



# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**TO:** Three Rivers School District Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Williams Elementary School  
Principal, Mrs. Renee Hults  
**RE:** First Trimester Board Brief  
**DATE:** November 20, 2013

## ENROLLMENT

K	-	11
1	-	20
2	-	7
3	-	15
4	-	11
5	-	12
Total Current Enrollment	-	76

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS-21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant

Williams Elementary School is a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that provides an afterschool academic and enrichment program. Beginning in October students were provided with an hour and a half afterschool Academic and Activity time that will run through December 12th. The fall session is designed to focus on building good homework habits and teaching students strategies to help them complete and turn in assignments. After homework is complete students will have a time to participate in a daily fun activity ranging from arts and crafts, computer time, PE activities, and board games. Starting on November 12<sup>th</sup> an afterschool Drama class was added to the program for students in the Holiday Program.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to our annual Holiday Program entitled "Finding Christmas". Join the entire school for a fun filled musical evening on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school gym. All students K-5<sup>th</sup> including an all star cast of 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing, dance, and perform their way into the hearts of family and community members. This event includes an invitation to the Williams Community.

## JOG-A-THON

On October 16<sup>th</sup> Williams Elementary School held our largest fundraiser of the year, our annual Jog-a-thon "The Amazing Race". This year's Jog-A-Thon was extremely successful in many ways. We broke several school records. A track record was set by one of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of 76 laps in one hour. That equals to 9.5 miles, very impressive for a 5<sup>th</sup> grader! Another record was the money earned this year. Thanks to our parent volunteers and the outpouring of several large donations from local community and business members, our small school earned \$10,000.00, exceeding our school goal by \$3,000. Unfortunately for some of our staff members these records incited a whipping cream and silly string riot. The funds from the Jog-a-thon are used for classroom field trips and school wide enrichment programs and assemblies. Way to go Williams Pioneers!



### **OPEN HOUSE**

Williams Elementary School held our annual Open House Night on Tuesday, September 17th. Students, parents, and staff were treated to an ice cream social. Parents were invited to visit their student's classrooms and meet the teachers. Students displayed their weekly work and art projects.

### **MUSIC PROGRAM**

Guitar and Violin classes taught by our new strings instructors Brad Irvin and Alison Huber are underway with students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5th participating in beginning and intermediate lessons. This program is being funded with money raised during our annual Spring Concert, community and business donations, grants, and with a small one time tuition fee for students attending the program.

### **PBIS:**

We are continuing to support and build our schools positive behavior system. Students earn pioneer pride tickets for making good choices and leading by example. Those tickets are entered into a school-wide drawing where we celebrate positive behavior. We are continuing to grow our program to meet the needs of our students. The staff is doing a fabulous job teaching our students to be safe, responsible and respectful in the classroom and the community. All students received a Pioneer Pride T-shirt during the Jog-A-thon to display their pride for PBIS and their classroom team color during the event. Just can't hide that pioneer pride!



### **SAFETY**

September through November were accident free months for Williams Elementary School. We strive to maintain this accident free record by continuing to hold monthly safety meetings to discuss any safety issues. We continue to hold monthly fire drills, teaching staff, students, and visitors to be safe and responsible during fire drills. We also regularly conduct a walk-through to visually inspect our site.

### **SMART**

The SMART reading program began in October and is a rewarding experience for both the students and the volunteers. Students are excited to read with their SMART volunteers and look forward to their weekly visits.

## **ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER**

### ❖ Field Trips:

Mrs. Bingham's 4/5 students are studying geology, ecosystems, and biology. They have been attending field trips that coincide with their classroom curriculum. In September they visited Cascade National Monument in Ashland. They were also scheduled to visit Crater Lake early in October but the field trip was postponed due to shutdowns and fortunately they were able to squeeze in a visit on the 24<sup>th</sup> before the cold temperatures arrived. They have also taken a trip to ScienceWorks in November. Mrs. Wardle's 2/3 group has had the opportunity to visit McGregor Park in October where they studied Salmon and the riparian zone. They also learned about Native Americans of Rogue River. Mrs. Wardle's class also visited the Williams Creek where salmon often spawn. Mrs. Agnifili's class visited KT Farms in October where each student received a pumpkin. They took a tour to the Williams Fire Department in November where they were greeted by Fire Chief Mike.

### ❖ All School Hat Day:

All students at Williams Elementary celebrated a special day thanks to Joanne Worth and the Williams hat ladies. On October 29th students were able to pick out hand made knitted winter hats donated by these loving ladies of Williams. This event occurs every year as a school/community project fostering relationships between school and community.

