



## **WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**TO:** Three Rivers School District Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Williams Elementary School  
Principal, Darrell Erb Jr.  
**RE:** Sept. Board Brief  
**DATE:** Sept. 5, 2014

### **ENROLLMENT**

Student Count for Williams Elementary School September 5, 2014

Grade	Teacher	Student Count
K	Agnifili	12
1	Agnifili	12
2	Wardle	10
3	Wardle	7
4	Bingham	11
5	Bingham	9
Total Student count:		61

### **Positive Behavior Taught At Williams, Fire Drill Conducted**

Each of our students participated in the PBIS Rodeo yesterday. The day started in the gym, where a PBIS assembly was held to teach students about rewards that can be realized through positive behavior. The assembly included a quick game of Simon Says, as well as a skit put on by office manager Mindi Gallegos, who played a cowgirl too busy on the phone to attend to students. Ultimately good wins over bad when Gallegos rewards each of their students who present a winning ticket.

Teachers led their students to each of the "stations" where students learned the safe, respectful, and responsible behaviors for each of the places they frequent at school. Classroom aides presented at each station, and quizzed students about ways in which they can behave positively at those places.

Some students were asked to act out positive behaviors (and other behaviors) at the stations, which invariably evoked laughter from classmates and teachers alike!

The "Rodeo" is the way in which our school provides a baseline understanding for students and adults alike about what is appropriate and positive behavior at Williams Elementary.

## **Staff Collaborates to Incorporate New Curriculum for English Language Arts**

New “non-negotiables” for time spent in the teaching and learning of English Language Arts (ELA) at the elementary level required SOME re-configuration of school academic schedules, and consequently, changes for educational assistants as well.

Members of the teaching staff at Williams, Kathy Agnifili, Cassie Elston-Bingham and Joanne Wardle collaborated to ensure fidelity to the district-wide cause of providing more ELA instruction to our students.

Williams students are fortunate to be able to call these folks their teachers!

## **Williams Awarded \$5,500 for Music**

The non-profit organization “Communiversality” will unfortunately be closing its doors, but not before a final donation of \$5,500 was awarded to our school to support the Strings Program.

Communiversality will be missed – it has awarded over \$100,000 to support music at Williams Elementary School over the past years. Special thanks to Communiversality members and especially to John Rikert, its founder and president, who has done so much to support music for our students!

## **“Journeys” ELA Curriculum Draws Kudos from Teachers**

The new Houghton Mifflin Harcourt “Journeys” English Language Arts curriculum is a positive addition to Williams School.

Feedback from teachers has been positive as they continue to learn the various ways in which the materials, used with fidelity, will engage their students.

## **Initial Dibels Testing Complete at Williams**

Dibels reading assessment for each student has been completed at Williams. “Data Cards” will be created for each student so teachers are able to monitor individual progress. Cards for each student are either red, yellow, or green, depending upon student reading level. During data meetings, teachers can easily and quickly refer to the cards to create reading group and discuss individual student achievement.

## **Partnership with Sodexo Honors Rural Firefighters, Law Enforcement and Active Military Personnel**

Initial agreement has been reached with Sodexo between Williams Elementary and Applegate Schools to recognize rural firefighters, law enforcement, and active military personnel by offering a good cup of coffee and cookies anytime the schools are “open for business”. Sodexo has agreed to supply the cookies if the schools will pick up the coffee tab! The program will start in the next couple of weeks.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Back to School Night Scheduled Sept. 24 5-6:30

Jog-a-thon KickOff PBIS Assembly Sept. 25