

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!



(Photo collage compliments of Megan Robertson)

Our school community had lots of fun at the Family Game Night sponsored by FOWC on the evening Friday, March 10th. Board games, corn hole, a giant Jenga game as well as a popcorn treat compliments of the Gray family's popcorn maker were part of a well-attended evening. Many thanks to FOWC for making this free family event possible!



Winter Break 2 Principal's Reading Challenge Special Reward

As part of our school's ongoing theme of "Connecting and Belonging", students who participated in the Winter Break 2 Principal's Reading Challenge will be treated to a special pizza delivery in the WCS neighborhoods!! WCS Principal, Mrs. Rineer along with WCS staff are preparing mini cheese pizzas and will deliver them to student's homes (**with parent/caregiver permission**) on Thursday, March 30 starting at 3:30 P.M. The pizzas will be frozen and will need to be cooked at home prior to eating (cooking instructions and a list of ingredients will be provided). Many thanks to Portland Pie for donating the pizza ingredients to WCS! And stay tuned for details regarding the upcoming Spring Break Principal's Reading Challenge that is sure to motivate and help inspire the love of reading!

SPRING!



This week has marked the "official" arrival of spring, but spring in Maine can pretty quirky as pictured above! Spring is a very exciting time at WCS and this year promises to be extra special as we continue to bring back our very loved traditions including field trips, 5th grade transition activities (step-up day!), FOWC activities, spring Book Fair, etc. More dates and specific details will be shared out in upcoming newsletters throughout the spring. However, it is important for students to remember that there is still lots of new learning and growth that will take place during Trimester 3. Therefore; it is really important for students to continue to demonstrate respectful and responsible behavior in all facets of school life- academic learning, social skills and behavior. Parent/caregiver support continues to be most essential and appreciated. Thank-you!

If you have any questions and/or needs please do not hesitate to reach out to me and our school team. We are here to help!

Your Principal,
Randa



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gratitude

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

*It's spring!

*Our custodians, Pam & Randy-snow clean up!

*MSAD #75 facilities-cleaning up the playground after the snow storm so that our students and staff can be safe.

*Parent/Caregiver Support for Parent/Teacher Conferences-thank-you!

*Trimester 2 Report Cards-Thank-you WCS staff for the time, thought and energy that it takes to create and prepare accurate reports and reflections on our wonderful students!

*FOWC-Family Game Night Event-great fun!

*The Gray Family-providing their popcorn maker for the FOWC Game Night!

*All-District Band Concert-Thank-you 5th grade families & Mrs. Powers-our band students are working hard!

*MSAD #75 Youth Art Month Exhibition-Thank-you WCS families and Mrs. Redd. We are so proud of our students!

*The continued enthusiasm, energy and commitment from our school community-FOWC, playground committee, 5th grade fundraiser committee, etc.

*The Robertson Family-Conference snacks and treats-very appreciated!

*Williams-Cone School's Music program received a \$500.00 donation from Benjamin and Lisa Marie Conway. Thank-you!!

From Friends of Williams-Cone:

*Thank you to the many families that came to our Family Game Night! It was a huge success!! It takes a village to make our events come together. Many thanks to our parent volunteers Travis, Kim, Meredith, Anna, Jenn, Erin & Megan for planning, prep, extra games, popcorn, and clean-up, Mrs. Rineer for event oversight, Ms. Pam & Mr. Randy for set-up and clean-up support, Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Appel for audio equipment assistance, and Mrs. Sanders & Mrs. Anderson for administrative support.

*Much applause to the 5th Grade Parent Fundraising Group as they finish up some epic plans for this year's Carnival Dance!

*Congratulations to all the students participating in the All-District Band Concert - spectacular!

*We are amazed at all the diverse and beautiful artwork displayed during the 2023 MSAD 75 Youth Art Month Exhibition. Very well done!

*We are so excited to have Jenn C & Heather R bringing in some fun Kids Academy Craft Club offering to our students. Thank you so much for dedicating some of your after-school hours to giving students an opportunity to try out new craft activities!

*Shout out to our volunteers who met this week to start the planning of our Race for Education Fundraiser. They have hit the ground running with some creative ideas to keep our race event exciting and fun for our students!



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

4/10 5th Grade Fundraising/Planning Meeting, 5:30-7:00 P.M., LC

4/11 FOWC Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

<https://zoom.us/j/91404643665?pwd=ZVVIN0oxaitjRldwSUdZM0ZFUTZEQT09>

Meeting ID: 914 0464 3665 Passcode: 145800

4/14 No School for Students, Professional Development Day

4/17-4/21 Spring Break

4/28 FOWC Family Night, 5:00 P.M., Stay Tuned for Details!

