

William Winchester Elementary School

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November 2011 Newsletter

Dear Willie Families and Friends,

Perhaps the October snowfall is indicative of the winter to come! Prepare a plan now for your child in the event of weather-related late openings, early closings or all day closings.

American Education Week (AEW) is November 13 - 19. Please join us throughout the school year to experience learning and teaching at Willie. Please visit on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of AEW if you are planning to make a special visitation or wish to have another adult family member join you during AEW.

Lunch During AEW: We have a large number of students in our cafeteria for lunch every day. Our first priority is for each student to have a seat at the lunch tables. If you wish to join your child for lunch, please choose another time other than this week. We will not be able to accommodate the family members who may want to visit at lunch, too, during this week. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sometimes children will need to be absent from school for reasons other than illnesses and planned medical/dental appointments. Families must send in a written statement directly to the principal or assistant principal requesting approval for absences that are unusual, such as planned vacations or other extended absences that occur within the school year, at least one week prior to the absence. In addition, any requests of teachers for school work to be completed during the absence should be received least one week prior to the absence.

Conference days are November 16th and November 21st. The first conference will begin at 4:50 p.m.; the last conference will begin at 7:10 p.m. Conferences will be 20 minutes in length. Please call the school to schedule a conference for one day or the other.

Best wishes to all for a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday! It's good to be here!

We will view the Willie newsletter from the school web site. Please discontinue sending a paper edition home for the 2011-2012 school year.

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Child/Children and Teacher(s) – please print: _____

Please return this portion to the school office

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November 2011 Dates to Remember

- 3 Early Dismissal, 1:00 p.m.
No pre-kindergarten classes
End of marking period
- 4 Snow White Cultural Program,
grades K-2, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
grades 3-5, 2:15-3:15 p.m.
PTA Bingo Spooktacular at West
Middle School, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 6 Fall Back-Standard Time Begins
- 7 School Picture Retake Day
PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Report Cards Distributed
- 13-19 American Education Week
- 14 Early Dismissal, 1:00 p.m.
No pre-kindergarten classes
- 16 Grade 4 field trip to the National
Aquarium, 8:30-3:30 p.m.,
Parent Conference Night,
4:50-7:10 p.m.
- 21 Parent Conference Night,
4:50-7:10 p.m.
- 22 Grade 1 Fall Celebration,
9:45-11:00 a.m.
- 23-25 Schools/Offices closed,
Thanksgiving Holiday

ELA Update:

Thank you for your participation in the Ready, Set, Read challenge! Students were excited to receive their notebooks in October! Please continue to encourage increased reading and journal responses at home. At the end of each quarter, students who reach the goal for minutes and journal entries will be entered into prize drawings! Students will receive a new calendar and response board at the start of each quarter.

Often, parents and guardians ask how they might assess their child's thinking about texts. An excellent way to foster this sharing includes modeling the

thinking in a natural way. The following is a list of phrases or text responses that highlight the types of ideas that students are encouraged to share in literature discussions. This is not an exhaustive list, but you may want to note your child's use of these phrases when he or she discusses texts at home! Each of these thoughtful responses indicates your child's ability to form original ideas in response to text.

Thoughtful Responses to Text:

- I wonder why...
- I don't see how...
- I can't believe...
- Why did...?
- It bothered me when...
- I was surprised...
- I can't really understand...
- I began to think of...
- When I finished reading, I thought...
- One thing that confused me was when...
- This makes me feel...
- This reminds of...
- I noticed...
- The most important idea is....
- I think...will happen next.
- I can imagine what _____
looked/sounded/felt/tasted like.
- I think...

I hope that the first quarter of the 2011-12 school year was successful for your child!

Thanks so much,
Kirsten Love
ELA Specialist

Winter Concert!

Mark your calendars! Our Winter Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at West Middle School.

The fifth grade band and orchestra will perform, and all third grade students will sing for us. Details will follow in a letter home to all participating students.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found continues to grow each day. If you are missing jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, etc., please stop by to check out our lost and found.

