



Williams Elementary School

Williams Elementary Board Report -- February 2015

Williams Students Do the Dirty Work!

Williams Elementary students sank their fingers deep into garbage Friday, Jan. 16 when Southern Oregon Sanitation's Tammie Kirk showed up to help the school perform a "waste audit" to determine what kinds of waste the school is producing and how the school may reduce the waste it sends to the landfill.

Cassie Elston-Bingham's 4/5 class participated in the audit, as did student council members. The student council will take the lead in implementing a recycling program if feasible.

Kirk has traveled to several TRSD schools to educate students about recycling and the positive impacts it offers the environment in the areas of pollution and resources management, as well as the opportunities it creates for the business community.

Students wore rubber gloves and sorted garbage from the cafeteria, from classrooms, and from other areas of the school, except the health room and bathrooms.

The program was introduced to the school by Jim Bunge, custodial manager.

Students Enjoy Donuts with the Principal



Cassie Elston-Bingham's 4/5 blend classroom brought more cans than any other class at Williams. On Jan. 22 they were treated to donuts with Mr. Erb.

Students discussed the importance of helping others in a small community. The principal enjoyed the donuts as well.

PTSG Starting Up at Williams

After many years a Parent Teacher Support Group has begun again. A meeting was held January 15 to gauge parent interest in getting involved in supporting teaching and learning at Williams.

PTSG continued

Over 15 parents showed up to discuss possibilities. Next meeting will be held Feb. 11 at 2 pm at our school. The group intends on providing dinner at the Williams Literacy Night March 5.

Williams Watershed Program Hosts a Visitor



Grades 2-5th Watershed Program hosted visitors on January 26. Experts from OSU talked to students about the watersheds and ecology of creeks and streams in our area. They will visit the Williams Creek to see the salmon spawning March 18.



WiFi installed, Chromebooks in Use at Williams

Williams has entered the 21st century, and students have already logged on to Google Chromebooks.

The laptop touchscreen computers will aid instruction in many ways at our school.

Students grades 3-5 will sharpen keyboarding skills and their ability to use the Smarter Balanced Assessment “equation editor” used as part of the math portion of the test.

The ability to access the internet in any room doubles our capacity to get students on computers and developing the technology skills they will need in the future, essentially creating another “computer lab” for a fraction of the cost.

Caterpillar from Pacifica to Visit Williams February 11

The Caterpillar will visit Williams to study astronomy and weather with a lesson called “Day and Night”.



The Caterpillar is a unique mobile science and nature center in a 32 foot trailer (with antennae and eyes added to the front) provided by Pacifica: A Garden in the Siskiyou. The organization has been taking hands-on science to Southern Oregon elementary schools in Josephine and Jackson Counties for over ten years, involving up to 9,500 kids and adults per year.