

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-"*



Happy New Year WCS Community! Here are a few highlights of activities that have been taking place at WCS over the past few weeks:

Prior to Winter Break 1 WCS staff participated in some holiday themed team building activities that focused on leadership, innovation, creativity and flexibility. Pictured below are some of the

results from the team building activities.



Pictured below is Mrs. Kane, WCS Ed. Tech, reading to students in the Williams wing hallway as students wait to enter their classrooms at the beginning of the school day.



Pictured below are first grade students participating in math workshop activities. These activities are designed to practice and reinforce math skills through an interactive hands-on approach.



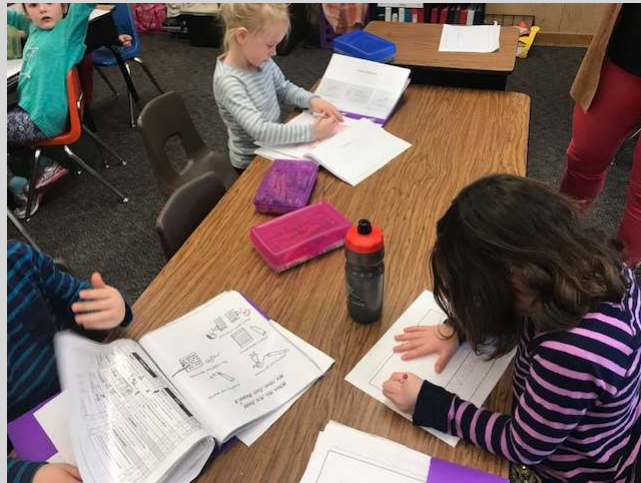
Pictured below are third grade students playing beach volleyball in Phys. Ed. class.



Pictured below are third grade students learning to play the recorder in music class.



Pictured below are kindergarten students engaged in writing activities.

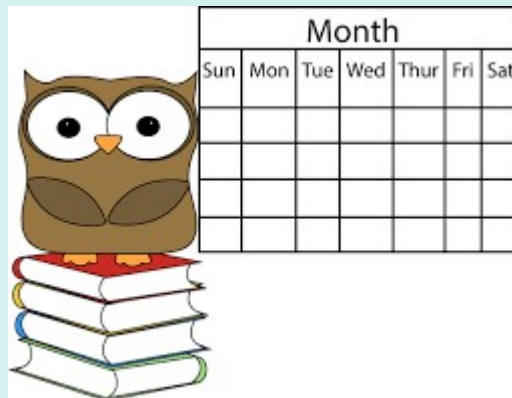


Our students made a smooth transition back into school life following Winter Break 1. Consistent structure, support and routines are key in helping students better access their learning. While the winter months often bring a quieter pace of life, our instructional pace is moving rapidly as students are introduced to and taught new learning goals and targets. Your student's academic, social and emotional growth is important to us, so please always feel free to reach out to your child's teacher(s) with any concerns and/or needs.

Please take a moment to review the "Important Dates" that are included in this newsletter. January's calendar includes the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday on January 20th as well as a professional development day for staff on January 21st. Students who completed the Winter Break 1 Reading Challenge will be recognized at the upcoming PBIS/Aevidum assembly later this month. Plans for the annual "Have a Heart for Hunger" food drive benefitting Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program are also underway. Additional details will be sent home with students in the near future.

Stay Warm!

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal



Important Dates

1/15 Variety Show Auditions, 3:30-5:00 P.M.

1/20 Martin Luther King Holiday, No School

1/21 Professional Development Day, No School for Students

1/22 Variety Show Auditions, 3:30-5:00 P.M.

1/22 All District 5th Grade Band Concert, Orion, 7:00 P.M., (Snow date 1/23, 7:00 P.M. Orion)

1/29 Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

1/31 FOWC , All School Movie, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

2/4 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Learning Commons

2/5 Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

2/12 Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

2/17-2/21 Winter Break 2

2/25 Variety Show Dress Rehearsal, 3:30-6:00 P.M. *Mandatory to be in the show.*

2/26 Variety Show School Assembly

2/27 Variety Show, 6:30 P.M., WCS Gym (Snow Date, 3/3 @ 6:30 P.M.)

