

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 Williams-Cone School Community!

Yesterday's storm certainly brought some excitement and inconvenience to our school community. Thankfully everyone is safe and sound. Our playground experienced a downed tree but our district groundskeeping staff did a fabulous job of cleaning it up just in time for students to enjoy a full recess outside on the playground today. We are back to business as usual in our classrooms and we are hosting teaching staff from Woodside Elementary School today due to the school's closing for the day.

FOWC is in the midst of it's busiest season with fundraising and special events. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. Here's a recap and a reminder of upcoming events:

*Our school observed "Bus Driver Appreciation Week" October 7-10 with drivers and the crossing guard receiving many thoughtful treats and messages throughout the week courtesy of FOWC. School picture day was held on October 7th and the Fall Scholastic Book Fair concluded on October 9th. FOWC raised over \$400.00 through the MidCoast Consignment sale thanks to the leadership of Dorothy Martin, WCS parent. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported each of these events and activities.

*A reminder that FOWC is collecting items from each grade level for

themed baskets. These baskets will be raffled off at the upcoming Potluck Fundraiser on November 15th. Thank-you to everyone who has provided donations to the baskets thus far.

*The yearly Halloween Dance will be held next Friday, October 25th from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in the WCS Gym. FOWC puts great time and effort into this yearly tradition. Snack donations are needed. Please see FOWC's website (www.friendsofwilliamscone.com) or Facebook page for signup information. To ensure that everyone has a safe and fun time at the event we kindly request that all costumes are appropriate and ask for respectful behavior. Due to space limitations and our growing student population, we respectfully request that only WCS students in grades K-5 and their siblings under age 5 attend the event with their parents/caregivers. Middle and high school siblings and family members are not encouraged to attend. The cost is \$5 per person and children ages 2 and under are free. Games, light refreshments and drinks will be provided. It's going to be a great event!

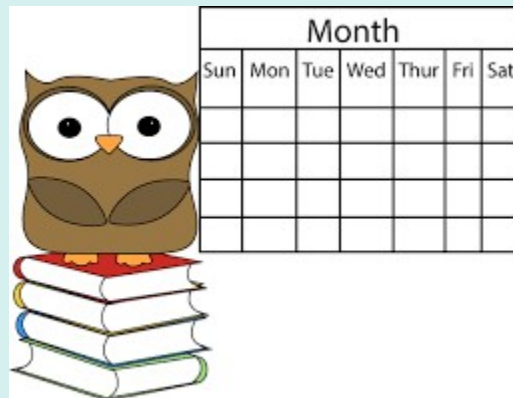
WCS teaching staff participated in a variety of professional development activities during the in-service that was held on Friday, October 11th. Activities included a team building hike on the Cliff Trail in Harpswell led by Mrs. Martin, WCS Phys. Ed. teacher (see pictures above and below this message). Activities also included a review of

current student data, intentional team planning and envisioning activities for transforming school culture and professional practice.

Hopefully electricity will be restored very soon throughout our community. Please stay safe!

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal





Important Dates

10/22 Dental Clinic at WCS, 8:00-3:00 P.M.

10/23 PBIS/Aevidum Monthly Assembly

10/25 FOWC Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00 P.M., Gym

10/28 MSAD #75 Elementary Grading and Reporting Committee Meeting, 5:30 P.M., Bowdoin Central School

11/5 Election Day

11/5 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M., LC

11/11 Veteran's Day, No School

11/14 Picture Retake Day

11/15 FOWC Basket Fundraiser/Potluck Dinner, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

11/18-11/26 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/21 MSAD #75 School Board Meeting hosted at WCS, 6:30 P.M.

11/22 PBIS/Aevidum Assembly

11/26 Trimester 1 Ends

11/26 12:00 P.M. Dismissal for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3:30 P.M.

11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Recess

12/7 FOWC Holiday Caroling, 3:30-5:00 P.M. (Snow date 12/14, 3:30-5:00 P.M.)

12/11 Holiday Concert, Grades 4 & 5, 7:00 P.M., WCS Gym

12/23-1/1 Winter Break 1

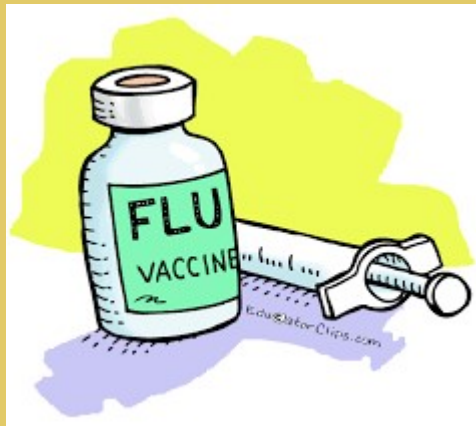


Grading & Reporting

Many of you know that our district began a process last May of gaining feedback about our grading and reporting system. We have sought your participation in the process. I wanted to let you know about two opportunities to be involved:

*Our next meeting of the Elementary Grading and Reporting Working Group is open to any parent or staff member in the district. It will be held on October 28th, from 5:30-6:30pm at Bowdoin Central School (BCS). Part of our work will be to present different options for report cards based on feedback that was given during the September 30th Elementary Grading and Reporting Working Group meeting. Please RSVP to me at rineerr@link75.org if you plan on attending so we can be sure to have the right space at BCS.

* If you cannot attend the meeting - and in fact, at any time for any reason - you can provide your feedback through the [Elementary Parent Report Card Feedback form](#). Any and all feedback about our grading and reporting system is welcome, and will be reviewed by the Working Group and the Elementary Principals. I encourage you to share your thoughts if you haven't already, and thanks!



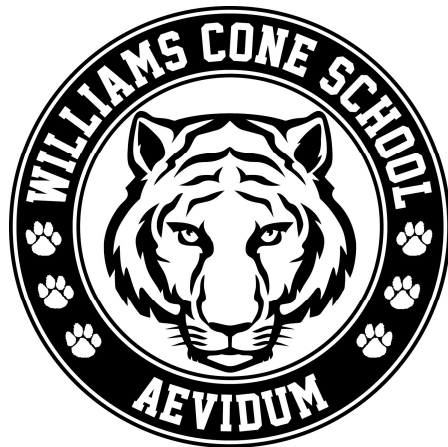
Flu Shot Clinic

Who: Open to MSAD 75 students, families, staff and the public

Where: Mt. Ararat Middle School Cafeteria

When: Saturday, October 19th, 9:00am-12:00 pm and Tuesday, November 28th, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Sponsored by CHANS. Donations are accepted. No nasal mist available.



The PBIS focus for the month of October is following directions the first time. Staff members are distributing PAWS slips to students when they are observed engaging in this behavior and other behaviors that follow our school's Code of Cooperation. Students in each of WCS's three wings are filling a large pumpkin with the PAWS slips that are received during the month of October. The reward for filling the pumpkins will be for students to create harvest themed decorations that will be on display at the upcoming Halloween dance and around our school.

To help teach, promote and support kind and respectful behavior, Mr. Cardoza,

School Counselor, Miss Carin, Social Worker and I will be teaching lessons in third, fourth and fifth grade classrooms over the next couple of weeks that focus on these important behaviors. Students will review the definition of bullying and understand that gossip and rumors can be a form of bullying. The lessons will give students the opportunity to brainstorm and learn the power of having each other's backs (Aevidum!) by being Upstanders. Students will engage in random acts of kindness activities over the next several weeks in their classrooms to promote and support being an Upstander.