5/12 Race for Education (Details TBA), 5/19 Rain Date

5/16 All District Band & Chorus Concert, 7:00 P.M., Orion



WCS CARNIVAL DANCE

A FUNDRAISER FOR
THE 5TH GRADE



**\$5.00
PER PERSON**

\$20 per family



**WILLIAMS CONE
SCHOOL GYM**



6-8 PM

DJ • GAMES • FOOD • PRIZES



PLEASE SUPPORT THE
5TH GRADE CLASS
AS THEY PLAN
THEIR END OF YEAR
CELEBRATIONS.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 31, 2023**

**FACE-PAINTS
AND
MORE!**

Due to space limitations and our growing student population, we respectfully request that only WCS students in grades PreK thru 5th and their siblings under age 5 attend the event with their parents/caregivers. Middle and high school siblings and family members are not encouraged to attend. Children may NOT be dropped off, they must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Thank you!

Kindergarten

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. Additional information is available through the following link:

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

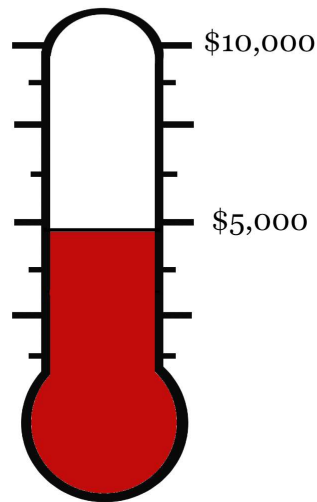
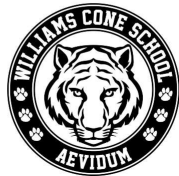
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Get caught up on the latest news from Williams-Cone School's PTO group

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SUPPORTING THE STAFF AND FAMILIES
OF THE WILLIAMS-CONE COMMUNITY

Annual Fundraising Goal



as of February 7, 2023

Family Night:

We only have 2 more FOWC Meetings before the end of this school year! It's a GREAT time to join our next meeting as we discuss our final events and plan for 2023-2024. We want your feedback as we set our goals for the next school year! We are still on the lookout for volunteers for our Race for Education event & planners for our Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week - send us a message on Facebook or email us at friendsofwilliamscone@gmail.com

Join us for the Upcoming FOWC Meetings & Events:

WCS School Wear Sale - 3/20/23 until 4/5/23

Race for Education Planning Meeting 3/22/23 at 10 AM <email FOWC for location details>

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Planning Meeting 3/27/23 at 9 AM <email FOWC for location details>

5th Grade Carnival Dance - 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

FOWC Meeting - 4/11/23 at 5:30 PM in the Learning Commons & via Zoom

Family Night #2 - 4/28/23, Details TBD

Playground Committee



We reviewed some amazing proposals this week from our committee members regarding upgrades to our school playground along with the possibility of a Pre-K Outdoor Classroom. Join us at our next meeting on April 4th at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons for an update on the proposals and volunteer sign-up for our next build.

FAMILY NIGHT

AT WILLIAMS - CONE SCHOOL

Our volunteers are working hard to finalize the details of our next Family Night Event. We are planning to host it on April 28th, 2023! Be on the lookout for another flyer in April with the event details and the next Principal Newsletter.



5th Grade Update:

Spring is here and that means we're winding down our 5th grade fundraising as our Chewonki trip is right around the corner on May 23! Thank you all for the tremendous support!

Popcorn, treats and more!



Please help WCS 5TH GRADE CLASS Raise Funds for WILLIAMS CONE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

supportmyfundraiser.org

LAST DAY for orders is TOMORROW March 25th! As a reminder,
5th graders are selling delicious popcorn, cookies, chocolate, snacks, gardening supplies and
more. The link to the class page
is: [https://supportmyfundraiser.org/store/store.php?sID=00696894&fbclid=IwAR2vZtFxUGu3
AT29NVChKG0lfUId3onT5JBLbUzfWNj8Tv1fIhLG730_hNg#.ZAdujJokp1Q.facebook](https://supportmyfundraiser.org/store/store.php?sID=00696894&fbclid=IwAR2vZtFxUGu3AT29NVChKG0lfUId3onT5JBLbUzfWNj8Tv1fIhLG730_hNg#.ZAdujJokp1Q.facebook) Items
can be shipped to the school for free or to homes for a delivery fee. For anyone who is not
interested in purchasing anything but still would like to donate, we are accepting donations
through a CheddarUp link <https://2023wcs5thgradedonations.cheddarup.com> and via check
payable to FOWC with "5th grade" in the memo.

