



# Williams Elementary School Newsletter

## September 2009

Ms. Michelle Sesock  
Principal

Mindi Hernandez  
Office Manager

### Calendar of Events

August 31	-	First Day of School
September 7	-	Labor Day-No School
September 8	-	First Day for Kindergarten
September 11	-	Applegate Wine Fest/Silent Auction
September 18	-	Hearing Screening
September 21	-	District Board Meeting @ District Office
September 28	-	Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm
September 28	-	Fall Picture Day

20691 Williams Hwy  
Williams, Or 97544

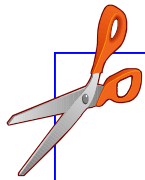
Phone: 541-846-7224  
Fax: 541-846-7225

School Hours:  
7:40am—1:55pm  
[www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)

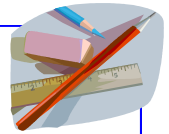


*For the free backpacks and school supplies  
for every student.*





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## Fresh Start Backpack Program

Dear Parent,

To bring in the new school year, Costco Wholesale has donated a backpack filled with starter supplies for your child. This backpack will be handed out to students the first day of school. Below is a list of the supplies inside the backpacks:

- ♦ Zippered pencil pouch
- ♦ 2 pocket style folders
- ♦ 12 inch ruler
- ♦ Eraser
- ♦ 1 .41 ounce school glue
- ♦ .32 ounce glue stick
- ♦ Child scissors

Costco feels that every child deserves a Fresh Start to the new school year.

Have a safe and wonderful school year!

Costco Wholesale

**THANK YOU COSTCO FOR OUR  
FREE BACKPACKS!!!**



## Attention Parents !!

Students will be bringing home enrollment packets the first day of school. Enclosed in the packets you will find all the necessary paperwork to enroll your student for the 2009-2010 school year. Please read all forms and return any forms that need to be signed as soon as possible. The forms requiring your signature and to be returned are:

- ♦ PINK Enrollment Form: ALL STUDENTS must have updated enrollment information. This form includes all emergency information and contacts. Please update all information, sign and return to school the next day. It is important to keep this information updated through out the school year. If you have any changes please let Mindi in the office know.
- ♦ Three Rivers School District Network Agreement: This is an agreement for you and your student to read and sign stating his/her agreement to follow the district's Electronic Communications System policy and administrative regulation. This agreement requires your signature.
- ♦ Family Advocate Services: If your family is in need of any of our provided services, please fill out this form and return to school.
- ♦ Parents Request for Giving Medication: If your child is required to receive any medication (prescription or over the counter) while at school please provide the necessary information on the form and return to school. (Medication must be in the original container)
- ♦ Medical Insurance Enrollment Form: If you would like to enroll your student in the Student Health Care plan please fill out the enclosed forms and return to the office.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION*



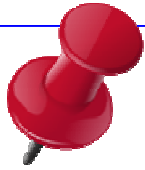
# Williams Elementary is a Positive Behavior Support School

Positive Behavior Support (P.B.S.), promotes appropriate behaviors by teaching, reinforcing, re-teaching, celebrating, and rewarding positive behaviors.

Williams Elementary School is striving to improve behavior by teaching appropriate behavior in situations that arise at school and in every area of the school.

During the first days of school teachers brainstorm with students and ask them how they should behave in specific areas of the school, such as the gym, playground, cafeteria, etc. We then practice the appropriate behavior with the students. Student incentive programs are developed and students and classes may earn points for special events, celebrations, and individual awards. At the end of the school year, an all school PBS celebration is held.

**Be Safe.....Be Respectful.....and Be Responsible**



Bring your Smile to School Day!!!!

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 28th.

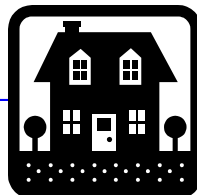
IT'S FALL PICTURE TIME.

PURCHASE FORMS AND REMINDERS WILL BE SENT HOME  
THE WEEK PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY.



## OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

On Monday, September 28th, we will have our annual  
Open House Night from 6-7pm. Meet Williams  
Elementary staff and see your students classroom.  
At Williams Elementary we have an open door policy!



## SAFETY REMINDERS

Now that children are returning back to school, please observe all safety signs, crosswalks, and speed limits within the school zones and while following school buses.

Children are entering and exiting buses, walking or riding bikes to school, and being picked up or dropped off daily. Often times children still use the playground or track after normal school hours. Be aware at all times and observe the speed limits. Please remind your child to follow all safety rules while riding to and from school on the school bus.



## CHANGING BUS ARRANGEMENTS

At any time if your child is going to ride a different bus, or go home with another student, you must send a signed note to the school office with your child in the morning. If emergencies arise during school hours and you must change your child's plans please call Mindi in the office at 846-7224. Students will not be allowed to call home during school hours to make play arrangements with other students.



## FUNDRAISERS

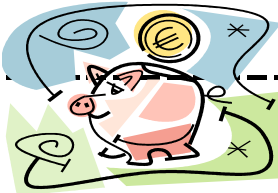
Here are a few great easy ways for families, friends, and community to earn cash for our school. Simply by shopping at either Albertsons or Safeway you can earn money for Williams Elementary by using your preferred shopping cards. All money raised through these fundraisers will help to fund special assemblies and other extra programs for our students.

Albertsons is offering to share a percentage of proceeds with schools through their Community Partners Program. Simply link Williams' number (see enclosed flyer) to your regular Albertsons Preferred Savings Card, and they will send us a percentage of your purchases. You can register either by mail or online at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com). This is another really easy way to help earn cash for your school. Please consider signing up and letting family and friends know too.

Another great program is eScrip. By registering your Safeway Club or Credit/Debit card with eScrip, you make a donation every time you shop! Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878 to register. You can stop by the office anytime and I will be happy to help you sign up online.

### **Don't Throw Away That Empty Ink Cartridge!! Bring it to school!!**

With the help from an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**, empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students, not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school office.



## Site Council Members Needed

Williams Elementary is looking for four parents that are interested in becoming a Site Council member. If you have not had an opportunity to be involved in a Site Council meeting, you will find it very interesting. It gives you a chance to be a part of school decisions at a local level. The Council is made up of the principal, teachers, classified staff, and parents. Meetings are held once a month. **If you have questions or are interested, call Mindi in the office at 846-7224.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Parents remember to **call Mindi in the school office at 846-7224** when your child is ill or absent for any reason. Office hours are from 6:45am—3:15pm. If for any reason your child will be absent for an extended period of time it is very important to notify the office and your child's teacher prior to the absence. Keeping up with homework and school activities will help your child ease the stress of returning after an extended absence.

If your child will be tardy please drop them off at the office in order to correct their attendance.

## **"FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH"**

**THANKS TO A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM**

**ALL STUDENTS AT WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY RECEIVE  
FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH.**

**BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 7:10AM**

If you are interested in attending lunch with your student at any time, the 2009-2010 district price for an adult lunch is \$3.25.



## **Williams Elementary School Vision Statement**

**Williams Elementary School is committed  
to creating a nurturing environment in  
which each child is encouraged to  
become a life long learner**