

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-

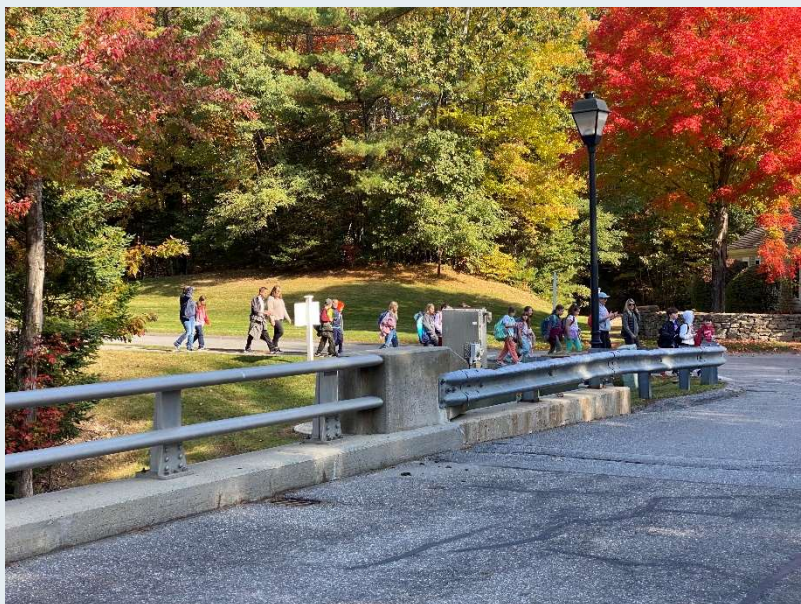


(Walk to School Day-Photos taken by Megan Robertson)

Hello WCS Community!

We were excited to welcome back the annual "Walk to School Day" tradition after a three year

hiatus due to the pandemic. The 1.3 mile walk, organized by Ann Martin, WCS Phys. Ed., teacher began at the Topsham Fairgrounds, looped through The Highlands and concluded at WCS. We were blessed with a glorious fall day for the event. Many thanks to the parents, caregivers, and WCS staff for walking with students, ensuring safety and fun for all!







*Morning arrival for students is between 8:40-8:50 A.M. each day with the exception of Wednesdays (9:40-9:40 A.M.). Students who arrive after 8:55 A.M. (9:55 A.M. on Wednesdays) will be marked tardy.

*Student Dismissal: Students are dismissed to their buses at 3:10 followed by car riders and walkers at 3:15 P.M. **Car riders and walkers must be picked up no later than 3:25 P.M.**



Over the past few weeks I have been visiting classrooms and teaching lessons about our school's Code of Cooperation (Rights, Respect and Responsibility) while learning about each classroom's Code of Cooperation, vision statements and/or classroom management plans. I am very

impressed with the time, thought and intentionality that classrooms are giving to create communities that promote and support emotional and physical safety, strong connections and true belonging! Students are recognizing that they need to practice Aevium (have each other's backs) and ensure that everyone truly feels safe and that they belong in our school.

Due to the challenging times that the pandemic has brought into our lives, I've also infused the important concept of **resiliency** into the lessons. We've had some excellent discussions and I've been amazed by the level of depth and responsiveness that our students are naturally

demonstrating when discussing this important topic. The poem below, "What Resilience Means to Us", written by Mrs. Brooks' 5th grade class, is a great example of these lessons and conversations:

What Resilience Means to Us

Rights and respect, reliable, responsibility and time to recover

Empathy is essential to emphasize excellence.

Sympathy and security with safe and strong social bonds but silence too.

Intelligence, independence.

Love!

Inclusion, isolation (for quiet) and inspiration.

Education, engage and encourage.

Nice and nurturing.

Confident, courageous, caring and conversation.

Endurance!



(Photo courtesy of Jenn Cass)

Final Thoughts....

Although the photo above is reflective of warm and bright days in the WCS garden, as Mainers we know that winter is not that far off....

Our staff's ReVision Team is working together to identify and create learning opportunities that promote connections and genuine belonging for our school. To support these efforts our school is applying to participate in the "Winter Kids/Winter Games Challenge". For more information about the Winter Kids/Winter Games Challenge, please see the following link:

<https://winterkids.org/winter-games/>. One school per county will be chosen to participate in the competition which includes cash prizes for schools. However, even if a school isn't selected for the prize competition, they may still participate in the winter games.

