flower beds look amazing. Thank you to all the parents helping for the first couple weeks of school and transitioning into a routine and supporting students in the lunchrooms. The open house was a success along with some yummy ice cream to end the evening. Thank you to Julie Lamoreau, Ashley Mcbrady and some fellow alumni students Addison Rineer and Teagan Bryne for handing ice cream out. Picture Day went wonderfully and a big thank you to Nicole Moon Weirs and Diane Bartels for helping make this a success.

Classroom parents have been selected so you may receive a email from them letting you know who they are or friendly reminders for classroom needs. Next week is our bus driver appreciation week. Notices have gone out for volunteers who signed up. Please take a moment and just say Thank You to them for keeping our children safe for the school year.

Our Halloween Dance is our next big event and we are looking forward to an even bigger year of Halloween fun. It will be held Oct.23 from 6-8. There will be a flyer going out next week to pre purchase tickets prior to event and the opportunity to sign up to bring some fun spooky treats in! Thank you all for supporting our school and our children!

**News From the Counselor-Amy Wallace**

This year we are partnering with Providence Human Services to provide in school counseling for children. These services are different from the guidance and or social work services your child receives at school. The Providence services are for children that would benefit from individual counseling and coordination of family services.

Providence Human Services provides family-centered services for children and adolescents with a commitment to providing the highest quality services possible. Providence believes that family is the most important part of a child's life and should be supported whenever possible. Our commitment to the importance of the family is reflected in the home, community and school-based services offered.

Providence has a program called Integrated Clinical Services. These are behavioral health services that are offered in doctors' offices, other community based settings, and most often in schools. This program will now be offered in our school. It is unique because a clinician will be on site regularly, and will be available when a child or adolescent needs support. The Providence Clinician will work closely with school staff, clients and families to produce the best results for all involved.

The goal of Providence's Integrated Clinical Services is to identify and reduce the barriers children, adolescents and their families have with participating in counseling services and to increase the skills that the child or adolescent may need to be successful during their school day. The Providence clinician can help with a variety of emotional needs your child and/ or your family may have. These include behavioral struggles during the school day, anxiety, family changes that are causing stress, behavioral struggles at home, depression, problems with peers at school, accessing community resources and many more. Services are provided by focusing on the child's and family's strengths instead of problems. A significant role of Providence staff is to give youth and families the opportunity to learn needed skills and make positive changes that will drastically improve their daily lives.

If this is a service that you would like to explore for your child please contact Amy Wallace at school. I can help with the referral process.