3/3 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M.

3/4 Variety Show Pizza Party, 3:30-4:15 P.M.

3/12 Early Dismissal, 12:00 P.M.

3/13 No School For Students



Variety Show Information

Here is the schedule for the Variety Show:

*Audition dates - January 15 and 22 (3:30-5:00)

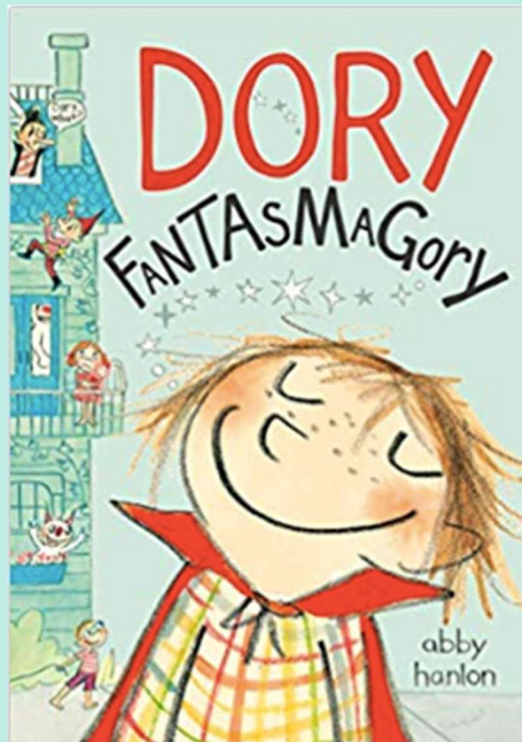
*Rehearsal dates – Wednesday, January 29, February 5 and 12 (all 3:30-5:30)

VACATION WEEK: February 17-21-No Practice

- Dress rehearsal - Tuesday, February 25th ****(3:30-6:00 & mandatory to be in the show)**
- School assembly – February 26th
- Show date - Thursday, February 27 (6:30 PM)
- Snow date – Tuesday, March 3 (6:30 PM)
- Pizza Party – March 4 (3:30-4:15 P.M.)

Staff Picks

This newsletter we feature a book review by Mr. Wilbur, WCS 2nd
Grade Teacher:



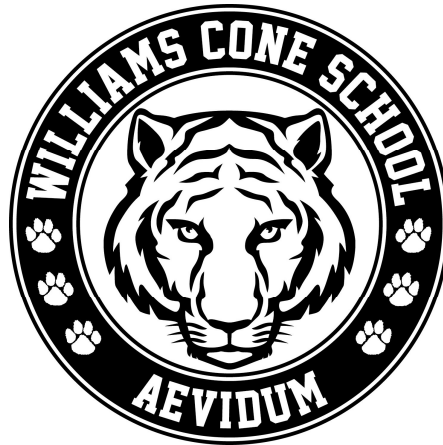
Book Review: [Dory Fantasmagory](#), by Abby Hanlon
(Puffin Books 2014)

[Dory Fantasmagory](#) is an entertaining series that 2nd and 3rd graders can read to themselves (Level L-M-N), but it is also a fun read aloud for any age. Dory is just starting school, and to her older brother and sister she's an annoying nuisance who is a target for their sibling teasing.

But Dory is funny and clever, and she turns her sibling's attempts to frighten her into her friendly, and hilarious monsters-turned-playmates. The whole family will enjoy and relate to Dory's creative and outrageous antics as well as the simple, engaging pictures. Some of the dialogue requires careful reading, and would be fun to read with children as theatre, too.

This series will provide lots of opportunities to discuss characters and feelings, and describe situations that will make grownups and kids alike chuckle in recognition. The little rascal Dory perfectly exposes the hopes and fears of any school child, and will keep children engaged and you wondering what she will invent next.





WCS students are excited to start PAWS Lunch again during the week of January 13th! PAWS slips are drawn from each WCS classroom weekly. The winning student can choose a friend to eat with him/her on the school stage during lunch along with Mrs. Rineer, WCS Principal. Participating students are also offered a delicious treat to accompany their lunch.