On Tuesday, October 18th staff and students participated in an all school photo/video of the "WCS" formation on the playground. The photo/video will be submitted as part of the "Winter Kids/Winter Games" application process. **We are asking parents to send in winter hats and/or**

mittens with their students on Tuesday, 10/18. Students will wear the hats and/or mittens in the photo/video that will be submitted in the Winter Kids/Winter Games Challenge application.

Finally, a reminder that parent/caregiver communication and support is highly valued and always welcome. If you have any questions and/or needs please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help!

Your Principal,

Randa

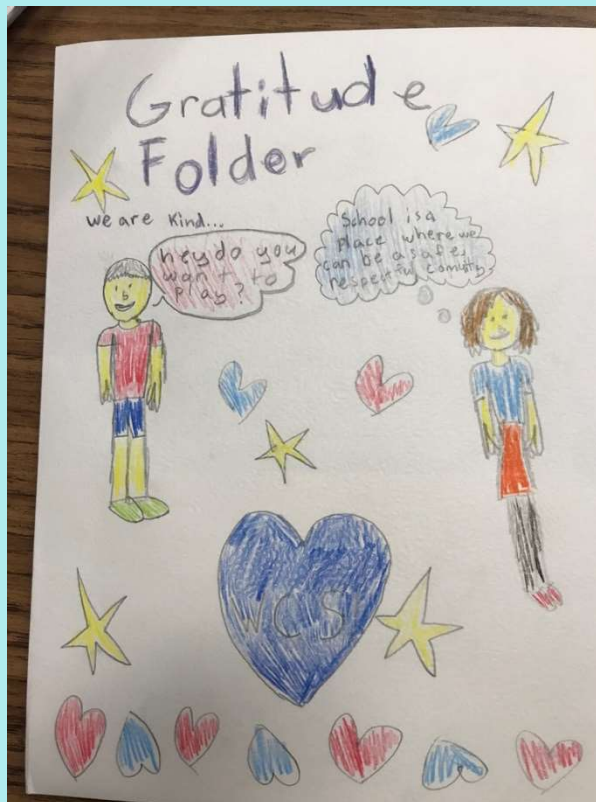
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gratitude



(Above drawing created by Ruby T. and Audrey T.)

We have MANY things to be thankful for:

*School supplies donated by the Topsham Baptist Church.

*Superintendent Connolly's recent classroom visits and attendance at the FOWC meeting.

*The outstanding attendance and support for the Scholastic Book Fair.

*Book Fair Volunteers: Heather Rogers, April Genung, Monique Prevost, and Megan Robertson.

*A free book from the Scholastic Book Fair for every student that participated in the Summer Principal's Reading Challenge. Over 140 books were distributed!

*The 4H/Cooperative Extension STEM offerings during the Book Fair.

*An excellent in-service day for staff on 10/7. Staff spent time reviewing student data points and created action plans for instructional, behavioral, social and/or emotional needs.

*An outstanding Walk to School Day and being able to hold it for the first time in 3 years! Thank-you parent/community volunteers!

*Fabulous weather for the Walk to School Day.

*5th grade fundraising committee meeting-Thank-you Mary Kate Appicelli for getting things started!

*A smooth school picture day.

*School Picture Day Volunteer: Erin Ouellette

*Teacher supply and snack basket donated by Pathway Vineyard Church.

*Curriculum Nights provided by grade level teams.

*Jenn Cass and FOWC for dedicating the birdhouse in the Children's Garden to Janet Austin, retired WCS speech and language clinician (see below).



10/15 & 10/16 Playground Clean Up Days, 10-2 P.M.

10/18 Playground Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M., Learning Commons

10/28 FOWC Halloween Dance, 6-8 P.M.

10/31 Trunk or Treat, Topsham Fairgrounds, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

11/3 FOWC Meeting, 5:30 P.M., Learning Commons

11/7 School Picture Retakes

11/10 FOWC Basket Auction & Potluck Dinner, 5-6:30 P.M.

11/11 Veterans Day, No School

11/14-11/22 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/22 Early Dismissal

10:45 A.M. PreK

12:10-12:25 P.M. K-5

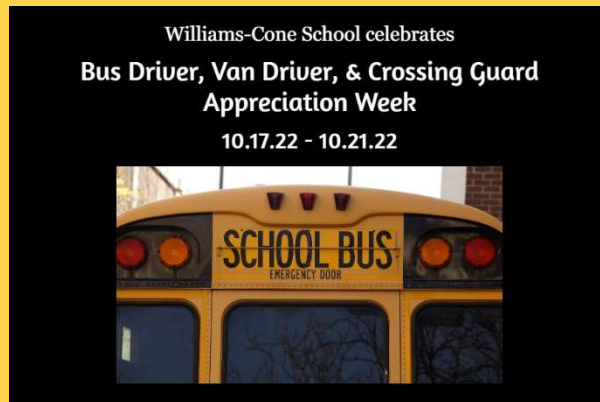
11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break

