

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-



Hello WCS Community!

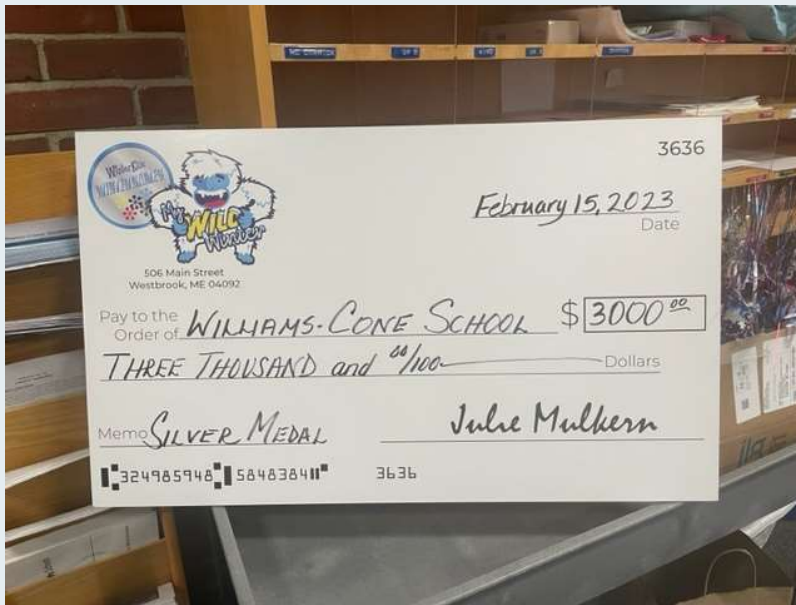


We are the WinterKids Winter Games Silver Winner!!!

Representatives from WinterKids came to WCS on Wednesday, February 15th and presented WCS with the Silver Award for the WinterKids Winter Games! Students, staff, Winter Games supporters, school board members, central office administration, MTA high school PALS and parents/community members alike celebrated this tremendous accomplishment. The WinterKids Winter Games Celebration Assembly also included a K-5 performance of the WinterKids dance and a special WinterKids Winter Games video created by Kate Greeley. The video featured highlights of the WCS WinterKids Winter Games activities and experiences from the past four weeks. Along with a check for \$3,000.00 that will be used for playground and physical equipment and supplies, we were also presented with a beautiful trophy. We are very grateful and so proud!







It has been a joy and a privilege to participate in the WinterKids Winter Games this year. Although we are very excited to be one of the top two winners, what is most important is the sense of connection and belonging that this opportunity has brought back to our community. Our staff, students and community wholeheartedly embraced the challenge and gave 200% to it! Thank-you amazing community for helping us restore many of the things that we took for granted prior to the pandemic. We will continue to work together and look for ways to continue to build and restore our community.

If you would like to find highlights, photos and additional details about our WinterKids Winter Games journey, go to:

<https://sites.google.com/link75.org/wcswinterkidgames/home>

Enjoy the upcoming Winter Break 2 and please encourage your student(s) to complete the Winter Break 2 Principal's Reading Challenge!



Your Principal,

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gratitude

We have LOTS of things to be thankful for as a school community:



*WinterKids Celebration cake created by Haley Kulas and donated by The Bake Shoppe (Banis/Talmage/Massey families). It was absolutely delicious!!!

*Friends of Williams-Cone-Again, we could not do any of this without all of you!!!

*Annie Martin, WCS Phys. Ed. Teacher for continuing to coordinating, creating, designing and facilitating amazing games, activities and opportunities for the the WinterKids Winter Games.

*Pam Young and Randy Munsey-behind the scenes support.

*The Gray Family-use of their large projector screen.

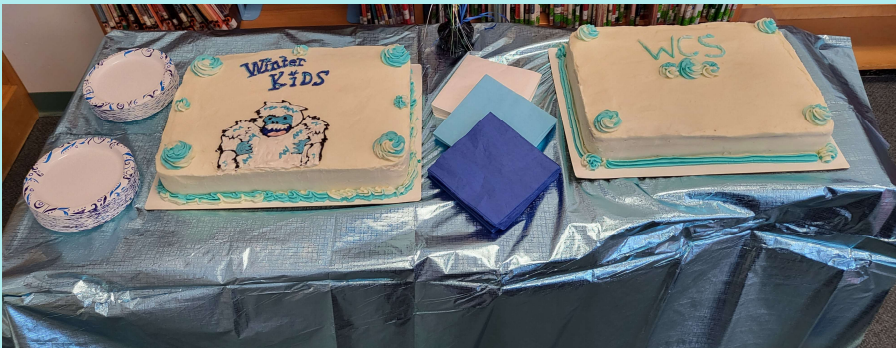
*WCS Staff-their tireless and selfless cooperation, support, organization, planning and time extended to the WinterKids Winter Games along with everything else that they are doing.

