

Williams Elementary School

Report to the School Board *June 2015*

Dibels 100% Meetings Held

The Williams staff met June 8 to celebrate student progress in reading.

There was much to celebrate. At the beginning of the year, 40% of students at our school had an “intensive” need for intervention, and at the end of the year, just 15% of student remain in that category.

These are striking numbers, as moving students from one reading level to another based purely on progress data is no simple task – many students begin the year too low



to read at grade level before the end of one year of instruction.

Even for these struggling students,

there was good news in those data, as each of them across all grades made remarkable progress toward the next level of reading.

Rogue Valley Steelheaders Visit 4/5 Classroom

Williams 4th and 5th grade students learned about the life cycles of steelhead and about the equipment steel head fishermen use out on the water June 2.

Representatives from the Steelheaders demonstrated the use of a drift boat, and introduced the students to fly tying and casting.

The visit was tied into Oregon standards for science. Teacher Cassie Elston-Bingham’s students are top performers in science as compared to their district peers.

Moving On 5th Grade Ceremony Held

Williams 5th grade students took part in the traditional Moving On ceremony June 9.

Most of outgoing 5th grade students will attend Lincoln Savage, while a few will attend Applegate School.

The Moving On Ceremony was preceded by a school-wide PBIS Celebration. Teachers gave out awards to students for achievement in academics, as well as for good behavior and attendance.



Students Travel to Wildlife Images

Williams students K-5 loaded up early in the last week of school for a field trip to Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center in Grants Pass.



Students learned about the work the center does helping injured animals of all kind heal and return to their natural habitats.

The Center is famous for its work, and has helped many animals, including black bears, eagles, wolverines, otters and other creatures.

Williams Field Day A Success

The Williams Play Day was a success. The Williams PTSG pitched in to help with food and festivities.

Events include Fear Factor, obstacle course, Sponge Bob Relay, Bubble Gum Find, and T-Shirt Art.

5th Grade Visits LSMS

It was BBQ and Orientation for Williams fifth grade students Friday, Oct. 5. Thanks to Damian Crowson, Mark Higgins, and all of their staff members who were so accommodating.