

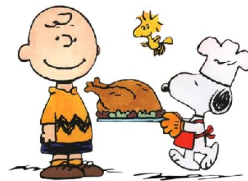
WILLARD PK-2 NEWSLETTER



Wow!! It is already November. So much has already been going on in the classrooms and so much to look forward to. The end of the first nine week grading period was October 19 which means that one fourth of your child's learning opportunity for the year has already happened. Our students in grades PK-2 have been working very hard and we anticipate the same for the rest of the school year! The students have accomplished a great deal during the first months of school and I hope that you see evidence of this learning from your child at home as you read together, play math games together or help your child with homework. If you did not receive your child's report card please call the school office at 330-675-8700 ext. 1001.

Hope all of our parents will schedule a parent/teacher conference on either Tuesday, November 13 or Thursday, November 15 from 4:15 pm – 7:15 pm each evening. This is a great way to connect with your child's teacher and to see the progress that your child is making. During your conference time, the teacher will discuss your child's Reading Improvement Monitoring Plan and this will be implemented throughout the year. We look forward to seeing and working with you.

Michelle Chiaro
PK-2 Principal



Yearbooks

If any student would like to purchase a yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year, please see Mrs. Feeney in the band room. Pre-Sale order forms were passed out last week. The cost of the yearbook will be \$16.00. If you send in cash, make sure to send money in an envelope with the students name on it and their classroom teacher's name. Checks must be made out to Herff Jones. Credit cards are also accepted. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Feeney at 330-675-8700 ext. 1301.



The Willard Veterans Day Program will be held on Monday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Willard Cafeteria. Our second grade students will be recognizing and honoring our military service members with American Patriotic Music. Please join us and help honor our veterans.



Upcoming Events

Nov 6— WAIVER DAY, NO SCHOOL
Nov 12—Veteran's Day Program
Nov 12 - 16—Book Fair
Nov 14 - Family Day, Grade 2
Nov 13 & 15— Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov 19-Nov 23 NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK
Nov 30—Children's Concert @ Packard Music Hall Grade 1



The book fair is coming to Willard the week of November 12-15! It will also be open after school the nights of conferences until 6:30 pm.

Attached to this newsletter is the parent/teacher conference form for you to fill out and return to the school office.

Conferences will be held on:

Tuesday, Nov 13 &

Thursday, Nov 15

4:15 pm – 7:15 pm each evening.

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MICHELLE CHIARO PRINCIPAL**

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According to Edutopia.com, “Math anxiety is much more than a dislike for the subject—it’s a real problem for students, one that blocks the brain’s working memory and starts a self-perpetuating cycle of math avoidance, low achievement, and fear. This form of anxiety manifests as early as kindergarten, and nearly half of elementary school children experience it. One way to support math-anxious students is to have regular class conversations about negative beliefs. Reassuring students that there’s no such thing as a math person, or special people born more capable in math, will reduce their anxiety and help them see themselves as mathematicians. The words that teachers use when conferring with students are also important. Praising students for correct answers, speed, or good grades does little in the way of providing useful feedback. On the other hand, using specific comments about processes students use to solve problems, their decision to represent the math in multiple ways, or their use of particular sense-making strategies encourages all students and makes the math accessible to all.” These practices and conversations should be occurring at home as well. Reassuring your student is powerful. You make a difference not only in your words, but with your loving support and encouragement as well. Be an advocate for success for your student! It will follow them for life.

Heidi Cope-Barker, School Improvement Supervisor

Supper @ Willard

Students enrolled at Willard PK-8 can receive a free supper immediately after school in the cafeteria Monday through Thursday at 4:00 pm

Bus riders must provide their own transportation home if they choose to remain at Willard for supper.

THANKSGIVING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
STUDENTS RETURN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26



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For the continued safety of your child, all transportation changes require a note from a parent or legal guardian. Please make sure that we have a current emergency form on file for your student(s). Photo ID is required when picking up a student during the school day.

It is very important that parents do not send their children to school prior to the designated breakfast time because this is not a supervised part of the day. Students are permitted to enter the building at 9:05 am. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Just a reminder to please contact the school when a cell, home, or work number has changed. We need updated information so that we are able to reach someone in case of an emergency.

Thank you!