



WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TO: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors
FROM: Williams Elementary School
 Principal, Ms. Michelle Sesock
RE: Third Trimester Board Briefing
DATE: June 1, 2009

ENROLLMENT

K	-	9
1	-	17
2	-	23
3	-	14
4	-	18
5	-	16
Part time students	-	4
Total Current Enrollment		101
Preschool		17 (Funded by Communiiversity)

ALL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to the generous donation of Jim and Matt Bottroff, of Bottroff Excavation, Williams Elementary School now has a new track. The Bottroff's graded and leveled the existing track and removed excess sod and weeds. They hauled in three truckloads of decomposed granite and they spread and rolled it on the track. Our track, now free of bumps, weeds, and holes, is a safer place for our students to run. Thank you Bottroff Excavation!



Photo: Williams Student Body holding a thank you banner to Bottroff Excavation. (Banner donated by Ken Northrup, Exhibitron)

ALL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUED:

With the help of Communiversy, John Rickert, and all the generous private and business donations, Williams Elementary School is now the proud owners of two Promethean Whiteboards. Promethean Boards bring sophisticated technology to our classrooms and are used throughout the day in various subjects.

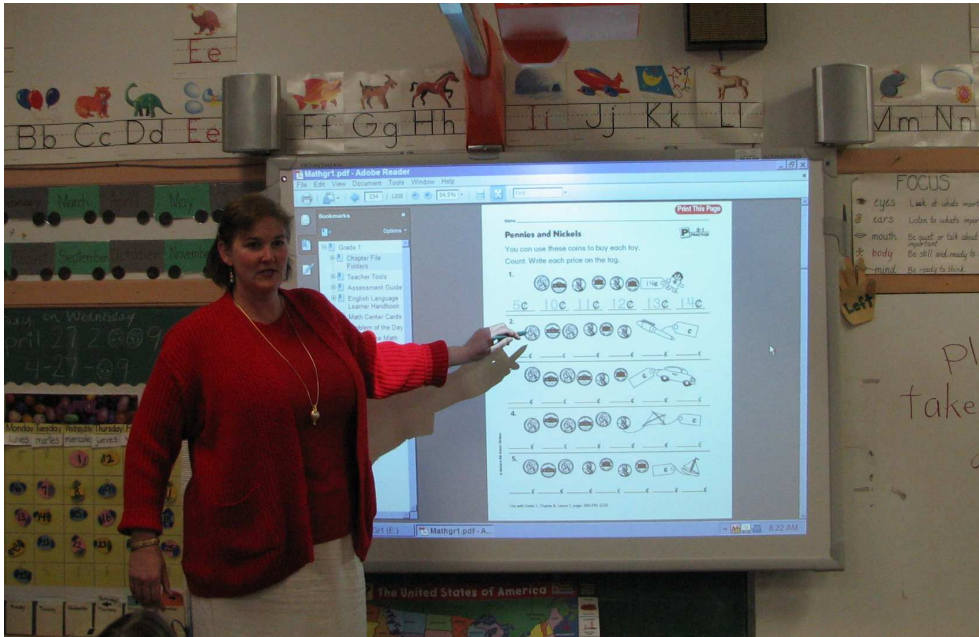


Photo: Teacher, Mrs. Agnifili presents a math lesson to her first and second grade class using a new Promethean Whiteboard.

ACCELERATED READER

Williams Elementary Title 1 Coordinator, Sue Morgan and staff are developing an end of the year auction for students who earned AR points. Based on the number of AR points students received, an equal amount of AR dollars are given to each student and they will use this AR money to purchase auction item of their choice. In addition to our auction, special awards will be given to our top AR students in each class at our awards ceremony on June 9th.

ACTIVITIES FROM MARCH TO JUNE

- ❖ Students in Mrs. Wardle's Kindergarten class have been learning about the five food groups and benefits of healthy eating. They have been memorizing a poem that they will recite at graduation. Students have been problem solving in math and weekly spelling test to prepare for first grade. They have finished some very fun and creative projects such as a teddy bear quilt and a picture book. The Kindergarten students are looking forward to their final field trip to Wildlife Images in May and are preparing poems and songs for Kindergarten graduation on June 8th.
- ❖ Students in Mrs. Angifili's First and Second grade class studied past and present presidents. First graders worked on subtraction from twelve, fractions, and double digit addition and subtraction. Second graders are practicing medium, mode, and mean, multiplication, and three digit addition and subtraction. They are also preparing for their end of the year math test. Students have been working on beginning, middle and end to writing. Students are also working on conventions. Students had a wonderful time learning about trees and paper in May and enjoyed the Caterpillar in April. Mrs. Agnifili's class will also join the Kindergarten class on a final field trip to Wildlife Images.

- ❖ Students in Mr. Morgan's second and third grade class are busy this spring learning and exploring. In math they have been busy with graphing, telling time, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and fractions. In science second and third graders have taken two trips to White Oak Farm learning about the ecosystem, water cycles, and life cycles here in the Williams Valley. They have linked computers with Cave Junction students to experience dissecting cow eyes with Dr. Danny Vidlak, a local eye doctor. Students have been reading and taking AR test in preparation for their upcoming end of the year auction. Students have been diligent taking their end of the year state wide test. They have been practicing their violins and guitars for the spring concert too. Students had an exciting time on their field trip down the river on the jet boats on May 29th. The warm day made for a wet and wild thrill ride.

