



## *Williams Elementary School*

# Williams Elementary Board Report -- November 2014

## **Jog-a-thon at Williams a Community Event**



The Williams Jog-a-thon, more popularly known as “The Great American Pioneer Race” was a raging success Thursday, Oct. 16. Nearly \$9,000 was pledged and donated.



These students were part of Cassie Elston-Bingham's classroom team called the Wild Mustangs who participated in “The Great American Pioneer Race” Thursday, Oct. 16.

Students who raised \$100 or more in pledges qualify for a pizza party with Principal Erb, who is quite pleased about sharing pizza with 28 of his most industrious fund raisers. The Jog-a-thon assembly will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12 to celebrate the event and the efforts each of our students made to ensure monies are available to support and enrich their educational experience.

Office manager Mindi Gallegos organized the event with the generous help of parents Becky Vidlak and Laura Saunders.

Special thanks to them and all those volunteers who came on race day to help out! Additional thanks to two anonymous benefactors from our community whose donations totaled \$3,000 to make this event the amazing success it was!

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## **KEY PROGRAMS HAVE STRONG STARTS AT WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY**

- **SMART STARTS**



*This year the Oregon-based SMART program (Start Making a Reader Today) has volunteers in our school on Monday and Wednesday, reading with students K-2. SMART received the 2014 Library of Congress Literacy Award, and we're pleased to associate with this great reading program.*

### ***Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music Program at Williams***

*The music program has had its first full month and has experienced a strong start at Williams Elementary. Sounds of guitars, violins, and precious young singing voices can be heard echoing off the Siskiyou Mountains! Brad Irvin, Allison Huber, and Teressa Holmes come to Williams on Wednesdays and Thursdays for ½ days to teach guitar, violin and music appreciation to our students. They are shared between Williams and Applegate, and are able to provide music to our students at Williams thanks to a generous grant from Communiversity, a local non-profit which has closed its doors recently.*

*Between the two schools, nearly 40 students are learning to play the guitar, 10 are learning the violin, and approximately 60 K-2 students are singing and dancing through music appreciation.*

### ***“GOOD NEWS” AT WILLIAMS***

*“Good News” is the name of the Bible study program in which 12 students K-5 participate. Local volunteers will take students off campus then return each Tuesday afternoon.*

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## **Williams Students See a Show at Grants Pass High School**

Williams students K-3 attended the play “Harry the Dirty Dog” at Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center Thursday, Oct. 30.

The play was put on by the professional acting troupe called California Theater Company. Many schools from the area attended this live theater event. This annual field trip gives our Williams students the opportunity to see professional theater close to home.

## Crocheted Hats Donated to Williams Students



Susan Crisfield (left) and Joanne Worth (right) with Kathy Agnifili's K/1 students sporting new hats. Kathy Donaldson (not pictured) also helped make hats for Williams students each school year.

Each year, Williams residents Joanne Worth, Susan Crisfield and Kathy Donaldson offer our students warm hats for the winter.

Students are brought to the Williams Learning Center one classroom at a time to select their hats – each student takes one to ensure a warm head, warming the hearts of these kind women.

## Williams Students Partake in Democracy: Student Elections Held



Williams students voted in student body officers during October. The officers are:

Front row left to right:  
Student Council  
Representatives Ericca  
Cottrell and Ilei Goodnow

Back row-Aislynn Aker  
Secretary, Oliver Dybala, Vice-  
president, Brian Musack,  
Treasurer, and Nate Vidlak,  
President.