Canned Food Drive

Third Grader's will be hosting William Winchester Canned Food Drive. We will be collecting canned food or dry products from Nov. 4- Dec.9. Let's all come together as a school community to help our neighbors in need for the holidays! OUR GOAL IS 1,000 cans. WE WILL! WE CAN!! Drop off cans in any third grade homeroom on the top floor. Check out our bulletin board in the main lobby to check our progress! Thank You!!

Call For Coats

William Winchester is participating in the 24th annual, Call for Coats, sponsored by the Shepherd's Staff. We are accepting new and gently used donations of infant to adult coats, as well as hats, gloves and scarves. Items may be dropped in our decorated bins located in our main lobby and on the lower floor. Donations will be distributed to families in need across Carroll County. Thank you.

Willie's Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree will be placed in the main lobby area on November 28.

Donations of unwrapped new games, toys, mittens, gloves, scarves, and more are needed and will be collected through December 15. Need Ideas? A list of suggested items will be located beside our Giving Tree. Thanks for your Support!

Parking Reminder

We wanted to remind parents to park only on paved parking spaces. Please do not use grass areas to park by West Middle School. These spaces are used for middle school gym classes. This poses a danger to the children as well as possible damage to your car. Thank you for your understanding.

Media Center News

Thanks to everyone for making this year's Scholastic Book Fair a success. It was wonderful to see all the families out on Family Night at the book fair. This year the theme was, "To the Book Fair and beyond! Reading is out of This World!" The winner of our family night raffle this year was second grader, Ashleigh Hood. Ashleigh won a bag of books from the book fair. During their media classes students enjoyed participating in the "brain quest" estimating contest. Students guessed how many fruit blasts candies were in a jar. A student in each grade level with the closest correct answer won a paperback book of their choice from the fair.

Special thanks to Stefanie Goldsmith (our new, part time media specialist), Edna Mae Wasmer, Jill and Suzy Spriggs, and Lisa Herbert for giving of their time to help run the cash registers and manage the gift table on family

night at the book fair. Thanks to Cyndy Beckhardt, our media clerk for all her help during the school day and helping deliver the student orders to the classrooms. Special thanks to Willie parents, Marta Cruz and Dana Wachter for volunteering during the school day to help our younger students write up their wish lists. Thanks to all parents for purchasing books for their students and supporting the book fair. Profits from the book fair will go towards purchasing new books for the media collection.

Thanks again to everyone!

Louise Robinson
WWE media specialist

DEADLINE: January 3 2012

Nominations received after 5:00 PM will not be accepted.
Nominations forms must be received in the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce office (not just postmarked).

Mail Nomination forms to:

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Attn. OTA
P.O. Box 871 ♦ Westminster, MD 21158
FAX: 410-876-1023

Online: www.carrollcountychamber.org Outstanding Teacher

Guidelines

Eligibility: Any full-time teacher in the Carroll County Public School System may be nominated.

Criteria: Teachers will be judged on the degree to which the candidates exhibit qualities of excellence.

Process: Step 1—Teacher is nominated.

Step 2:—Each teacher is notified of the nomination and is asked to complete a biographical form. Any teacher not completing the biographical form will not be considered for an award or recognized as an Outstanding Teacher.

Step 3:—Judges review the Nomination Form & Biographical Form and select eight winners for the Chamber's Outstanding Teacher Award.

NOTE: The Chamber follows the MD Teacher of the Year guidelines so that the candidates are eligible for MD Teacher of the Year.

REQUIRED QUESTIONS

On a separate piece of paper please respond to the following three questions.

1. **Give specific examples** of how this teacher inspires students to learn.
2. **Give specific examples** of how this teacher builds confidence and self esteem.
3. **Give specific examples** of the ways that this teacher helps students apply what they have learned to real world situations.

Please feel free to make additional comments.

Answer the questions fully but please limit your response to fit on one page. Your answers are used by the judges to determine the winners. Please print or type.



2012 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Awards Nomination Form

Teacher Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field: incomplete forms will not be accepted)

*Teacher's Name: _____
First _____ MI _____ Last _____

*Nominee is a **FULL TIME TEACHER**: Elementary School Middle School High School
Career & Technology Special Education Counselor Media Specialist

*Teacher's School: _____

*School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominator Information (Please print clearly) (* Required field: incomplete forms will not be accepted)
 My name may be released to the teacher I've nominated if requested, otherwise nominations are confidential.

