

Williams Elementary School Newsletter February 2009

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Calendar of Events

- 8 District Board Meeting 7PM @ Applegate School
- 11 OMSI Assembly "Electrifying Science"
- 11 District Science Fair
- 13 District Science Fair Open House
- 13 Valentine Day Parties 12:45PM in classrooms
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!!
- 16 No School — President's Day

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School Hours:
7:40am—1:55pm

Conferences

Elementary Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for next month on Thursday and Friday, March 19th and 20th.



News From Mrs. Wardle's Class



Kindergarten in January was a month of becoming aware of our senses. We learned about all five senses and their importance. We have also continued to learn more letters and sounds as well as the signs for those letters. In math we have been doing some problem-solving and working with numbers up to 20. We have played some dice games that are fun and reinforce counting to twelve. Next month we will be learning about the presidents, past and present.



News from Mrs. Agnifili's Class

Mrs. Agnifili's class has been busy working on how to write an interesting first sentence in an expository paragraph, then adding details. The class is continually improving their knowledge of what a complete sentence looks like, beginning with capital letters and putting punctuation marks at the end of the sentence. Everyone loves to write about Jack and Annie's adventures and the subject matter in the books. Sometimes it is science, sometimes students learn about particular places/people in time. The class learned a lot about Martin Luther King, Jr. and watched our new President Obama on Inauguration Day. Students also enjoyed Miss Sullivan from ScienceWorks teaching us about sow bugs (pill bugs). We discovered that they are related to lobsters -not insects! Fascinating!



Adventure of a Pill Bug

Story by Mrs. Agnifili's First and Second Grade Class

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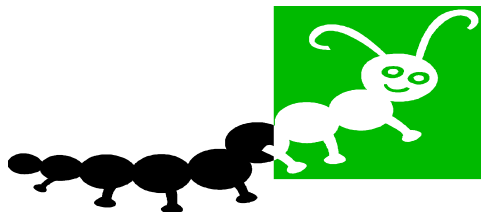
January 23, 2009

One very sunny day there was an egg that hatched and a pill bug came out. That pill bug grew its skin in the safety of its mama's egg pouch. When it grew bigger, it had grown what looked like stripes (but were really sections). There were seven (7) of them. Before the sections there was a head and there were little black squares around its eyes. It grew its legs, seven on each side, for a total of fourteen (14). The bug started wondering about different places to go. It ate dirt and spinach and then looking for more to eat and found some plants in the woods. After it ate, it grew bigger and molted. The pill bug's exoskeleton fell off and the bug had a new one.

The bug's name was Solomon. When he got scared, he rolled up into a ball. Solomon rolled all around to different places. He ate apples and started to grow bigger. Solomon ate so much, he got FAT! The pill bug rolled one day and got stuck in his ball position. A big wind blew down from the North and made Solomon roll all the way to Mexico!

In Mexico, he got stung by a jellyfish that washed up close to the shore when he accidentally rolled to the sea! His exoskeleton protected him and Solomon crawled out of the sea. He found a big, mysterious burrito on the ground, ate it, and went to bed exhausted! The next day he was so humongous he scared people half to death when they saw him! Solomon saw two (2) tacos and when he ate them, he got smaller – back to normal size. Whew!

He looked around and saw some more to eat. Accidentally, he hit a rock, and when he did, it bumped him up so high in the sky that Solomon caught a lift on an airplane headed for Hawaii! He ate a coconut, some pineapple, a snow cone, and danced the hula. Since Hawaii is "Paradise", Solomon lived there happily ever after!



News from Mr. Morgan's class

Second and Third graders enjoyed the science lessons from ScienceWorks on pill bugs. The children know the meanings of variable and hypothesis. They also know a lot of interesting facts about pill bugs. We are looking forward to OMSI coming with more Electrifying Science on February 11th!

Barb, our assistant, is amazed at how well both classes have been doing with their cursive. Some of our third graders have already memorized their times tables through the three's. Parents can keep helping your students at home.

Accelerated Reading tests have been going well. Everyone has at least a few Williams dollars earned to be used in the first AR auction in February.



News from Mrs. Bingham's Class

This month in Mrs. Bingham's 4th/5th grade class, Pauline Sullivan from ScienceWorks Museum in Ashland came to our class to teach us about pill bugs and the scientific process.

In fourth grade math we have been learning graphing. Fifth grade has been learning division in math. So far everybody is doing great.

Progress reports are coming out soon. Scott Wilson, a parent volunteer, has been teaching us in P.E. We learned a new game of doctor dodge ball. Mrs. Cowell, the child development specialist, has been teaching us about other people's feelings.



Mr. Whistler has been also teaching us in violin and guitar class. He is very fun to work with. He is an awesome teacher and he does lots of cool things with us.



By Samantha Johnson and Autumn Hewitt

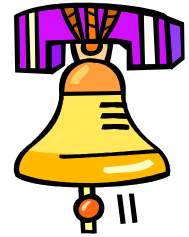
***Check out the next February edition of the "Williams News". Mrs. Bingham's 4/5 class will have an entry titled "My Wish for 2009". ***

"BELL RINGERS"

We are proud of the students who have been working very hard using their life skills and earning "Pioneer Prides". I have enjoyed seeing the daily faces of proud students march into my office with their Pioneer Pride tickets and tell me about the good deed and life skill that they used to earn their pioneer pride. Each week as the bucket of tickets grows, two names are pulled to win the honor of ringing the school bell, once in the morning and once at the end of the day. Keep up all the good work Williams Pioneers! Thanks, parents, for encouraging your students to continue to use good life skills!

Bell Ringers for the Month of January were:

Autumn Hewitt 4th grade, Griffyn Drake 2nd grade,
Lilia Chapman 2nd Grade, and Dawson Adams 2nd grade



LIFE SKILL AWARDS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Kaleb Butts; Kindergarten

For Friendship

Laurali DeLange; First Grade

For Friendship

Griffyn Matthews Drake; Second Grade, Mrs. Agnifili

For Cooperation

Quinton Hyde; Second Grade, Mr. Morgan

For Friendship

Parker Scaroni; Third Grade

For Caring

Kuma Steinberg-Spann; Fourth Grade

For Friendship

Todd Gabriel; Fifth Grade

For Cooperation



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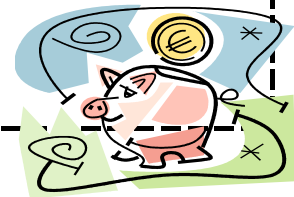
Here are a few great easy ways for families, friends, and community to earn cash for our school. Simply by shopping at either Albertsons or Safeway you can earn money for Williams Elementary by using your preferred shopping cards. All money raised through these fundraisers will help to fund special assemblies and other extra programs for our students.

Albertsons is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Williams' number (look for flyer to come out soon) to your regular Albertsons Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at www.albertsons.com. This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up when you receive the flyer.

Another great program is eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club or Credit/Debit card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to www.escrip.com or call 1-800-400-7878 to register. You can stop by the office anytime and I will be happy to help you sign up online.

Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!! Bring it to school!!

With the help from an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**, empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students, not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school office.



Williams Elementary School Vision Statement

Williams Elementary School is committed to creating a nurturing environment in which each child is encouraged to become a life long learner

Great Job on Attendance in January!

Parents remember to call the school office at 846-7224 when your child is ill or absent for any reason. Office hours are from 6:45am—3:15pm.

Breakfast for all begins at

7:10am