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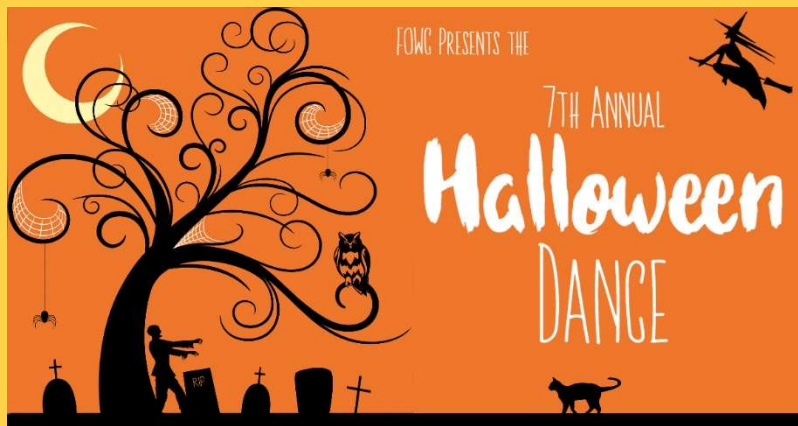
Get caught up on the latest news from Williams-Cone School's PTA group



Join us this weekend (October 15th & 16th from 10 am to 2 pm) while we give our school playground some TLC! You can sign up for a time slot that works best for you by visiting our SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFAD2AA0FC1-playground> If you have tools you can bring with you during your sign-up time, we would appreciate the following: gardening gloves, brooms, rakes, pruning shears, wheelbarrows, and shovels (*basically if you think it would be helpful we would love for you to bring it!*). If you have any questions please reach out to Megan at mames04@gmail.com



FOWC volunteers will be recognizing the amazing work our Crossing Guard, Bus Drivers, and Van Drivers do for us every day during National Bus Safety Week (10/17/22 - 10/21/22). Help us make this week special by saying thank you, writing a note, or even making a sign to let them know we appreciate them.



Our 7th Annual Halloween Dance is taking place on Friday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm! DJ Dave with 8th Street Entertainment will be spinning up the best tunes to keep everyone moving. Admission is \$5 per person (max \$20 per family) and children aged 4 & under are FREE. Please note that children may NOT be dropped off, they must be accompanied by their parent or guardian to attend. Be on the lookout for our Pre-Order Ticket form which will be coming home with your students.



Help us raise money for supplies, playground equipment & maintenance, Kids Academy programs, and educational events for the students by participating in the Box Tops Program. 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>



Another way you can support FOWC is by picking up a Clynk bag located in the bin next to the front door of our school.

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!



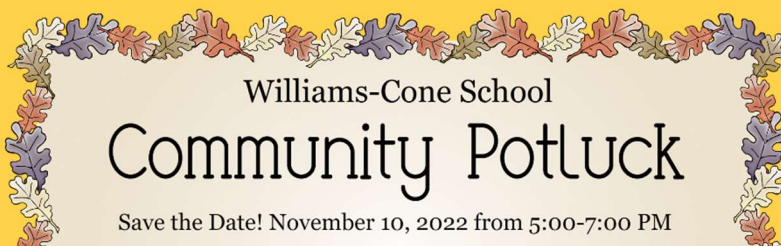
Raffle Baskets

Our Community is AMAZING! Thank you very much for your support in this well-loved FOWC fundraiser! As of 10/14/2022, our physical collection has finished. You can still make monetary donations through our CheddarUp website by going to this link: <https://raffle-basket-donations-20531.cheddarup.com/>. Our volunteers will be spending the next two weeks organizing and assembling the baskets in time for our Halloween Dance where raffle ticket sales for the baskets will be available. You will also see a paper order form coming home to students afterward if you miss out on grabbing your tickets in person. The winners will be identified at our Community Potluck in November!

