

Williams Elementary School

Report to the School Board *May/June 2015*

Home of the
PIONEERS!



**Dibels
“20%”
Meetings
Held** – The Williams staff met the first week of May to discuss the progress students who are struggling with reading are making. Each of the students

have been monitored for progress and determinations are made about each student’s reading intervention going forward.

Each round of meetings, fewer students are struggling as interventions are proving effective.

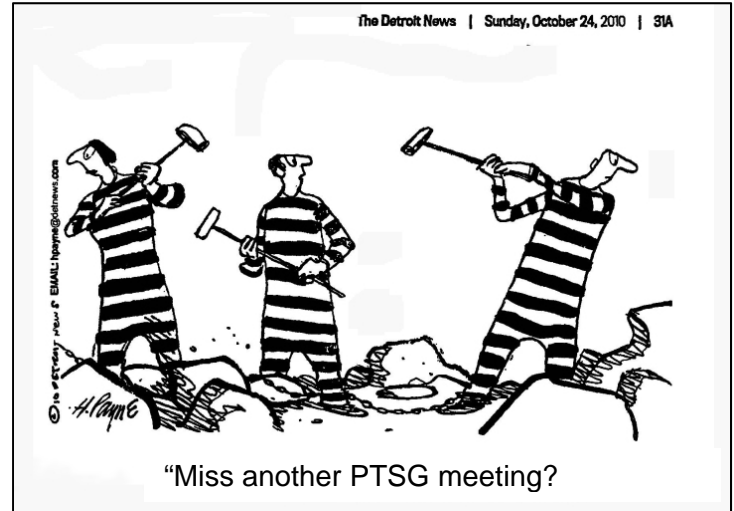
This is the first year of this process at Williams, and it has had a positive impact on our students, and for our teachers.

Strings in the Spring - The 9th Annual Strings and Chorus in the Spring

Concert was held April 29th at 6 pm in the Williams Elementary School Gym. Nearly 150 parents and community members attended the event.

Over 30 students grades 2-5 performed in the concert.

Strings lead instructor Brad Irvin, along with Alison Huber and Terresa Holmes have been working with students once per week since the beginning of October.



“Miss another PTSG meeting?”

Parent-Teacher Group Getting Busy at Williams, Volunteers to be Honored – An end of the year Coin Drive will complete activities for the PTSG at Williams.

Supportive parents helped provide food and desserts to the Licensed Staff during the first week of May.

The PTSG is newly-formed, and has plans for next year to support Teacher and Classified Appreciation Weeks, Jog-a-Thon Assistance, Strings Program Fund Raising, PBIS and Assemblies Support, Classroom Volunteers Support, Garden Club, and Coin Drive, with committed volunteers in place for each of these events.

Teachers are organizing the annual Williams Volunteer Tea for the end of May.

This event provides the venue through which volunteers are recognized for their efforts.

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Kindergarten Round Up May 14

Students eligible for kindergarten and their parents will visit Williams Elementary in the afternoon to become oriented to the classroom and to participate in class activities.



The *Round Up* is held each year and is a great way for students and parents to learn about Williams Elementary, where we believe children should read early and often to build a strong foundation for learning.

Smokey the Bear to visit K/1 at Williams



Everyone's friend, **Smokey the Bear** came to visit Catherine Agnifili's class May 6.

Kindergarten and first grade students were in awe as some of them had never met anyone famous, let alone a talking bear!

Smokey was in our school talking about fire safety and what our students can do to keep our forests green.

Williams Fifth Grade Students Off to the City to Study Science

Cassie Elston-Bingham's fifth grade students will travel to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) as part of an annual farewell field trip. This is Bingham's 10th year taking Williams kids to OMSI.

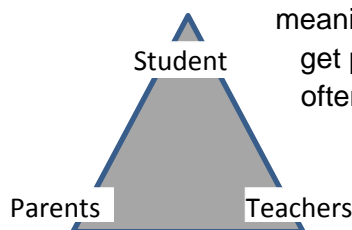


It is OMSI's fundamental goal to inspire future generations to pursue careers in the STEM areas: science, technology, engineering, and math.

Parent Surveys at Williams Indicate Parents Interested in Visiting Classrooms

Surveys conducted during conferences indicate parents would be more willing to visit classrooms if they were simply invited to do so.

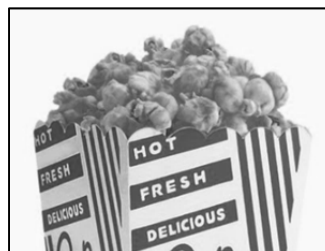
As a result, the Williams site council has urged our school's staff and administration to explore meaningful and productive ways to get parents in the classroom more often.



Initial ideas center on inviting parents whose students have the most to gain from the visit.

Sometimes **students** improve their attendance, behavior, and academic performance when they perceive a strong bond between the adults who comprise the other two points in the educational triangle: **parents** and **teachers**.

Williams Students Earn Free Popcorn



Williams's students grades 3-5 earned all of their school mates free popcorn at the end of April.

Students K-5 were awarded the treat during lunch as part of a PBIS celebration. During state testing, students have worked very hard to do their best on what has been characterized as very difficult exams. Despite the challenge, Williams's students have persevered, and earned the modest but well-intentioned popcorn!

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