*Nominator Name: _____
First _____ MI _____ Last _____

*Nominator is: Parent of a student Student Teacher School Administrator

*Nominator's Mailing Address: _____

*City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Phone #: _____ Email: _____

***A RESPONSE TO THE THREE QUESTIONS ON THE LEFT IS REQUIRED.**
AND USED BY THE JUDGES TO DETERMINE THE AWARD WINNERS

Submit nominations online Nov 1—Jan 3

Visit the Chamber website at www.carrollcountychamber.org **Nominate early!**
Heavy use of the online site may interfere your nomination being received.

Nominations close on Jan. 3, 2012 at 5:00 PM

Mail to: Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce 9 E. Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157

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SHORT NOTES

Sign your name

Your youngster will sign his name thousands of times in his life. When he learns cursive, encourage him to practice by writing his signature with a variety of colorful pens (felt-tipped, ballpoint, gel). Have him sign cards and notes, or show him your signature on a receipt and let him sign his name on the back.

DID YOU KNOW?

Water “wakes up” the brain. Staying hydrated throughout the day can help your child be alert and think clearly. Suggest that she have a glass of water before school and any time she feels thirsty. Also, remind her to drink from the water fountain during class breaks.

Question jar

Here’s a way for your youngster to practice research skills and learn new facts. If he asks a question you can’t answer, have him write it down. *Example:* “Are orangutans monkeys?” Keep his questions in a jar. When you have time, pull one out and find the answer together. He could check a book or website or call someone who might know.

Worth quoting

“It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.” *Eleanor Roosevelt*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: If the Pilgrims were still alive today, what would they be most famous for?

A: Their age!



Forecast: Cooperation

What is the atmosphere like in your house? You can encourage your child to cooperate by creating a pleasant environment in which everyone works as a team and enjoys each other’s company. Try these ideas.

Warm reunions

The first few minutes you and your youngster spend together after school or work can increase your chances for a nice evening. Try joining her while she eats her snack, or color pictures together. The attention from you and the relaxed tone may make her feel more cooperative as she does homework and chores and gets ready for bed.

Nice consequences

Show your youngster that cooperating leaves more time for activities she enjoys. For example, point out that if she helps you with the laundry, you’ll have time for a game or an extra bedtime story. Or tell her that if she entertains her little brother while you pay bills, you’ll finish faster



and will be able to watch her play outdoors.

Gentle requests

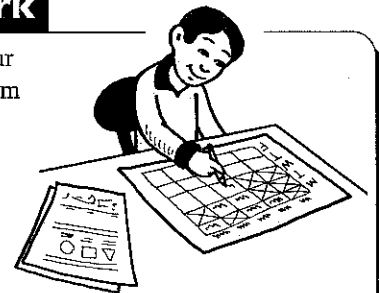
Stay upbeat and seek her input—your child may be more likely to cooperate. Say you find toys covering the living room floor. You can ask, “What’s your plan for tackling cleanup?” Or if you want her to start making her own lunch, you might say, “Where should we keep supplies so you can pack your lunch easily?”♥

Homework routines that work

Starting a homework routine now can help your youngster develop good habits that will benefit him throughout school. Consider these suggestions.

● **Make a homework chart.** Have your child draw a grid on a sheet of paper with the days down the left side and school subjects across the top. Each day, he can “x” out where he doesn’t have homework. Then, as he finishes an assignment, he can initial the correct box. He’ll have a nice visual reminder of what he has accomplished and what he still needs to do.

● **Review assignments together.** This will give you a chance to see what your youngster is working on and to make sure he finishes his work. *Tip:* You can point out mistakes, but have him correct them on his own so his teacher will be able to see if he needs extra help.♥



