Williams-Cone School Principal's Newsletter

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



Pictured above is a bulletin board created by the students in Mrs. LaPointe's classroom.

Hello WCS Community!

March has concluded and April is here! Spring excitement has begun. Spring brings lots of new energy and opportunities to our school community. Here are a few things that have been taking place around WCS and some things to look forward to:

News from the Art Room

We have had an exciting year in art so far! We have made pottery, jewelry, collage, paintings, have learned about color theory and mixing, composition, and so much more. Right now we are creating pottery percussion instruments (shakers) in 4th and 5th grade. Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grades are starting to weave, and 3rd grade will be creating small tapestries soon. Pottery should start coming home soon, keep your eyes peeled!









Students from Mrs. LaPointe's class reading their writing from the "Author's Chair"









Music Class

Students in Mrs. Appel's 4th and 5th grade music classes were introduced to learning how to play the ukulele this week.

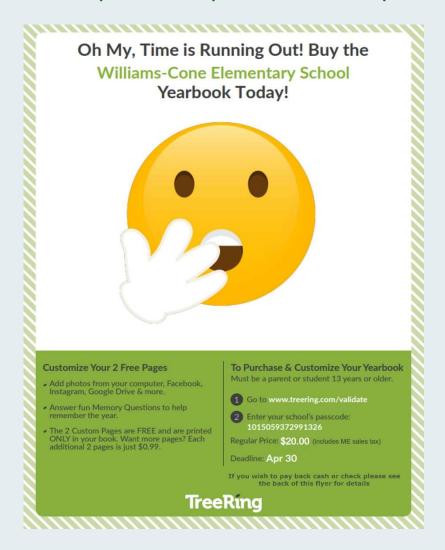






2021-2022 WCS Yearbook

Have you ordered your Yearbook today?



Order online before

4/30/2022: https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1015059372991326

We still need YOUR photos! Email any photos to <u>WCSYearbook@yahoo.com</u> - Photo submission deadline is 4/4/2022.

You can order a yearbook with cash or check by filling out the paper order form and returning it to our school. Please note that due to a change with our printing company all check payments moving forward should be made out to 'FOWC' or 'Friends of Williams-Cone'.

Playground Project Update



The first phase of the playground project was approved by the school board on March 24th. This first phase will be small in nature but will include a platform and large rocks for students to climb on. The structure will also include large plastic tubes that are safe and large enough for students and adults to crawl through. Because the structure will consist of primarily natural items including rocks, earth and lumber, it has been titled "The Earthen Crawl Project." Plans are underway to begin installing the structure on Friday, April 15th under the direction of WCS parent, Mac Hunter.

The playground committee plans to expand the project to include a climbing wall and other child friendly features based on feedback from recent staff and student surveys. The expansions will take place over the summer as well into next school depending on available resources. These resources include monetary and material donations as well as volunteer time and availability. The playground committee will meet via zoom on Tuesday, April 5th at 5:00 P.M. via zoom (see link below). Everyone is welcome to attend!

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Meeting ID: 946 6862 0922

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As always, if you have any needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school team here at WCS.

Your Principal,

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Lots of great things have been happening throughout the WCS community over the past several weeks. We are grateful for:

- *The support for the Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank-you parents, caregivers and staff.
- *Trimester 2 report cards-thank-you teaching staff!
- *We are able to welcome back volunteers and visitors!
- *The 5th grade fundraiser sponsored by Portland Pie Restaurant in Brunswick.
- *Sherman's Bookstore-provided over 150 coupons for students that completed the Principal's Reading Challenge.
- *The Deeds Family-donated a desk for students in Malawi. A total of six desks were purchased

for students in Malawi.

*Over 150 WCS completed the Winter Break 2 Reading Challenge resulting in the entire school being treated to another Phredd Concert!

- *FOWC held their first in-person meeting in two years on March 31st!
- *The "Earthen Crawl Playground Project" was approved by the MSAD #75 facilities committee and school board.
- *The creativity, commitment and energy extended to the "Earthen Crawl Playground Project" by the Playground Committee.



April/May

4/5 Playground Committee Meeting, 5:00 P.M. via Zoom

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4/15 No School for Students, In-Service Day

4/18-4/22 Spring Break

4/27 FOWC Meeting, 5:00 P.M. WCS Learning Commons

5/2-5/6 Staff Appreciation Week

5/25 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 A.M.

5/30 Memorial Day Holiday, No School

Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever* or taken fever reducing medicine?



Do you feel sick, had Vomiting/diarrhea, fever*, sore throat, new cough, or felt unwell?



Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure?



Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fever * Chills Sore throat New loss of taste or

Cough

smell

Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain
Nausea or Vomiting
Stomach pain
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Headache
Rash
Swelling or redness of
hands/feet
Red eyes/eye
drainage
Congestion/

*Fever is 100.4°F/38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

runny nose

Stay home with any YES response to the questions above.

Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

*A fever is 100.4F/38C or greater.





Updated 10.19.2021

please join us at our community food pantry



We Include, Nurture & Give

W.I.N.G.

the food pantry at Mt. Ararat Middle School

Drive-up service available
Mt Ararat Middle School front entrance
Monday 4p to 6p
Friday 5:30p-7:30p

Fresh produce, Dairy, Frozen foods, & Hygiene products are all available to anyone.

FMI contact 207.729.2950 ext. 7202