- ❖ Students in Mrs. Bingham's fourth and fifth grade have continued to work on creative writing assignments. They have been working on speeches about their favorite animals. In math fourth grade has studied multiplication and division. Fifth graders have worked hard at learning adding and subtracting with fractions. Fourth and fifth graders enjoyed visiting White Oak Farm and were happy to have Tim Franklin visit their class to teach them about the Williams Water Shed. Fifth graders had a great time visiting OMSI on their annual fifth grade field trip. The whole class enjoyed visiting the Jacksonville Museum in May. All students have been working hard on their statewide testing and finishing their end of the year test for math and reading. The fifth grade moving on ceremony will be during the awards assembly on June 9th. They will give their farewell speeches to the student body and staff and finish the program with a slide show presentation of their past and present years here at Williams School.

FIELD TRIPS AND ASSEMBLIES

Williams Elementary School has finished the year with exciting field trips and assemblies thanks to the Jog-a-thon funds earned by students in the fall:

- In March our first and second grade class enjoyed the play "Really Rosie" at the Ginger Rogers Criterean Theatre. Another fun musical the first and second grade and fourth and fifth grade classes enjoyed was put on by the Applegate School.

- In April, Kindergarten and first and second grade visited Scienceworks Museum in Ashland. A fun day was had by all. Fourth and Fifth grade was visited by "Trout Unlimited," a group of anglers from Josephine County who taught the kids water safety, ecology, knot tying, and casting. The fourth and fifth grade also traveled to the Grants Pass High School and joined other fourth and fifth grade students to "Sing Across America." The second and third grade attended a video eye conference presented by Danny Vidlak, from the Eye Care Group in Grants Pass. Students were able to dissect a cow's eye. John Salinas and students from Rogue Community College gave our students an electrifying, sound popping, rocket flying, science day. The Caterpillar visited Williams Elementary. All classes had a chance to attend. Fifth grade students took their annual field trip to OMSI and the Splash water park in Springfield. They had a wonderful time and brought back many great pictures to share.

- In May the second and third grade and fourth and fifth grade classes took field trips to White Oak Farm here in Williams. Smokey the Bear visited our Kindergarten and first and second grade class. On May 13th all of our classes enjoyed individual assemblies with the "Talk About Trees" lady. Second and Third grade went to Scienceworks Museum in Ashland and finished up their year with an exciting ride down the Rogue River on the Jet boats.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Guitar and Violin classes continue with 43 students participating in beginning and intermediate lessons. They will be wrapping up their session at the end of May. Students have prepared for the annual spring concert held on May 28th at 7pm in the school gym. The evening turned out to be a wonderful expression of the hard work and diligence of all the students enrolled in our Music Program. The spring concert and donations will help to continue the music program for the 2009-2010 school year. A local restaurant in Williams, the "Out of the Way Café" had a fundraiser for the Williams Strings Program. Local musicians volunteered their time for a night of great music and good food. The benefit raised approximately \$2,000.00 from the community toward our strings program in the fall. We are working in conjunction with Comunity to secure funding for the Music Program for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

PBS AWARDS

Our Williams student body has had EXCELLENT behavior for the 2008-2009 school year. Students have been on time for school and ready to learn when the bell rings. Students have continued to earn monthly Pioneer Pride celebrations in individual classrooms. They have been working on a whole school goal of 2,000 Pioneer Pride tickets. Students watched the thermometer grow each week as they feed the "Dragon" their Pioneer Prides. On June first, the staff presented students with a PBS Pioneer Pride Celebration Day to thank them for the 2,000 Pioneer Prides they have earned and were rewarded with the bounce house "Dragon". A BBQ lunch was provided by food service for all students and staff. A fun day was had by all. It was a wonderful day filled with many activities and school pride.

PBS SCHOOLWIDE AND EMERGENCY SAFETY PLAN

Students and staff of Williams Elementary School have been discussing and revising our earthquake and lock down procedures. On Tuesday, May 26th, our entire staff and student body practiced an earthquake and lock down drill. Prior to each drill, teachers along with Ms. Sesock discussed with students the procedures, alarms, and codes for the drills. At 9:00am the first alarm was sounded for an earthquake drill. Classes were given time to prepare, duck, and cover. The "all clear" was given and staff and student body evacuated the building in 45 seconds. Students and staff were praised by Ms. Sesock for their calm and timely evacuation of the buildings. Following the earthquake drill all classrooms practiced a lock down. Each classroom quietly and calmly followed all procedures.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Our school staff is proud to have had two more accident free months during May and June. We strive to maintain this accident free record by continuing to hold monthly safety meetings to discuss any safety issues. We also regularly conduct a walk-through to visually inspect our site, including the playground.

SPECIAL STUDENT AWARDS

Students from third to fifth grade competed in the District Wide Spelling Bee and two of our students won. Our fifth grade student placed first in division 1 and our third grade student placed third in the primary division. A fourth grade group competed in the district's "Battle of the Books" placed first and our fifth grade group placed second. Students from the fourth and fifth grade class competed at the District Science fair and all won bronze medals. Our Rotary Student of The Month received recognition on Thursday May 28th at the Wild River Pub in Grants Pass. His parents and grandparents were present. Upon presentation of his award he received many great gifts including a telescope and a jet boat trip.

WAY TO GO WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!