*Mrs. Bellina-the WCS WinterKids Winter Games website and lots of technical support!

*Kate Greeley-created the WinterKids Winter Games culminating video.

*Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. San Pedro -press releases, communications, etc.

*Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Spies-organizing the WinterKids Winter Games luncheon.



From Friends of Williams-Cone:

**First, we want to take a moment to recognize the support and presence of our families and community so far this year - from successful fundraisers to running out of the fancy volunteer badges for this week's WinterKids event and having to revert back to stickers we are very grateful for your attendance in any and all forms. Thank you for making our community thrive!*

**Your engagement in our Bake Sale table during the WinterKids Family Fun Night helped us cover the costs for materials during the Ice Carving Demo. Thank you very much for helping us cover these unplanned expenses for our WinterKids events, it was a very unique experience we are so glad our students got to see and learn about.*

**A special thanks to Becky with Sweet Satisfaction Fudge for partnering with us again to host this fundraiser and many thanks to our Fudge Distribution crew Jenn, Sam, Kim, Katie, Erin & Megan for handling our pick-up night like pros!*

**Thank you to our community for helping us raise over \$1300.00 for our PTO during our Fudge Fundraiser. We hope you find it delicious! These funds help us continue to support the many programs and financial commitments we make to our school, its students, teachers, and staff.*

**The 5th Grade Fundraising group would like to thank everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts. The Celebrity Scoops event at Gelato Fiasco was another success and they are well on their way to reaching their goal to support the 5th Graders on their end-of-year celebrations.*

**Thank you Haley K. and The Bakeshop for the delicious cake during the WinterKids Volunteer Luncheon. Again, many thanks to ALL of our volunteers, teachers, & staff that pulled together for our WinterKids Competition. Bringing home the Silver Medal is AMAZING!*





2/20-2/24 Winter Break 2

3/1 Variety Show Daytime School Performance

3/1 5th grade Fundraising Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

3/2 Variety Show Evening Performance, 6:30 P.M.

3/5 5th Grade Popcorn Fundraiser Begins

3/7 Playground Committee Project Planning Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

3/9 FOWC Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

3/10 Trimester 2 Ends

3/10 FOWC Family Night, 5:00 P.M., Gymnasium

3/13-3/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/16. Early Dismissal, 10:45 A.M. PreK, 12:10 P.M., K-5

3/17 No School, Compensation Day for Staff

3/24 Trimester 2 Report Cards Sent Home with Students

3/31. 5th Grade Carnival Dance Fundraiser, 6:00-8:00 P.M., Gymnasium

4/4 Playground Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

The word "Kindergarten" is written in a colorful, stylized font. Each letter is filled with a different pattern of colors and shapes, including stripes, polka dots, and geometric patterns. The letters are arranged in a slightly wavy line.

If you have a child who will turn 5 no later than October 15, 2023, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Kindergarten registration will take place March 6th through March 31st.

Kindergarten students can be registered electronically at:

<https://ic.link75.org/campus/apps/olr/application/login/kiosk-app-type>



In an effort to increase access to high-quality early childhood learning opportunities for students prior to entering Kindergarten, M.S.A.D. No. 75 provides two PreK classes, for a total of 32 students. Students must be 4 years old by October 15, 2023. The program uses the same calendar as grades K-12, runs five days a week and approximately 6 hours per day. Transportation is not provided. One class is at the Williams-Cone School in Topsham, while the other is at Midcoast Maine Community Action's (MMCA) Head Start location at Cook's Corner in Brunswick.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year. You must complete the one page application and bring to WCS with documentation of residency (utility bill), the child's birth certificate and immunization records. Additional information is available through the following link:

http://link75.org/parents/student_registration/prek_registration

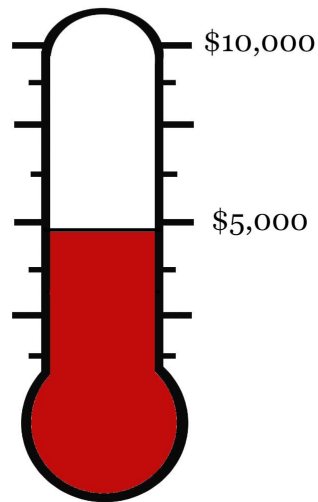
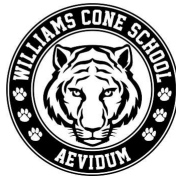
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Get caught up on the latest news from Williams-Cone School's PTO group

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SUPPORTING THE STAFF AND FAMILIES
OF THE WILLIAMS-CONE COMMUNITY

Annual Fundraising Goal



as of February 7, 2023

What an exciting place WCS is right now, we've had cupcakes, just had our sweet tooth fixes for fudge and gelato, and now we have popcorn and school wear on the way! We are excited to announce FOWC is just shy of the halfway mark on our 2022-2023 fundraising goal. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our PTO fundraising efforts and the events hosted by our 5th Grade Fundraising Group. We are always interested in your feedback and ideas for fundraising events so join us for our next meeting!

