

Williams-Cone School Principal's Newsletter

Volume 6

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"Williams-Cone School is a safe and kind community that inspires every student to succeed.

-Compassionate, Curious, Confident Learners-"

Happy Thanksgiving Williams-Cone School Community!



Here are a few highlights of the past two weeks and a review of things that are coming up in the next couple of weeks:

FOWC Basket Auction Fundraiser



*Many thanks to everyone who supported the FOWC Basket Auction/Potluck Dinner Fundraiser on November 15th. We raised close to \$2000.00 for our school community. The money will be used for upcoming field trips, special programs and family activities within our school community. Your support and generosity for our school is tremendous. Thank-you!



*Many thanks to parents and caregivers for attending Parent/Teacher conferences over the past two weeks. As mentioned in previous communications, creating, maintaining and sustaining vibrant and positive relationships with our students and their families is a high priority for us.

Holiday Lunch



*The annual Holiday Lunch that was held on Tuesday, November 19th was a tremendous success with over 300 meals being served. We even had guest servers-Superintendent Shawn Chabot and Assistant Superintendent Amanda Hersey join us for the day. Many thanks to all of the community and staff members who joined us for this very special tradition.



*The close of the first trimester is November 26th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, December 11th.



Winter Recess Procedures Reminder

Winter-like weather hit us earlier than anticipated again this year! Students are typically required to participate in recess so that they can have the opportunity to play, exercise and socialize. A reminder that proper winter attire is required including snow pants, boots, coats, hats, gloves and mittens when there is snow on the ground. Indoor recess will be held when the temperatures or wind chill are 15 degrees or lower.



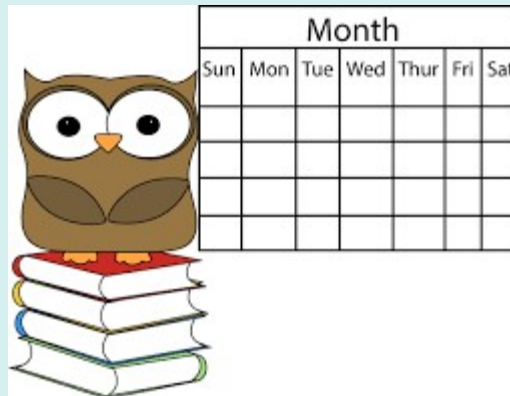
*WCS hosted the school board meeting on November 21st giving us the opportunity to highlight many of the wonderful things taking place within our school community ranging from 5th graders creating podcasts in Mrs. Bretschneider's writing to classes to the many fundraisers and activities provided by FOWC throughout the year. Special thanks to Jennifer Banis and Ian Talmage who own 111 Main Catering for once again providing amazing refreshments for the board. Special thanks also go out to Ben Whatley for providing fresh, local produce and Urban Garden Center for providing special flowers for each board member.



Pictured above from left to right: Mrs. Graviette and Mrs. McCormick

We also would like to welcome back Mrs. McCormick, first grade teacher, who returned this week after being away on family medical leave. We also say farewell and thank-you to Mrs. Graviette who did a super job as Mrs. McCormick's substitute while she was away. Finally, on behalf of WCS, I would like to wish everyone a safe and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday. We are blessed beyond all measure to have one another.

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal



Important Dates

11/26 Trimester 1 Ends

11/26 Half Day Dismissal for Students, PreK: 10:45 A.M., Grades K-5: 12:00 P.M.

12/6 FOWC Holiday Caroling, 3:30-5:00 P.M. (Snow date 12/13, 3:30-5:00 P.M.)

12/11 Trimester 1 Report Cards Distributed

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

12/23-1/1 Winter Break 1

1/6 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Learning Commons

1/8 Variety Show Help Session, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

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

1/20 Martin Luther King Holiday, No School

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

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

2/3 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.)

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



2019 Winter Holiday Resources

Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell, and Freeport

***American Legion Post #21 Thanksgiving Dinner open to all.** Meal-
Thursday, November 28, 2019 at noon. Call 443-9804.

***Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas.** Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 at noon. Reservations are helpful but not required. Call 725-2648.

***Freeport Community Services Thanksgiving Meal – all welcome.** Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 at noon, reservations preferred but not required. Call 865-3985 x205.

***Freeport Community Services: Holiday Helpline, Thanksgiving Baskets for Freeport & Pownal;** Thanksgiving food baskets sign up available through November 15, 2019. Food and gifts application available through December 8, 2019. Pickup December 21, 2019. Proof of residency required. Call 865-3985 x205.

***Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys.**

Harpswell Residents Only: Limited food & heating assistance. Email

harpswellsantafund2019@gmail.com

***Mid Coast Hospital Thanksgiving Dinner** for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Call 373-6786.

***Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags** for Brunswick, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, & Topsham Thanksgiving baskets available November 1 through November 27, 2019 for food pantry clients during food pantry hours. Contact Devyn at dsantora@mchpp.org.

***Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Christmas Meal** - all welcome; served Wednesday, December 25, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm.

***Midcoast Pizza and More Restaurant for Bath and surrounding areas.**

Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 12-2.

Transportation may be available; meal delivery available. Call 443-6631.

Portland Press Herald Toy Fund Children birth through 18 years old.

Birthdates required. For application or donation information visit website

www.bruceroberstoyfund.org or call 791-6672.

Salvation Army of Bath/Brunswick: Holiday Food Baskets and Toys for Brunswick, Harpswell & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond Christmas toys by application from October 2 through November 7, 2019. Late applications may be available by appointment. Call 443-3611.

The Neighborhood Café in Bath: Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners -

all welcome. Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 26th at 4:30pm;

Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30pm. Call 443-2187.

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United Way of Mid Coast Maine

34 Wing Farm Parkway, # 201 Bath ME 04530

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info@uwmcm.org

Find Help –

Are you looking for information to help a family member a friend, or yourself?

211 is where to start. It's FREE and confidential. You call – We listen



Variety Show Information

Time is running out to create an act for the Variety Show. Tryouts for the show are about six weeks away. If your child is using music with lyrics, they must submit the lyrics to Mrs. Morneau for approval. All songs must be appropriate for school use.

Students will not be allowed to tryout for the show if their lyrics have not been approved. Please help your child complete this important step in the tryout process. We are excited to see what our WCS students have created for this year's show.

Here is the schedule for the Variety Show:

*Help session – January 8 (3:30-4:30) optional

*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.)

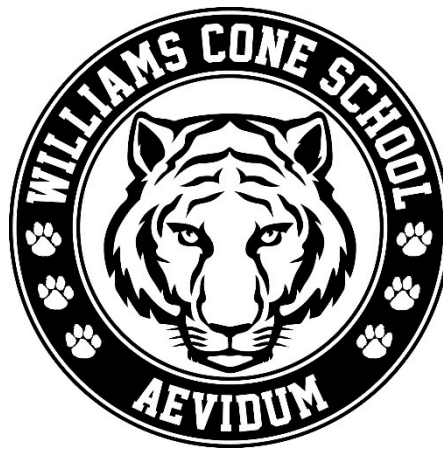


CHORUS NEWS

It's almost concert time! Our December concert will feature our 4th and 5th grade students in Special Chorus and Chorus. The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11 beginning at 7:00 pm in the gym. The snow date will be December 18. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun family event.

3rd GRADE RECORDER NEWS

Our recorder unit will begin in January. The students are very excited about learning to play the recorder. A letter with important information about how to order a recorder went home with your child. Check your child's backpack. Please return the bottom of the letter to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, December 6.



The PBIS/Avidum focus for the months of November and December is "empathy" and showing kindness to everyone. Students are receiving PAWS slips when staff observe them demonstrating kindness to one another. Students are filling cornucopias located in each wing with PAWS slips with the goal of a bonus recess.



The monthly PBIS/Aevidum assembly was held on Friday, November 22nd. Two students from each WCS classroom were honored as "Students of the Month" during the November assembly.

The following criteria is used for choosing "Students of the Month":

- *Students chosen by teachers have not received any Discipline Reports for the month.*
- *Students are chosen by teachers based upon the student doing his/her personal best.*
- *Students chosen to have/continue to exhibit excellence in character - good role models, making right choices.*
- *Students who are chosen can be routinely recognized for following our Code of Cooperation (Rights, Respect, Responsibility) across all school settings (classroom, hallways, recess, playground, cafeteria, bus).*
- *Certificates will be issued, photographs will be taken and displayed on the bulletin board outside of the cafeteria each month.*

The WCS Student of the Month Award is a part of our school's ongoing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports/Discipline Program.

The November 2019 Students of the Month are:

Kindergarten: Raylee B., Sophia G., Evan R., Kree G., Arilyn V., Liam M.

Grade One: Kamden D., Charlotte H., Addison G., Ruby T., Amara D., Sam M.

Grade Two: Emery S., Sophia K., Henry J., Emily M., June M., Tanner G.

Grade Three: Egan D., Madilyn C., Chance H., Lily N.

Grade Four: Landon P., Joy S., Sydney D., Amberly G.

Grade Five: Ivan I., Kayleigh W., Brady H., Trentin B.

Photos Courtesy of Rebecca Brooks, WCS Ed Tech

Kindergarten



Grade One



Grade Two



Grade Three



Grade Four



Grade Five