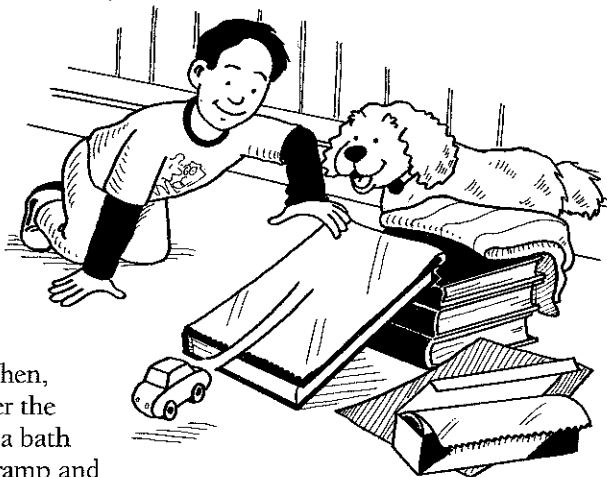
Road science

Cars—both toy and real ones—give your youngster opportunities to learn about force and motion. Spark his interest in science with these experiments.

How much friction?

Friction is created when two objects touch. Have your child gather a toy car and make a ramp by stacking three books and leaning a fourth book against them. Then, give him several different materials to cover the ramp (aluminum foil, construction paper, a bath towel). He can hold each material on the ramp and let the car roll down.

Which does he think will cause the car to travel the shortest distance? *Answer:* the towel, because it is the roughest material and produces the most friction.



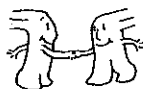
Which direction?

When you're in the car, let your youngster place a ball on the floor and predict which direction it will roll when you turn right. Have him watch the ball closely as you turn. What happens?

He might be surprised to see it roll left! That's because a moving object (the ball, which is moving along with the car) continues in its original direction (straight) until something

stops it. Even though the car turned right, the ball kept going in the direction you were driving—toward the road that is now to your youngster's left. ♥

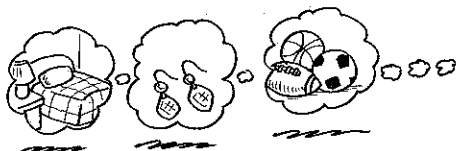
ACTIVITY CORNER



Pass it on

Try this dinner conversation game to sharpen your child's memory and thinking skills.

Begin by having one person finish this sentence: "I have one ____." She should fill in the blank by naming something that she has just one of (nose, bedroom). The next person repeats that item and adds something that she has two of: "I have one bedroom and two earrings."



Continue around the circle and try to get to 10. Add to the fun by being silly or creative ("I have eight legs on a toy spider").

Start over whenever someone forgets one of the objects or can't think of an item to go with the next number. ♥

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To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Conference tips

Whether your child is doing well in school or struggling, a conference is an important way to touch base with her teacher. Here's how to make the most of your meeting:

- Write down questions for the teacher ahead of time. To come up with your list, think about each subject ("Is Amelia reading at grade level?") as well as social skills and behavior ("Is she making friends?").
- Carry a pen and notepad to take notes during the conference. Write down information to share with your youngster ("The teacher said you help other kids during group work") and ideas for helping her at home ("Board games can teach math facts!").
- Be on time—the teacher will be meeting with many parents, and conferences are usually scheduled back-to-back. Also, consider swapping babysitting with another parent so you can attend without your children. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Learning an instrument—and more

This year, our son Nicholas started playing the violin at school. I play piano, so I was thrilled when he expressed an interest in music. I know that learning an instrument can teach a child about patience and hard work—and it can be a fun and satisfying hobby.

At first, Nicholas got discouraged easily when he practiced. He said it didn't sound "like real music." His teacher emphasized that patience is important, and she encouraged us to be

positive, too. She said that we should make comments like, "You're working really hard" or, "I love that part!" She also suggested that we refer to practice as

"playing time" and let Nicholas know we'd be happy to listen to him perform anytime.

Her advice has made a difference. Our son has been practicing regularly, and the teacher is pleased with his progress. ♥



William Winchester Elementary School PTA - November 2011

Every Child



One Voice

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the fall fundraisers. We have gotten off to a great start and could not have done it without you. Thanks for your continued support!!!

Our next PTA meeting will be Monday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend. The Y of Central Maryland Child Care will run during the PTA meeting.

We will be hosting our annual Bingo Spooktacular Friday, November 4, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in West Middle's Cafeteria. **Please note the date and location change.** It will be a fun night for the kids to play bingo, possibly win prizes and show off their costumes. We have already sent home order forms for pizzas that night. Please return the pizza forms by November 1. Willie t-shirts will also be on sale that evening.

