



WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TO: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors
FROM: Williams Elementary School
Principal, Stephanie Allen-Hart
RE: Second Trimester Board Briefing
DATE: February 28, 2011

ENROLLMENT

K	-	10
1	-	15
2	-	9
3	-	12
4	-	21
5	-	10
Part time students	-	1
Total Current Enrollment	-	78

Williams Elementary would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Mrs. Stephanie Allen-Hart. Stephanie will share the responsibilities as principal with Applegate School.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS-21st Century Grant

Our Winter Afterschool Program began on January 31st and will run until March 16th. Students have been spending time completing homework, cooking, beading, learning new board games, reading and taking AR test, and exercising in the gym. The afterschool program is designed for students to have an extension of their day to build homework and study skills and to have a fun time for activities as well. The spring session will begin in April and continue throughout May. Some of the classes available in the spring will include: cooking, arts and crafts, gardening, and music.

FACTS OF THE DAY

In December our Title One Coordinator/Math Coach, Jim Kriz, began implementing the "Facts of the Day". A calendar with a month long daily fact is sent home with students in the newsletter. Beginning in the morning gym time students are quizzed on an addition and multiplication fact of the day. These facts have become a routine part of our school day. They are posted and can be seen in every classroom, the library, the cafeteria, and the learning center. Students appear to be more fluent in their facts and enjoy being quizzed daily at school and at home.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

This year's holiday program was bittersweet as Williams Elementary said good-bye to Michelle Sesock, our principal for the last four years. Student's and staff presented Ms. Sesock with a Holiday wreath made with pine clippings from the trees at Williams Elementary. Our program "A Holiday Moosical" brought laughter and a holiday feeling of magic to one and all.



LATE STARTS

At our January 28th Late Start staff meeting went over the following items:

- Sensible Math Personal Learning Communities
- PBIS review
- Math Standards-Kagan strategy

The February Late Start was canceled due to inclement weather.

NEW SIGN-“WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY ESTABLISHED 1923”

Thanks to Communiversy, Mark Vidlak, Rob Saunders, and Oregon Valley Sign, Williams Elementary is now sporting a new sign in the flower bed in front of the school. The permanent monument recognizes how long Williams Elementary School has been an important part of our community.



PBIS

Continuing with our monthly PBIS celebrations, students were recognized for their efforts of being Safe, Respectable, and Responsible on January 28th with a two hour game day. Students used their critical thinking, movement, and problem solving strategies while moving from station to station where they were actively engaged in board, card, and movement games and activities. For the months of February and March we will celebrate PBIS with a Family Reading Night on March 1st. Families along with students will enjoy a spaghetti dinner followed by activities that will include; story tellers from the Williams Branch Library, a book marker station, a family graffiti wall, and a family book making station. The Book Fair will be available to families as well.

Starting in December, Williams Elementary School began to recognize the families of students who have achieved perfect attendance. Every two weeks, the names of students who have been at school on time all day, every day are placed in a drawing for a \$5.00 Dutch Bros gift card.

SAFETY

During the month of December we had a student fall off the playground bars and break her wrist. All proper safety procedures were followed. On January 26, 2011, in conjunction with the “Oregon Great Shake Out”, Williams Elementary prepared students and staff for an earthquake drill. Teachers discussed and reviewed earthquake safety procedures with their classes and viewed a music video by Bill Nye called “Earthquake Rumble”. The up beat music video explained what happens to the earth in the event of an earthquake. Following the video students were instructed that when they heard the music over the intercom they were to practice the “Drop, cover, and hold on”

safety steps during an earthquake. At 10:15am, our office manager played the music over the intercom for all staff, students, and visitors to hear. All classrooms participated in the earthquake drill. Teachers reported that although students had fun viewing the video and listening to the music they learned a valuable safety lesson.

STATE ASSESSMENT TESTING

Throughout the months of November, students in the third, fourth and fifth grade have been working hard on their statewide Reading and Math assessments. Starting in February, our fourth grade students began their statewide writing assessments and finishing up with his/her reading and math. Students will be working hard along with our teaching staff to achieve statewide learning goals.

SITE COUNCIL

At our December 16th site council meeting members discussed the following items:

- School Improvement
- PBIS schedule for January 28, 2011
- Late Start agenda for January 2011

At our January 25th site council meeting members discussed the following items:

- Sustainability Meeting Update
- Waldorf Charter School Proposal update
- Calendar Updates
- Family Reading Night PBIS for March 1, 2011

In lieu of a site council meeting for the month of February, council members participated in the Sustainability meeting at the district office on February 3, 2011.