

WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL



Welcome to the 2013-14 School Year!

Happy First Day of School!! Today was a busy day at WCS. Students were oriented to their classrooms and the new playground equipment that was installed over the past weekend. A "Welcome Back" assembly was held this morning that included staff introductions including several new staff members (see below), a review of the "Real 3 R's" and a science

demonstration that introduced our theme for the year, "The Year of Science and Technology."

This year promises to bring great things to our students ranging from reading challenges to new science and technology opportunities. We continue to have very high expectations at WCS and are committed to meeting the

needs of each and every student. Partnering with our school community continues to be essential to our school's success. There will be many opportunities for volunteer support throughout the year.

Looking forward to a fabulous year!

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, Principal



MRS. SPIES & MS. WAITE



MS. HARLOW & MR. SHELDON



MS. CARROLL & MR. WHITING

Welcome to new staff members: Mrs. Spies, Health Room Aide, Ms. Waite, Special Education Ed Tech, Ms. Harlow, Literacy Teacher Leader, Mr. Sheldon, Learning Commons Ed Tech, Ms. Carroll, 5th Grade Teacher, & Mr. Whiting Art Teacher

PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION & CLEAN UP



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to install our new playground equipment and/or clean up our playground on August 24th and 25th. Their support was tremendous!!

A playground dedication ceremony will be held later this fall that will include formal recognition to our donors and volunteers who helped to make this project a reality. More details to follow!



Pictures taken by Diane Bartels, WCS Parent

Important Dates

8/30 NO SCHOOL

9/2 NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY

9/4 LATE START WEDNESDAYS BEGIN, 9:55 A.M. ARRIVAL

9/4 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 P.M., LIBRARY

9/5 BULLYING AWARENESS PARENT PLANNING MEETING, 6:00 P.M., LIBRARY

9/12 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY KID'S ACADEMY INFORMATION MEETING, 6:00 P.M., LIBRARY

9/18 ICE CREAM SOCIAL/OPEN HOUSE, 6:15 P.M.

9/24 FRIENDS OF WILLIAMS-CONE MEETING, 6:00 P.M., LIBRARY



SCHOOL SECURITY-BULLYING

School security includes creating and maintaining a school culture where all students feel safe...emotionally and physically. To that end, WCS would like to work together with parents and caregivers to positively and proactively address student bullying.

An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 P.M. in the WCS Learning Commons (formerly the library). The purpose of this meeting will be to brainstorm strategies and future opportunities within our school community to educate and support parents and caregivers in dealing with this sensitive subject with their children and working together to



LEARNING COMMONS

What is a Learning Commons?

The Learning Commons is an extension of the classroom for our 21st century learners. What used to be known as the library and computer lab is now our Learning Commons. Though the place of the Learning Commons can be found in what we used to call the library, it's much more than that. The Learning Commons is a place to read, research, create projects, and share what we learn weaving the use of many 21st century skills throughout. The possibilities are endless! Our Learning Commons team consists of Mark Sheldon, who will be available full time, along with Trish Suthers, the elementary library media specialist and Kate Greeley, the elementary technology integrator. We look forward to showcasing some exciting projects as the year unfolds.

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YEAR OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Parent-Staff Science & Technology Committee worked very hard over the summer to plan for upcoming science & technology Kid's Academy opportunities for all grade levels. However, volunteer support is greatly needed for planning, organizing and teaching these Kid's Academies. Training and materials will be provided for interested instructors and you DO NOT need a background in science or technology to teach this type of Kid's Academy.

If you are interested in learning more about teaching a science & technology Kid's Academy, an informational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the WCS Learning Commons.

Also, the next regular Parent-Staff Science & Technology Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 in the Learning Commons.

TO HELP TEACH AND REINFORCE APPROPRIATE STUDENT BEHAVIORS, "THE NEW 3 R'S" WERE IMPLEMENTED LAST SCHOOL YEAR. THIS YEAR, WCS WILL IMPLEMENT THE "REAL 3 R'S." THE FOCUS WILL BE ON HOW STUDENTS CAN "LIVE OUT" THE 3 R'S IN THEIR DAILY LIVES AND ROUTINES. THE GOAL WILL BE FOR STUDENTS TO USE THESE SKILLS IN ALL SCHOOL SETTINGS EACH DAY.

THE REAL 3 R'S

RIGHTS

-EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE AND THAT THEY BELONG IN OUR SCHOOL.

RESPECT

-RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND SCHOOL PROPERTY.

RESPONSIBILITY

-YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING YOUR PERSONAL BEST