

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 are WCS 5th grade students at Foreside Park on May 26th

(Photo Courtesy of Kari Campbell)

Hello WCS Community!

The energy and excitement is contagious throughout the WCS community as end of school year activities take place. Since many of these activities haven't occurred for a couple of years due to the pandemic, there is a newfound appreciation for being able to resume some of the loved WCS traditions (ex. walking field trips, Dairy Queen, Scholastic Book Fair). Here is a recap of some of the events that have been taking place over the past couple of weeks:

5th Grade Play Day and Bike Ride



5th grade students participated in a bike ride to Foreside Park led by Annie Martin, WCS Physical Education teacher along with the 5th grade team including Ms. Bretschneider, Ms. Carroll, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Myrick. Upon arriving safely at Foreside Park, students engaged in variety of games and activities throughout the day. Lunch was catered by Fire House subs and students were treated to an ice cream treat of their choice via an ice cream truck. Many thanks to the 5th grade parent fundraising committee who worked diligently this past winter and spring to provide this very special day for the 5th grade students.





Topsham Fire Department Visits PreK



Members of the Topsham Fire Department visited the PreK class on May 20th. PreK students had the opportunity to see and learn about a fire truck up close, learn about a firefighter's duties as well as try out a firehose! (Photos Courtesy of Brooke Wilmeth)



Pictured above are Ms. Jodi and Ms. Brooke, WCS PreK Staff

PreK Art Show



WCS PreK students recently hosted an art show for friends and family. Pictured above and below are PreK students proudly displaying works of art. (Photos courtesy of Brooke Wilmeth).





Third trimester report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school, June 15th for students in grades PreK through grade five.



2022-23 Classroom Assignments

Each year WCS staff works closely together to create classroom rosters that balance student strengths and areas to grow. Classroom assignments will be communicated in each student's Trimester 3 report card for students entering grades one through five for the 2022-23 school year.

In most situations we will revert to pre-pandemic class sizes and staffing. Therefore; at this time we anticipate having two sections of first grade (Mrs. Greenleaf & Ms. Marsters), three sections of second grade (Mrs. San Pedro, Mr. Wilbur & Mrs. McCormick), three sections of third grade (Mr. Anagnostis, Ms. King & a new teacher to be hired), two sections of fourth grade (Mrs. Dedek & Mrs. Ebel) and two sections of fifth grade (Ms. Carroll & Mrs. Bretschneider).

Incoming kindergarten homeroom assignments will be determined following kindergarten screening. Kindergarten screening will be held during the first week of the 2022-23 school year beginning on August 29, 2022.



Our playground committee is preparing to launch Phase 2 of the Earthen Crawl project. The next phase of the project includes refurbishing a cupola salvaged from the wooden playground that was removed from the WCS playground earlier this year. The cupola will be repurposed into a "cupola playhouse" for students to enjoy. Plans also include attaching a slide to the "Earthen Crawl" structure that was built during phase one. Volunteers will be working on the project on June 3rd from 5-7 p.m. and June 4th from 1-6 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact the school office.

Heavy Hearts...

This has been a very difficult week for everyone in light of the tragic events that took place at Robb Elementary School in Texas. As mentioned in the message that I sent on Wednesday, 5/25, the staff and I will continue to ensure that students are provided with a safe and responsive school environment. Our school has been a "locked school" environment since the Sandy Hook tragedy of 2012. We have a well-developed Safety Plan and Safety Team that works together to review safety concerns, and plan a thoughtful response. We are also very sensitive to our students' emotional well-being, particularly as we continue to experience the Covid-19

pandemic. Attached you will find a [link](#) that includes some resources for helping you talk with your child about difficult situations.

A three day weekend is upon us with the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. I hope that you will be able to enjoy some time with loved ones. It is times like these that we are reminded that every child is a gift of hope. May we love them well!

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



Pictured above is the WCS Garden (Photo Courtesy of Jenn Cass)

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

*The Extended Learning Program staff, Mrs. San Pedro, Ms. Hetherington, Ms. Schoenberg, Mrs. Graviett, Ms. King and Ms. Bretschneider. They provided an eight session after school program for students in grades two through five throughout the month of May.

*Over 150 students completed the Spring Break Reading Challenge! Participating students are having a bonus recess with Mrs. Rineer and Italian ice as a reward.

*Walking field trips for all grade levels to our community partner, Topsham Public Library.

*Grade 5 Play Day/Bike Trip that was held on May 26th. The students had a blast!

*The Topsham Police Department for ensuring safety for our 5th grade students during the Play Day and Bike Trip.

*The fifth grade fundraising team led by Kim Carlton.

*The many parent volunteers/chaperones for the various end of year events that are currently taking place at WCS.

*The Topsham Fire Department for visiting our PreK class.