TRUNK or Treat

Thanks to a trunk sponsor and several volunteers there will be a Williams-Cone School trunk at the upcoming Trunk-a-Thon at the Topsham Fairgrounds on 10/31/2022. Candy donations are needed and are currently accepted through the WCS School Office (please ensure that each piece of candy is individually wrapped and purchased at a store). We will need candy for 400 trick-or-treaters! *This event is sponsored by Topsham Parks and Recreation and you should visit their website for event details and registration to attend*

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48ada92ca0fc1-topsham1>



Mark your calendars for our Community Potluck on 11/10/2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM which will be held in the Cafeteria at MTA High School. Please bring a dish to share and join us for this annual community gathering (*and check out our new High School!*). It will be your last chance to purchase Raffle Basket Tickets! Mrs. Rineer will be picking the winners starting at 6:30 pm! (you do not need to be present to win but must pick up your basket at the school by 11/16/22).

Join us for the FOWC Upcoming Meetings:

10/18/2022 at 5:30 P.M. (Learning Commons) - Playground Committee Meeting

11/3/2022 at 5:30 P.M. (Learning Commons)-FOWC Meeting



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



If you are interested in planning fundraisers to support the 5th grade class end-of-year celebrations, please contact Mary Kate Appicelli at 207-751-0133 or applecelery@hotmail.com

Official Williams-Cone School
YEARBOOK
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We have partnered again with TreeRing to bring you our annual yearbook fundraiser. You can take advantage of a 10% discount on yearbooks by purchasing online through October 31st by following this link: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015059372991326> (You must order online to take advantage of this sale pricing). Yearbooks are available for purchase now through April 2023.

5TH GRADE FAMILIES - Your student will receive a FREE yearbook at the end of the school year courtesy of FOWC and you should not order a book unless you would like multiple copies. More details will be coming home soon. You can reach out to our yearbook team at wcsyearbook@yahoo.com with any questions.

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.



Mt Ararat Class of 2023

Run now, Pie later

5K Run/Walk • 1K Fun Run

Please join us for a Pie Run Breakfast fundraiser to support the Class of 2023 Project Graduation. Burn some calories then reward yourself from a selection of delectable sweet and savory pies.

DATE Sunday, November 6

LOCATION Mt. Ararat High School, 68 Eagles Way, Topsham

TIME **Fun Run:** 8:30 AM, **5K:** Following ~8:45 (Check-in 7:30-8:15)

BREAKFAST 9:00–11:00 AM (in the cafeteria)

COURSE **New and improved!** Out-and-back, low-traffic course is mostly flat on sidewalks along paved roads with a gravel road section. Fun run is a safe, closed loop around the school.

COST **5K Adult: \$20 pre/\$25 day of**
5K Student: \$15 pre/\$20 day of (K-12)
Fun Run: \$5 (5th grade and younger)
Includes pie breakfast.

BREAKFAST ONLY Adults \$8, Students \$6, Under 6 \$3 (day of only)

**Plus prizes for top finishers and raffles for great local items.
Runners, walkers and strollers welcome.
Costumes encouraged!**



REGISTER ONLINE

tinyurl.com/PieRun5K

DEADLINE: November 4, 2022



Questions/more info: Karen Bergeron at kamelb@comcast.net or 522-1466.

MTA Class of 2023 "Run now, Pie later" Registration

COST **5K Adult:** \$20 pre/\$25 day of
5K Student/MSAD 75 Staff: \$15 pre/\$20 day of (K-12)
Fun Run: \$5 (5th grade and younger)
Includes pie breakfast.

BREAKFAST ONLY Adults \$8, Students \$6, Under 6 \$3



ONLINE at tinyurl.com/PieRun5K **Deadline:** November 4

SEND a check made out to MSAD 75.

Mt. Ararat High School, 68 Eagles Way, Topsham, ME 04086, Attn: Pie Run

Name _____ Gender _____ Age _____ Staff? 5K or Fun Run

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Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Breakfast only (enter quantity) Adults _____ Students _____ <6 _____

Name(s) _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____

Participation and liability waiver. In consideration of you accepting this entry, above Participant(s), intending to be legally bound do hereby waive and forever release any and all right and claims for damages or injuries that I may have against the MSAD 75 School District, Presidium Real Estate, Patriot Brunswick Holding LLC, Surf Properties LLC, Congress Circle Development LLC, SeaCoast Management and Affiliates, all of their agents assisting with the event, sponsors and their representatives, volunteers and employees for any and all injuries to me or my personal property. This release includes all injuries and/or damages suffered by me before, during or after the event. I recognize, intend and understand that this release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees. I know that running a road/trail race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able to do so and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, traffic, and course conditions, and waive any and all claims which I might have based on any of those and other risks typically found in running a road/trail race. I acknowledge all such risks are known and understood by me. I agree to abide by all decisions of any race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I certify as a material condition to my being permitted to enter this race that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event and that a licensed Medical Doctor has verified my physical condition. In the event of an illness, injury or medical emergency arising during the event I hereby authorize and give my consent to the Event Director to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care. I agree that I will be fully responsible for payment of any and all medical services and treatment rendered to me including but not limited to medical transport, medications, treatment and hospitalization. By submitting this entry, I acknowledge (or a parent or adult guardian for all children under 18 years) having read and agreed to the above release and waiver. Further, I grant permission to all the foregoing to use my name, voice and images of myself in any photographs, motion pictures, results, publications or any other print, videographic or electronic recording of this event for legitimate purposes.

