

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-



(Photos courtesy of Megan Robertson)

Hello WCS Community!

Our annual Halloween Dance tradition came back in full force after an unexpected three year hiatus, on Friday, October 28. Here is message from our amazing parent/community group, FOWC regarding the dance:

Thank you so much WCS Community! What a wonderful evening of family fun. We had a blast pulling together this year's Halloween Dance and it was a wonderful fundraiser for our school PTO. Thank you so much for filling our snack table and coming to dance the night away at our school's 7th Halloween Dance. Thank you to DJ Luke from 8th Street Entertainment! He played all of the awesome tunes that the kids loved and were singing along to. Send us your photos for the yearbook! Email them over to our yearbook team at wcsyearbook@yahoo.com



Photos Courtesy of Megan Robertson

13 families were able to come out on October 15th and 16th and dedicate time to help us clean up our playground. It was an enormous task for our large outdoor space and we would not have been able to do it without you. We made a very sizable dent in the tasks lined up for this clean-up project. Keep your eye out in the Spring, we might just have another one!

Bus Driver Appreciation Week



Photos Courtesy of Megan Robertson

Bus Driver Appreciation Week was held during the week of October 17th. Thank you all so much for making this week special for our school staff getting us safely to and from school. Due to the generosity of several families, our lead FOWC volunteer Haley Kulas was able to assemble some amazing gift boxes for our Bus & Van Drivers and our Crossing Guard Cindy.



We are quickly approaching Parent/Teacher Conferences. **They are scheduled for November 14 through November 22nd and will be held in person unless a parent/caregiver requests a zoom conference.** The focus of the first trimester parent/teacher conferences will be building parent/caregiver partnerships, student performance (strengths and growth opportunities) as well as goal setting for the second trimester. To help better prepare for your upcoming conference, consider the following:

*Talk to your child-Ask if there is anything that he/she would like for you to discuss with the teacher.

*Be prepared-Write down things that you would like to discuss/questions that you would like to ask at the conference.

*Be specific. Describe your child's strengths and areas of need.

*Arrive promptly to your zoom/session or a few minutes early.

*Exchange information. Feel free to share with the teacher situations in the home that may affect your child's school work (Ex. a new baby in the family, new babysitter, etc.).

* Discuss the whole child. Your child's social and emotional development is as important as his/her academic success.

* Leave with a plan. The conference should end with a clear statement of what you will do and what the teacher will do.

Thank-you in advance for your support and attendance. Strong, positive and supportive parent/caregiver partnerships are essential to a student's overall school success.

WCS Happenings

Pictured below are 4th grade students participating in a DNA lesson provided by the University of Maine/4H/Cooperative Extension.



Pictured below are kindergarten students in Mrs. Martin's fabulous Phys. Ed., class participating in a variety of indoor obstacle course activities with the assistance of 4th and 5th grade helpers.





Pictured below are WCS students and the WCS Tiger during the recent filming of the Winter Kids Contest Video. Results have not been received yet-stay tuned!



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,

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Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal

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gratitude

We have MANY things to be thankful for:

*Our bus drivers, van drivers, bus aides and crossing guard.

*Our volunteer team, sign makers, and donors for the Bus Driver Appreciation Week: Christie J., Melissa A., Anna S., Erin O., Haley K., Heather R., Meredith P., Monique P., Jenn C., Becky J., and Megan R.

*Playground clean-up on 10/15 and 10/16. Amazing work!! Thank you Johnston Family, Rogers Family, Jauch Family, Pride Family, Deeds Family, Robertson Family, Cunio Family, Prevost-Oster Family, Eaton Family, Cass Family, Burns Family, Vitali Family, Hunter Family & Hunter Excavation, Mr. Johansen & the Facilities Department.

*University of Maine/Cooperative Extension 4H Partnership-interactive classroom STEM opportunities in grades 4 & 5.

*Completing the Winter Kids Games video and application. Thank-you WCS staff and district technology integrators.

*Holding a Halloween Dance for the first time in three years!



*Halloween Dance volunteers: Meredith P, Jenn C., Anna S., Becky J., Melissa A., Christie J., Haley K., Heather R., Laila V., Sarah C., Kim P., Megan R., and a special thank you to our custodial staff Mr. Randy, Ms. Pam, & Ms. Sierra, and Topsham Police Chief Marc Hagan.

Important Dates



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

11/8 5th Grade Fundraising Parent Group, 5:30 pm, Learning Commons

11/11/22-11/13/22 **Playground Committee Build**, 9 am - 3 pm WCS Playground

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

12/2 FOWC Sponsored Holiday Caroling, 3:30 P.M.

12/13 Playground Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M., LC

friends OF williams-cone

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

TRUNK OF Treat

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Trunk-or-Treat at the Topsham Fairgrounds **TONIGHT!** 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>

We are gearing up for another build on our playground and are looking for volunteers interested in helping! This is the last stage of our Earthen Crawl Project proposal started in February 2022. **Come join us on Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th.** Please email Megan

at mames04@gmail.com or fill out our google form

here <https://forms.gle/Bh158JPZiaHPc58W6> if you are interested in helping. We can get you up to speed on the project and what to expect before the build dates.

