

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-



(Photo Courtesy of Megan Robertson)

Hello WCS Community!

May 2-May 6 was "Staff Appreciation Week" at WCS and across the country. FOWC provided our staff with an incredible week of treats and cheer ranging from signs posted around the community, a special lunch, candy station, beverage station, breakfast cart to a variety of classroom treats including batteries, post-it notes, coffees and more. Thank-you FOWC for your support, generosity and thoughtfulness!





Mr. Drew And His Animals Too, Visits WCS



FOWC sponsored a very special assembly for WCS students and staff on May 6th and May 13th. "Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, visited our school, presenting programs about exotic animals to each grade level. Students and staff alike were captured by the assembly that gave them the opportunity to see and touch live snakes, iguanas, tortoises, and several other rare species.



Pictured above are some PreK students visiting with one of Mr. Drew's reptiles.

(Photo Courtesy of Jodi Haskell)

End of the School Year

The end of the school year is just a little over a month away-June 15th. However, we still have much to accomplish as a school community. Beginning next week, we will begin our end of year assessments including literacy and math NWEA's for students in kindergarten through grade two and literacy and math NWEA's/MEA's for students in grades three through five. Fifth grade will also take a MEA science assessment. These assessments will be administered through May 24th. We will use the assessment information to inform our instructional practices as we prepare for the 2022-23 school year. This includes the formation of classroom lists for the 2022-23 school year. More information will be shared in the next newsletter regarding classroom placements for the 2022-23 school year.

Looking forward to the next couple of weeks ahead we have many classrooms taking walking field

trips to the Topsham Public Library as well as to the Topsham Dairy Queen. Next week we will host the incoming 2022-23 kindergarten students with a special Learning Commons visit and we are also holding the yearly district PreK screening. Additionally, the Playground Committee plans to meet in person on May 24th at 5:30 P.M. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend as we discuss Phase 2 of the Earthen Crawl Project.

Information regarding the upcoming FOWC sponsored "Race for Education" was sent home with students this week. We ask that families make every effort to share addresses of friends and family that may be interested in making a donation to our school through the race. Proceeds from the race will help support classroom/ school projects and supplies that are not typically funded by the district budget. The fundraiser will also help support playground projects.

Thank-you again WCS community for an amazing Staff Appreciation Week. While this school year has brought many challenges due to the pandemic, knowing that we continue to have strong community support makes a tremendous difference.

As always, if you have any needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to the staff and myself.

Your Principal,

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gratitude

Lots of great things continue to happen throughout the WCS community. We are grateful for:

*The incredible Staff Appreciation Week treats sponsored by FOWC! Special thanks to Andrea Imrie, Meredith Pinkham, Jennifer Cass and Megan Robertson for creating and organizing the multitude of special snacks, meal, signs and gifts!

*Heather Hollenbach, former WCS parent, served the breakfast cart for staff once again this year. This well-loved tradition continues!

*Friday, May 6th was School Lunch Heroes Day. Many thanks to our cafeteria staff: Wendy Lilly, Connie Lailer, Linda Duplessis and Jessie Goodenow.

*Our Covid-19 pool testers: Diane Hall and Robin Berizzi.

*Thursday, May 12th was School Nurse Appreciation Day. We truly appreciate our health room team-Therese Chamberland and Bonnie Spies.

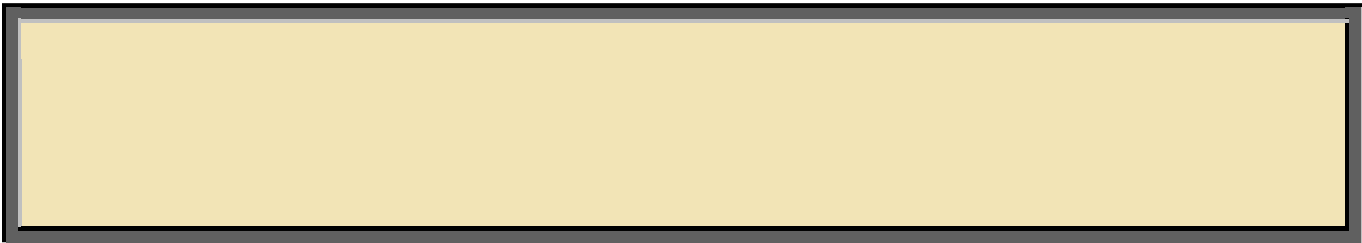
*FOWC for providing the fabulous "Mr. Drew" assembly.



Pictured above are cafeteria Staff,
Wendy Lilly, Jessie Goodenow and Linda
Duplessis



Pictured above are pool testers Diane
Hall and Robin Berizzi.



From the Art Room



Hello Families of WCS's Amazing Artists,

We have been very busy creating unique works of art. We completed weaving, ceramic percussion instruments, ceramics, jewelry, and drawings using the knowledge of the fundamentals of art and design that we have learned throughout the year. Your artists have really grown. The TPL Gallery at the Topsham Public Library will once again host the TPL Art Show on May 26th. Opening reception will start at 6:00 PM and go until 7:30 PM. Participating artists will receive an Artist's Invitation. All WCS families and the public are invited. I hope to see you there!

~Ms. Sheridan

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Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

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

YES =



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

YES =



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

YES =



Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fever *
Chills
Sore throat
New loss of taste or 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/runny nose

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

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.*



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May/June

5/16-5/24 NWEA/Maine Education Assessments Administered

5/19 2022-23 PreK Screening Day

5/20 2022-2023 Incoming Kindergarten Learning Commons Visit, 1:45-2:15 P.M.

5/24 Playground Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M., Learning Commons

5/26 5th Grade End of Year Celebration (rain date 6/2)

5/30 Memorial Day Holiday, No School

6/1-6/7 Scholastic Book Fair

6/1 Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30 A.M.

6/3 FOWC Race for Education, 9:30-11:00 A.M.

6/6 Scholastic Book Fair, 4:00-6:30 P.M., Learning Commons

6/8 Grade 5 Step Up Day

6/8 2022-2023 Incoming Kindergarten Lunch & Tour, 11:00 A.M.

6/9 Class of 2022 MTA Senior Walk Through

6/13 5th Grade Farewell Ceremony, 1:15 P.M.

6/15 Last Day of 2021-2022 School Year-No Late Start-Half Day for Students

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.

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