

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians:

As March quickly approaches, we are working each and every day to continue the upward academic growth for your student(s). We have seen our students' math and reading scores improve through mid-year diagnostic assessments, and we work to continue this trend in the upcoming 4th grading period.

Our state assessments will be administered beginning at the end of March. The students will be taking OST's (Ohio State Tests) in Reading (grades 3-5), Math (grades 3-5), and Science (grade 5). In order to prepare, we ask that the students continue to work hard in the classroom and on their homework assignments. Attendance at school every day is vital so important instruction is not missed. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher for additional resources that can help your child prepare for these assessments, as well as for extra practice in the grade-level standards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Go Raiders! :)

Vicki Raptis  
3-5 Pod Principal

The Willard Raider Pantry is available to provide additional food items to our students and their families. We appreciate the United Way of Trumbull County and the Second Harvest Food Bank for supporting our Willard families!



### Supper Club at Willard:

Students enrolled at Willard PK-8 can receive a free supper immediately after school in the cafeteria Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m. Bus riders must provide their own transportation home.



[www.warrenschoools.k12.oh.us](http://www.warrenschoools.k12.oh.us)

Please make sure you have completed your student's emergency form. Also, it is very important to update the form throughout the year with any new numbers, address changes, or pick up information.



March 5-Kindergarten Registration @ Willard

March 8- Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13- End of 3rd grading period

March 19- Spring Begins

March 27- 3-5 Awards



In grades 3-5, we celebrate homerooms who have the best attendance for the month with a pizza party!!



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## Academic Updates: A Glimpse into the Classrooms



### Grade 3:

3rd grade readers will recognize and use homographs, words with multiple meanings, and consonant letters that represent no sound. Students will learn that authors write books to interest and entertain you, as well as to provide information about a specific topic. In Math, students will describe and classify two-dimensional shapes, especially quadrilaterals, calculate area and perimeter, and represent fractions as parts of a whole shape. In Science, students will continue their study in the states of matter. Students will be integrating writing with Social Studies as they will create research reports based off of the famous African American they chose to study. In Social-Emotional learning, students will continue to study how to problem solve effectively.

### Grade 4:

4th graders will explore historical fiction, expository nonfiction, and revisit traditional literature in depth in ELA. Students will write about reading in relation to historical fiction and on-demand text in Writing. Fourth graders will measure angles and determine angle measurements based upon given information in Math. Students will sort and classify shapes based upon the number and kinds of sides and angles they have; and calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles. In Science, 4th graders will explore the forms of energy. Students will understand the different types of energy and the ability of energy to be transformed from one form to another. Students will continue to focus on Ohio History and the dynamics of our state in Social Studies. In Social-Emotional learning, students will continue to celebrate diversity and learn strategies to counter prejudice.

### Grade 5:

5th graders will read informational texts again and understand how authors develop their information around a topic. Students will access more than one source when learning about a new topic. Fifth grade writers will utilize at least two sources of information to write a prompt using evidence to support their thinking. In Math, 5th graders will calculate the volume of a rectangular prism using a formula and other strategies. Students will graph points in the coordinate plane, sort and classify triangles, quadrilaterals, and other two-dimensional shapes. Students will explore light and sound as forms of energy in Science, as well as study the diversity of the Western Hemisphere in Social Studies. In Social-Emotional learning, students will study Making a Difference. The emphasis will be on making a difference, and related leadership skills.



Yearbook: The 2019-2020 Yearbook is now for sale. The cost of the yearbook will be \$16.00. If you are interested, please send the money in an envelope with your child's name on it and address it as "Yearbook Money". We will accept cash or check. Checks should be made out to Herff Jones. Credit cards will be accepted online. The yearbooks are delivered mid-May. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Feeney at 330-675-8700 ext 1301.