*The Cass Family-Taking care of the WCS garden and surrounding areas. Pictured below: Jenn Cass



Friends of Williams-Cone



The Race for Education is underway. Thank you so much for participating in one of our largest fundraiser events of the year! The Race is a fun event for the kids that is scheduled to take place on June 3rd. Due to rain it has since been rescheduled to June 10th.

FOWC uses the money to fund school programs such as field trips, fulfilling teacher wish lists, playground renovations, and even special events in school (like Mr. Drew and His Animals Too). We are super excited and thankful for your continued help and support of Williams-Cone School!

You can also donate through this link or share with friends and family virtually.

<https://wcsraceforeducation.cheddarup.com>

YEARBOOK

Thank you WCS Community for making Yearbooks a successful school fundraiser! Through your purchases, we raised over \$500 for our school!

These funds help us continue the WCS tradition of gifting each 5th grader a yearbook at the graduation ceremony.

If you've ordered your child's yearbook - They are currently being printed! After they have been sorted by our yearbook team all yearbooks will be coming home with students the week of 6/13/2022.

If you wish to make alternative pick-up accommodations please email us at WCSYearbook@yahoo.com

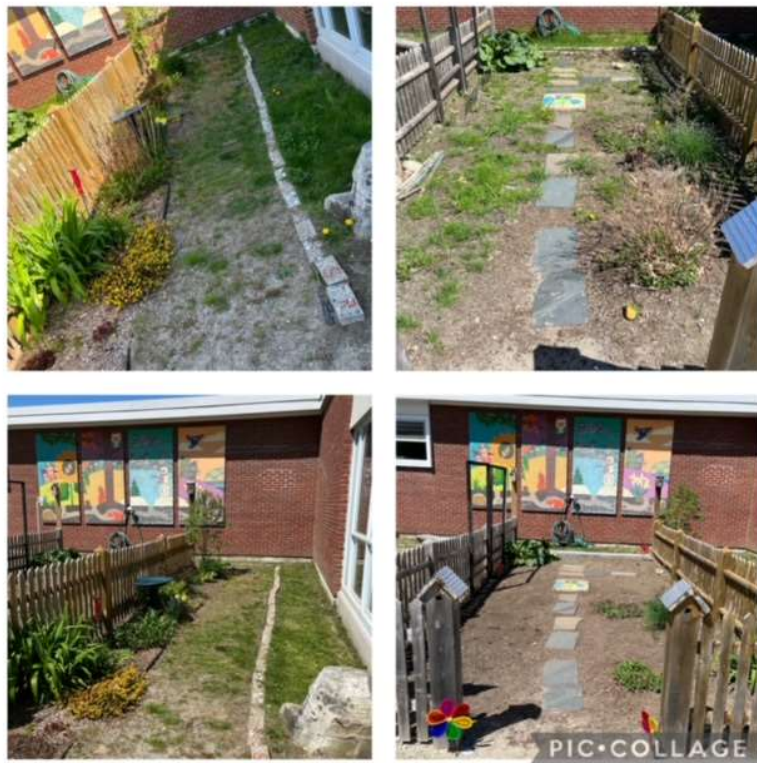
Still in need of a yearbook but missed our deadline?

You can still order your yearbook online with TreeRing and they will ship right to your home! Please note that shipping charges will apply. Order here:

<https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1015059372991326>



The school garden is all planted with flowers and veggies and everything is marked with name signs. A big thanks to Jenn, Corey & Kyle Cass for keeping our gardens looking amazing. We encourage all families to check out the garden and enjoy the veggies that grow this summer. If you are interested in helping with the garden, please contact Jenn Cass - jennifercass25@gmail.com



Photos Courtesy of Jenn Cass.

Student Art Exhibition

The TPL Gallery at the Topsham Public Library hosted the TPL Art Show on May 26th featuring works of art created by WCS students. Pictured below (photo credits to Megan Robertson) are our students' fabulous creations. Many thanks to WCS art teacher, Ms. Sheridan for organizing the student work.



Art is Elementary Exhibit
at the
Topsham Public Library
Williams-Cone School's
Student Art on display

Congratulations!

Please join us in celebrating some very special life events that have recently occurred for WCS staff:



Congratulations to Mrs. McCormick (2nd grade teacher) and her family on the arrival of a baby boy- Hunter McCormick on May 8th (Mothers Day)!



Congratulations to Ms. Marsters (1st grade teacher) for completing her Masters Degree in Educational Psychology with a focus on Learning and Assessment from the University of Alabama. We are WCS proud!

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

5/30 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

PreK Dismissal: 10:45 A.M.

K-5 Dismissal: 11:55-12:05-Bus Riders. 12:05-12:25-Walkers & Car Riders

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

