

**Williams Elementary School**  
Report to the School Board  
*March 2015*

Home of the  
**PIONEERS!**

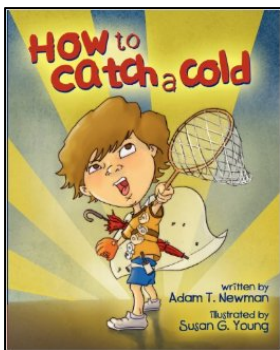


**Ruh Roh! Scooby's Friends to Visit Williams** - Grants Pass Canine Ambassadors visited K-5 students. Students will enjoy an afternoon with well-trained special needs dogs and their trainers. This is a traditional assembly at Williams. The Canine

Ambassadors come with their dogs to convey information regarding dog safety, care, and working dog duties.



**Something is Fishy!** - Students grades 2-5 will visit Williams Creek Wednesday, March 18 to continue their study of the Williams Watershed and, with a fisherman's good luck, get a glimpse of spawning salmon! This trip is in cooperation with Oregon State University and is part of an ongoing program that has been in place at Williams for several years.



**Real Life Author to Visit!** - Students grades K-3 will have an opportunity Tuesday, March 31st to meet author Adam T. Newman of the children's book "How to Catch a Cold".

Newman is a children's book author whose childhood consisted of sports, reading comic books and playing with action figures.

Newman worked for film studios as an art director and graphic designer. He is also the recipient of the prestigious "World's Greatest Dad" award which was presented by his two wonderful kids in the form of a t-shirt. Students in many cities have enjoyed Newman's visits!

We are so fortunate to have Adam at our school!

## ***Tech Update: WiFi In Place at Williams***



**Exciting Time in Technology!** - The digital revolution has taken hold at Williams Elementary, where access points for WiFi have been installed in the library, as well as in classrooms.

The access connects student iPads and Chromebooks to the internet. Teachers have already begun using these technologies with their students, and based upon the reaction of our students, we believe life just got a little bit better for students at Williams Elementary!

## ***Parent-Teacher Group Established***



**Parents Roll Up Their Sleeves!** - A group of 15 Williams's parents have met and established the Williams Parent Teacher Support Group. The group served food at Literacy Night March 5, and is making plans to raise money for the Williams Strings Music program.

Williams Elementary has not had such an organization for over 13 years, and we're pleased to have such a great group of folks on board to support teaching and learning at our school!



**Big Week for Books!** - The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Williams March 2-6, 2015

In keeping with a proud Williams Pioneers tradition, our Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night will be held Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Williams PTSG will provide food, so come one, come all!

Thursdays are school spirit days at Williams, when students wear Red and Black, the colors of the PIONEERS!