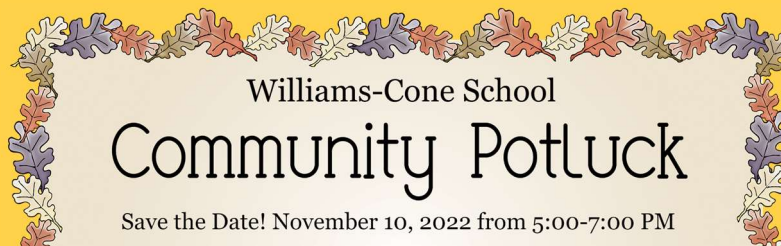
While this may be the last for this project proposal the Playground Committee is still discussing additional renovations and additions to our school playground. Join us for our next meeting on 12/13/22 at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons. Thank you!





Raffle Baskets

Ticket Sales are now available for a chance to win one of the twelve **AMAZING** Raffle Baskets or our two Big Ticket items that this community helped us assemble with your generous donations. Be on the lookout for an order form coming home after October 31st if you didn't make it to the Halloween Dance to grab your tickets in person. Ticket sales will continue now through our Community Potluck Event on 11/10/2022 where we will find out the winners! Please note that you do not need to be present to win but we kindly ask that you pick up your basket at the school by 11/16/22.



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!

Join us for the FOWC Upcoming Meetings:

FOWC - 11/3/22 at 5:30 PM in the Learning Commons

5th Grade Fundraising Parent Group - 11/8/22 at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons

Playground Committee Build - 11/11/22-11/13/22 from 9 am - 3 pm on the playground

Playground Committee - 12/13/22 at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons

Volunteer Background Check Form:

Want to volunteer with our school? Review and sign the MSAD 75 Volunteer Handbook & Form



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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->

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Reminder: Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm** in the Learning Commons.

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

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

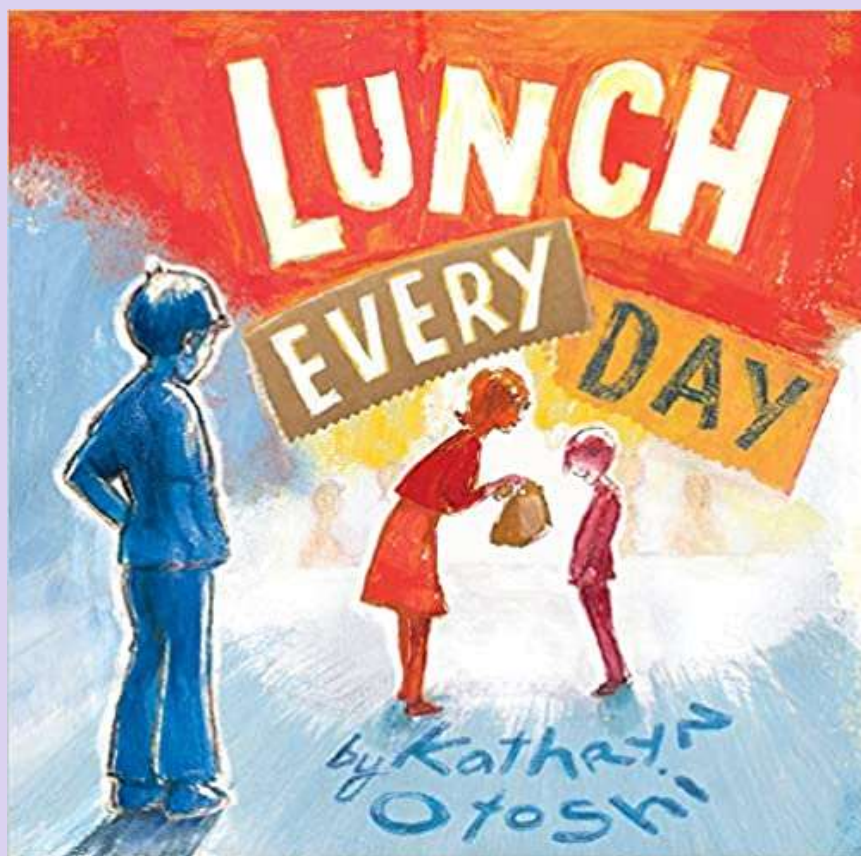
New Hours for the 2022-2023 School Year

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.

Staff Recommends.....



"Lunch Every Day" by Kathryn Otoshi is a story about bullying that actually gives insight to not only the victim of bullying, but the bully himself. Jimmy takes another boy's lunch away from him everyday. While this behavior is not acceptable, as the story continues, one learns that Jimmy has many layers in his life including older brothers who bully him as well. The story continues with Jimmy receiving an invitation to his victim's birthday party and Jimmy actually attends. While at the party, Jimmy receives incredible kindness from the mother of the boy who he has

been bullying. "Lunch Every Day" is based on a true story and is also a Maine Chickadee Award Winner. This year I have used this story when teaching and reviewing our school's Code of Cooperation and vision with third grade students. It is a great example of kindness and understanding.

-Mrs. Rineer, WCS Principal



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

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.