The PTA will be sponsoring our 3rd annual "Willie's Kids Helping Kids" community service project in conjunction with Bingo Spooktacular on November 4. We hope that Willie families will, once again, join us as we support the babies and children at Carroll Hospital Center by donating newborn onesies/t-shirts and receiving blankets as well as things to give young patients to distract them from the anxiety associated with a hospital stay or ER visit (e.g. coloring/activity books, crayons/markers, craft kits, card games, small cars/dolls, word search books, and puzzles). All items must be new but do not have to be expensive. It's as easy as dropping your donation in the labeled bins as you enter to play bingo with your family! Please contact Kim Jillson, parent volunteer, with any questions at 410-857-8407 or ckjillson1@aol.com.

Dough for Funds, Panera Coupon Strips are back just in time for the holidays. The sale will officially begin on October 31, 2011. All money and orders are due back to Willie on November 11, 2011. Delivery to students will be the week of December 5, 2011. A list of Maryland locations will be included with the order form, and you are allowed to use up to three coupons per visit.

There are two types of coupon strips:

1- six coupon bagel strip which features 3 bagels per coupon or

1- six coupon combo strip which features a variety of baked goods including 3 bagels, 2 cookies, brownie slice, sourdough baguette, an Asiago Cheese demi, and a Focaccia round.

Plan to attend the November PTA meeting. We just may have Panera goodies to sample. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Shanholtz 443-340-2107 or clshanholtz@gmail.com.


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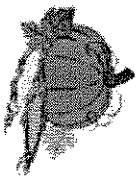

NOVEMBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Cereal w/ toast Or Sausage on a roll Fruit or Juice Milk	1 Sausage on Roll OR Choice of Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Breakfast Pizza OR (2) Cinnamon Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	3 (3) French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup OR Cereal w/ toast Fruit or Juice Milk	4 (1) Bagel w/ Toppings OR Waffles w/ Syrup Fruit or Juice Milk
7 Cereal w/ toast Or Sausage on a roll Fruit or Juice Milk	8 (2) Pancakes w/ Syrup OR Choice of Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Cereal w/ toast Or Waffles w/ syrup Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Sausage Patty on Roll Or (2) Cinnamon Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	11 Breakfast Pocket. OR Choice of Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
14 (2) Pancakes w/ syrup OR (2) Cinnamon Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Sausage on Roll OR Choice of Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Breakfast Pizza OR (2) Cinnamon Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	17 (3) French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup OR Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	18 (1) Bagel w/ Toppings OR Waffles w/ Syrup Fruit or Juice Milk
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28 Ceeral w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	29 Sausage Patty w/ Scrambled Eggs & Toast OR (1) Bagel w/ Toppings Fruit or Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Pocket OR Choice of Cereal w/ Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Give Thanks for School Breakfast!	



NOVEMBER 2011



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 7	1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Soup Apple Pineapple Salad Fruit	2 Chicken Patty on Roll Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Pears	3 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Pancake w/ syrup Fruit Juice Breakfast For Lunch	4 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad Hot Vegetable Mixed Fruit
8 Chicken Nuggets w/ Choice of Sauces Potato Rounds Roll Fruit Cup	9 Pizzas Green Beans Fruit	10 Sliced Turkey & Dressing Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Peas or Sauserkraut Cranberry Sauce Roll Thanksgiving Dinner	11 Stuffed Crust Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit	18 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Green Peas Mixed Fruit
14 Chicken Tenders French Fries Roll Fruit	15 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Waffle w/ syrup Fruit Juice Breakfast for Lunch	16 Sloppy Joe or Hot Dog on Roll Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit	17 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Or Ham and Cheese Broccoli Breadstick Peaches	25 Chicken or Pepperoni Pizza Green Peas Mixed Fruit
21 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Roll Garden Salad Fruit	22 Corn Dog or Chicken Pot Pie W/ biscuit Hot Vegetable Fruit	23 THANKSGIVING	24 HOLIDAY  SCHOOLS	CLOSED
28 Chicken Patty on Roll Manager's Choice Soup Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fruit	29 Oven Baked Cheesesticks w/ Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable Rainbow Apples	30 Hard or Soft Shell Taco w/ Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn Spanish Rice Pears	