Participant Signature (Printed name of minor, if applicable) _____

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Parent Signature (if participant is under the age of 18) _____

Date _____

Emergency Phone _____

VOLUNTEER

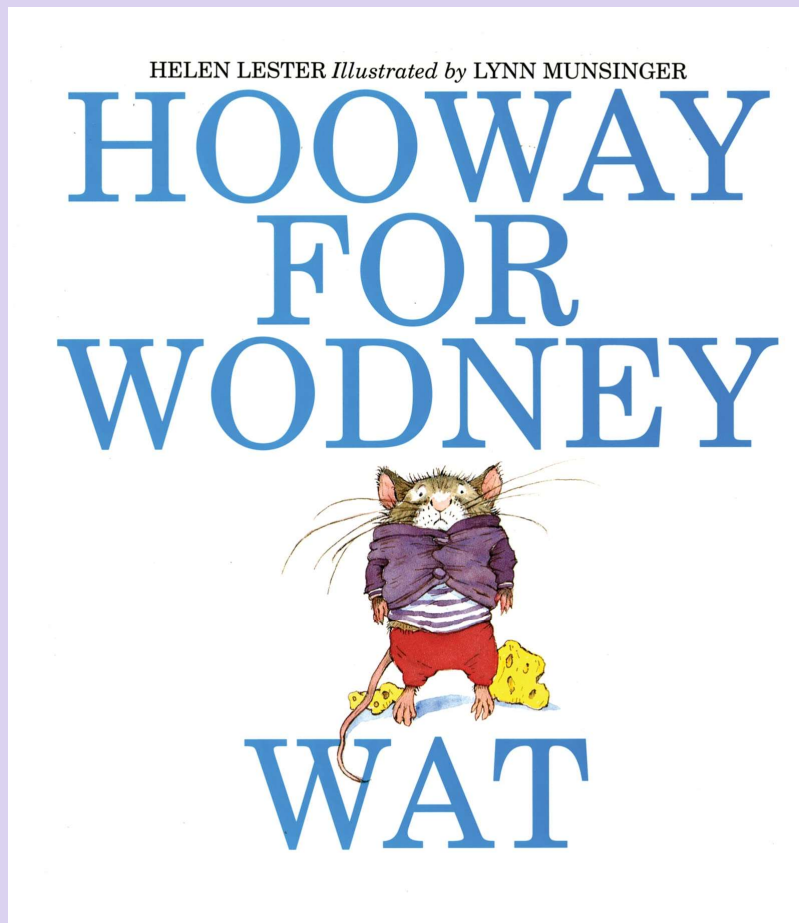
- **Donate** a sweet or savory pie or other pie-like items such as quiche, crisp or pizza (precooked), fruit salad, bottled water, etc. or a raffle item.
- **Assist** as event staff, course guides, set up/clean up.
- **Sign up** for both at tinyurl.com/DonatePieRun.



Donations can be delivered to the MTA cafeteria on Saturday, November 5, 4:00-6:00 pm or Sunday, November 6, 7:00-8:30 am.
• Please use a recyclable dish so we don't need to worry about returning plates/pans.
• Include a list of ingredients with your food donation.

Questions/more info: Karen Bergeron at kamelb@comcast.net or 522-1466.

Staff Recommends.....



When I think back over my teaching and administrative career, this book has to be one of my absolute favorites when teaching lessons that focus on kindness, diversity and belonging. Rodney Rat cannot pronounce his R's correctly and the other rats in his school tease him continuously as a result. A mean rat named Camilla Capybara moves into Rodney's classroom and immediately terrifies him. However, Rodney is much smarter than he gives himself credit for. He is able to "outwit" Camilla and he proves to himself that he is quite capable and resilient! While I always tell students that I wouldn't actually recommend that they use Rodney's anti-bullying strategies, it is a humorous yet touching story that helps students to understand what it feels like when you are not treated with kindness and respect.

-Mrs. Rineer, WCS Principal