

# 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!



## **FOWC Virtual Raffle Baskets Fundraiser**

**Tuesday, December 14th, 6:00 P.M.**

The FOWC Virtual Raffle Basket Fundraiser is just around the corner. Here are the basket themes:

Kindergarten - Disney & Marvel

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Family Fun Night

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Legos

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Sports

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Camping

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Made in Maine

Many thanks to the families and community members who have supported this special fundraiser through basket donations and/or ticket sales. Funds raised will support future field trips as well as school wide and classroom projects and needs. Below is the zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94930559895?pwd=L0dUTHdYWxJHQ2tURDVdL3JKdGJwdz09>

Meeting ID: 949 3055 9895

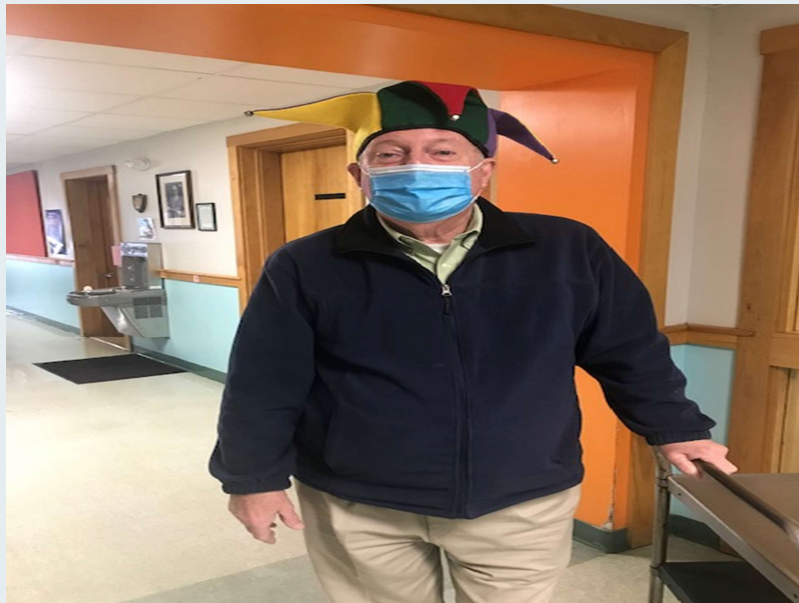
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## School Wide Positive Behavior Challenge



Our November/December School Wide Positive Behavior Challenge that focused on showing respect to ourselves, each other and our school comes to a conclusion today. Over the past several weeks students have had the opportunity to earn a special orange colored PAW slip for demonstrating respectful behavior. Each classroom was challenged to fill two PAWS sheets that were posted on the school wide PBIS bulletin board. The bulletin board was filled earlier this week, so students are celebrating with a school wide crazy hair and hat day today. A new school wide Positive Behavior Challenge will be introduced to students in January.

Pictured below are some examples of the inventive hat and hairstyles that abound throughout WCS today:





### A few "housekeeping items":

**\*Pool Testing:** Pool testing will not occur on Tuesday, December 21 at WCS for those students and staff who are currently participating due to it being an abbreviated week. Pool testing will resume on Tuesday, January 4th.

**Playground Winter Clothing--** It's that time of the year where the elements are dictating that students dress warmer outside. Here are the expectations for all students at WCS:

\*If it's 15 or below as per thermometer or wind chill we will stay inside for recess.

\*If it's 32 degrees or lower, students must wear a coat on the playground, as well as and hats



and gloves/mittens out with them.

\*If there is snow on the ground and a student wants to play off the blacktop area (ex. fields, structures, etc.) a student must also wear boots and snow pants.