Carnival DANCE

NEXT FRIDAY! Please join us for our FINAL fundraiser: The Carnival Dance! It will be held on
Friday, March 31 from 6-8p in the WCS gym. We'll have carnival games, food, dancing, face

painting and more. Everyone will receive a prize. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Admission will be at the door only, no advance sales. Only WCS students in grades PreK-5th and their siblings under age 5 will be permitted to attend the event with their parent/caregivers. Middle and High School siblings and family members are discouraged from attending. Children may NOT be dropped off, they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Hope to see you there!

5th grade families we are still seeking volunteers for the night of the Carnival Dance and to donate snacks. Here's our sign-up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448a9ac2fa6f85-wcs5th#/
wcs5th#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448a9ac2fa6f85-wcs5th#/)



WCS 5th Grade Carnival Dance

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!
For any questions, please contact Amber-Jean Nickel at 207-837-1250

****REQUIRED**** 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 volunteers, including for this event.

www.signupgenius.com

Important dates:

March 25: LAST DAY 5th grade popcorn, treats and more fundraiser

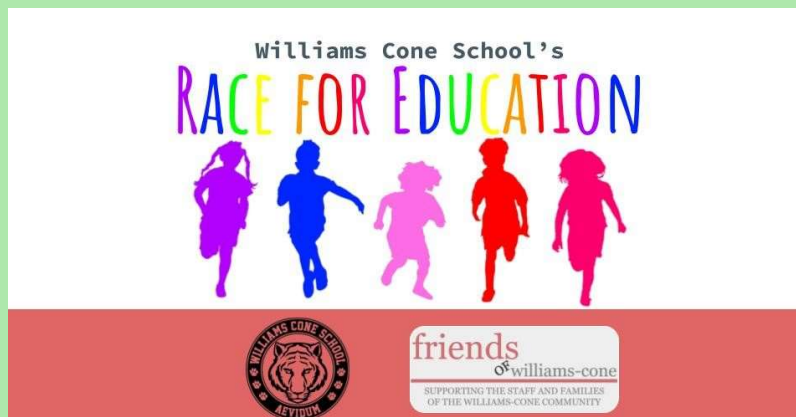
March 31, 6:00-8:00pm WCS Carnival Dance 5th Grade Fundraiser in the WCS gym.

April 10, 5:30-7p: 5th Grade Fundraising/Planning Meeting from 5:30-7:00p in the Learning Commons at WCS.



In need of some new WCS School Wear to show off your Tiger Pride? You're in luck! We have partnered with Adept Screen Printing & Graphics this year to offer an assortment of school apparel. Order forms will be coming home in a backpack near you! **The deadline to order is April 5th, 2023.** All items should arrive in time for our annual Race for Education event where students can show off their new school swag.

Have apparel you've outgrown? Send it in and we would be happy to ensure it finds a home with one of our students.



We are gearing up for our last major fundraiser of the year! During the week of April 3rd students will have an opportunity to brainstorm and learn about our Race for Education Fundraiser and sign their donor letters. Families will also be receiving their information packets and address forms. These forms are critical to our success! **Please return your Address Forms by 4/13/23.**

Our Race for Education outdoor event will be held on **Friday, May 12th** (with a rain date of Friday, May 19th). More details to come as we approach the date!

If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in this fundraiser activity please email Mrs. Rineer by 3/31/23.

You can find an example of our student letter here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u8EfHenBtpgs-R390iLc_gAkX-IaBsyi/view?usp=sharing)



The Hannaford Helps Schools program RETURNS!!

Now through 5/27, purchase 4 participating products and earn 3 School Dollars. You can place your School Dollars Coupon in any In-Store Collection Tower or if you don't see our school in the tower, feel free to send them into WCS with your student. There is a collection envelope in the Main Office.

New this year: Use the Hannaford Helps Schools app to easily donate to the school of your choice no matter where you shop.

Ordering online? Keep an eye out for an 'apple' icon - that means it's a participating product!

You can learn more from their website: <https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/schools>

Official Williams-Cone School
YEARBOOK
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**Get Your 2022-2023 Williams-Cone
School Yearbook Today!**

Our pay-by-cash or check deadline is only 3 weeks away!! Capture this year's school memories by purchasing a 2022-2023 Williams-Cone School Yearbook! (you can still order online thru May!)

Soft Cover Price: \$20.00 (with tax)

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

Need an order form?

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13cs4ebf9OniERC_UXkB5UiVFh8EKJRWH/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 of giving 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.


**HEATING TIP
FROM YOUR
COMMUNITY
ACTION
PROGRAM**

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For a list of CAPs:
www.maine.gov/mpuc/consumer-assistance/programs

NEED HEATING ASSISTANCE?

 www.maine.gov/mpuc/consumer-assistance/programs

 2-1-1 (OR 207-874-2211)