Join us for the Upcoming FOWC Meetings & Events:

5th Grade Fundraising Meeting - 3/1/23 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Learning Commons

Playground Committee Project Planning Meeting - 3/7/23 at 5:30 PM in the Learning Commons

FOWC Meeting - 3/9 at 5:30 PM in the Learning Commons (Zoom will be offered)

Family Night,- 3/10, 5:00 P.M., WCS Gymnasium

5th Grade Popcorn Fundraiser starts on 3/5/23

5th Grade Carnival - 3/31/23 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the gymnasium

Playground Committee Meeting - 4/4/23 at 5:30 PM in the Learning Commons



Mark your calendars! FOWC will be hosting a Family Night on Friday, March 10th at 5:00 PM in the WCS gymnasium!

A flyer with all the details for the event will be coming home after February Break! We hope you can join us!

Playground Committee



We have some fun and creative planning ideas taking shape for the Playground Committee! Join us at our next planning meeting on **March 7th at 5:30 pm** in the Learning Commons to review our proposal and modify our design.



Gelato Fiasco



THANK YOU to all who came out to support the 5th grade this past Monday. The *Gelato Fiasco WCS Celebrity Scooper* fundraiser exceeded expectations and was a HUGE success! Thank you to the WCS staff who volunteered as scoopers: Mr. Myrick, Mr. Ridge, Mrs. San Pedro, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Carroll, and Ms. Bretschneider -- we could not have done this without you! Enormous thanks to Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Anderson and FOWC for their help getting the word out. Thank you to all others who promoted the event, and to the WCS students, families, and staff as well as community members who stopped by *Gelato Fiasco* to purchase a treat or to just say hello.

Thanks to your support the 5th grade is well on their way toward reaching their fundraising goal of covering expenses for all 5th grade students to attend their field trip to Chewonki and to support their end-of-year celebrations. Finally, many thanks to *Gelato Fiasco* for having us and hosting a fun, delicious and generous event!

5th Grade Fundraising/Planning Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1 from 5:30-7:00p in the Learning Commons at WCS. Please contact Mary Kate Appicelli at 207-751-0133 or applecelery@hotmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!

March 5: Start of 5th grade popcorn fundraiser

March 31, 6:00-8:00pm WCS Carnival Dance 5th Grade Fundraiser



COMMUNITY REMINDER - Box Tops has gone digital so instead of clipping them from products, you use the Box Tops app and scan your receipts to see if you purchased any qualified products and apply that to the school account.

Here is a short video on how to use the app: <https://youtu.be/v-bNcykyK5Y>

You can find the apps in the Apple Store or on Google Play.



We are also still Clykin! You can grab one of our bags in the bin near the WCS Main entrance. Every bottle returned helps our PTO.

It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Grab a bag
2. Fill it up with returnables
3. Drop it off at any Clynk location (buildings next to Hannaford stores)

Every penny counts!



Volunteer Background Check Form:

Want to volunteer with our school? Review and sign the MSAD 75 Volunteer Handbook & Form and return it to the Main Office. This form is required for all of our FOWC volunteers. Thank you for investing in our volunteer community!

You can find the latest version here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zy-XTY_equtyU2CXLCb4aw-Ln5jF-hEI/view?usp=sharing

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Deadline to Order by Cash or Check: Thursday, April 13th

Need an order form?

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13cs4ebf9OniERC_UXkB5UivFh8EKJRWV/view?usp=sharing

Deadline to Order Online: Monday, May 1st

It's easy! Order online at www.treering.com/validate

Enter WCS's passcode: 1015059372991326

Your yearbook purchase helps us continue the tradition to give every 5th Grade Student a free yearbook during the Farewell Ceremony. Thank you!

(you can order online after the deadline however shipping costs will apply)

W.I.N.G The Food Pantry at Mt. Ararat Middle School

New Hours for the 2022-2023 School Year

Wednesdays 3:15pm to 5:15pm

W.I.N.G. is open weekly with fresh produce, dairy, frozen foods, and hygiene items available to any MSAD No. 75 family. If you have special requests or would like your order packed in advance, please call 729-2950 x7202 and leave a message with your name and phone number and a volunteer will give you a call back. If accessing the pantry is a hardship, please let us know. We are happy to work with any family to make alternate arrangements.

W.I.N.G. is looking for new volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering in the food pantry, please reach out to Catie Meier at meierc@link75.org.



Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency

Did you know if you are a renter, and heat is included in your rent, you may be eligible for heating assistance this season? It can take a few weeks for the application to process, so now is the time to connect with your local Community Action Program (CAP) and find out if you qualify! For a complete list of all CAPs, as well as other heating and energy assistance resources, visit www.maine.gov/mpuc/consumer-assistance/programs.

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