**\*If you need assistance securing winter clothing for your student, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school counselor, Mr. C. or our school social worker, Miss Carin at 725-4391.**

**\*Playground Committee:** The playground committee will be meeting via zoom on Monday, December 13th at 6:00 P.M. All WCS parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to attend as we begin to address playground needs. Below you will find the zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96089086954?pwd=dC9WUUlOOWJyTExWMW1KRdJnd3lOUtO9>

Meeting ID: 960 8908 6954

Passcode: 482660

Thank-you WCS community for your continued support. If you have any needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school team here at WCS.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Your Principal,

Randa

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gratitude



**\*We always have so many things to be grateful for at WCS. Here are a few things that we want to extend our sincere gratitude for:**

- \* A holiday wreath donation and ongoing garden care from the Cass family.
- \* Conference snack donations from the Robertson family.
- \* Holiday gift donations and meals for WCS families from several businesses, organizations,

families and churches.

\* Excellent parent/caregiver attendance at the November Parent/Teacher conferences-thank-you WCS community!

\*The safe and efficient removal of the wooden playground structure by Mac Hunter.

\*The amazing baskets assembled and created by FOWC committee members for the upcoming basket auction.

## 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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### **Short Term Quarantine Instruction Plan**

If a student in grades one through five is absent from school during a short term period of quarantine due to a school based exposure, teachers will now offer remote learning to the student. This means that students will have the opportunity to engage in core instructional learning (language arts and math) synchronously during the school day.

In the event that a student is in a short term quarantine due to a school based exposure, the following steps will occur:

\*If outside of the school day, starting the following school day, teachers will be notified by our health room staff. Teachers will have through the next school day to prepare resources for quarantined learners. The teacher will communicate with the parent/caregiver when the resources are ready for use. This includes the student's school issued laptop.

\*Teachers will communicate a predictable schedule with links that can be utilized throughout the quarantine period.

\*Students will be invited to ZOOM/Google Meet into the classroom for Core Content Mini-Lessons (10-20 minutes of instruction depending on the subject and/or grade level).

\*Students may be provided with offline materials so that they can practice skills in the content

areas during the duration of their quarantine.

\*Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will follow the general ed plan unless there is a specific need that may be serviced through an Individual Remote Learning Plan (IRLP). Case managers will review with families on a case by case basis.

\*Students currently receiving academic Response to Intervention (RTI) services will maintain their schedule to the extent possible.

\*Special Area (Art, Music, Phys. Ed.) teachers will post asynchronous assignments that can be completed at home.

\*Assignments are regular assigned K-2 (See-Saw) and 3-5 (Google Classroom).

\*In many situations additional physical materials will be a needed part of the quarantine learning plan. With younger learners (PreK and Kindergarten), physical materials will be a dominant part of this learning plan. Kindergarten will begin offering ZOOM/Google Meet instruction during Trimester 2.

Please keep in mind that the goal of this plan is to meet the academic and social/emotional needs of our students and their families during this time. Parent/caregiver support, patience, understanding and communication will be very appreciated and needed as we begin to implement this type of learning when needed. Thank-you!



## **December/January/February**

**12/13 Playground Committee Meeting, 6:00 P.M. via Zoom**

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Meeting ID: 960 8908 6954

Passcode: 482660

**12/14 FOWC Online Basket Auction, 6:00 P.M.**

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**12/23-1/2 Winter Break 11/11 FOWC Meeting, 5:00 P.M. via Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/98663261186?pwd=czhoKzVMSUV2RmNOOWxlUUFzVzIzUT09>

Meeting ID: 986 6326 1186

Passcode: 893776

**1/12 5th Grade Fundraising Meeting, 5:00 P.M. via Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/97843531518?pwd=ajlLaFk4d1dvQW9vV3hwcHpkSElIdz09>

Meeting ID: 978 4353 1518

Passcode: 063885

**1/17 Martin Luther King Holiday, No School**

**1/19 5th Grade Band Concert, Orion/MAMS, 7:00 P.M.**

**2/21-2/25 Winter Break 2**

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 10a-1p  
Friday 5:30p-7:30p

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

FMI contact  
207.729.2950 ext. 7202

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