



# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**TO:** Three Rivers School District Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Williams Elementary School  
Principal, Ms. Michelle Sesock  
**RE:** Second Trimester Board Briefing  
**DATE:** March 2, 2009

## ENROLLMENT

K	-	9
1	-	18
2	-	23
3	-	14
4	-	18
5	-	14
Part time students	-	4
Total Current Enrollment	-	100

Williams has continued to increase our enrollment numbers since last trimester. In addition to the current numbers, preschool enrollment is at seventeen. Williams was voted Most Improved Attendance in October and recently the Best Attendance in January.

## PBS SCHOOLWIDE FIRE SAFETY PLAN

Williams has continued its monthly safety meetings and fire drills with great success. We have educated our students on fire safety at home and at school by having monthly fire drills, classroom lessons, and safety assemblies. Each month teachers instruct students on alternate fire routes and safety plans. In January we conducted our fire drill while students were on the playground during recess time. Students exited the playground in a timely and organized manner. In February we had our school wide fire drill in the gymnasium and practiced a mass exit of a large building using our alternate fire exit route. Students again exited the building in a calm, timely, and organized manner.

## JOG-A-THON FUNDS

Williams has continued to benefit from our Fall Jog-a-thon funds. In January we had ScienceWorks for a full week teaching the students about the life cycle of a pill bug. In February OMSI wowed the students with an assembly on Electrifying Science. Also in February the Rogue Opera visited Williams. In the coming months classes will continue to have various field trips. In March our 1/2 grade class will be visiting the Ginger Rogers Craterian Theater to see "Really Rosie". In April the 5th graders are scheduled to take their annual trip to OMSI.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Guitar and Violin classes continue with 43 students participating in beginning and intermediate lessons. Students are practicing and preparing for the annual spring concert to be held in May. At present Communiversy is working on a grant to the West Family Foundation. The spring concert and the grant will help to continue the music program for the 2009-2010 school year.

## **SMART**

The SMART program is in full swing with a large number of volunteers, young and old. Our students continue to benefit from this wonderful program that brings in the joy of reading to many of our students.

## **ACCELERATED READER**

We have seen an increase in the number of students participating in the Accelerated Reader Program. Students are excited to read AR books and have the opportunity take test in the computer lab, the classroom, and in the library. Following our school wide PBS plan, for every successful test students visit the office to pick a prize from the prize bucket. Students also accumulate points for their test scores and have periodic class auctions to spend their AR dollars on fun prizes. Students had their first auctions in February.

## **PBS AWARDS**

Students have continued to earn monthly Pioneer parties in individual classrooms. Students have been working hard using their life skills and earning “Pioneer Pride” tickets. Tickets are brought to the office where students receive a reward and put their ticket in a bucket. Each week a name is pulled from the bucket and students win the honor of ringing the school bell for the week. Each class has a monthly goal that they reach to earn Pioneer parties. Our school is working on reaching a specific number of “Pioneer Prides”. After reaching the school goal students will be rewarded with an all school activity. Students are also awarded monthly life skills certificates.

## **ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

- ❖ Students in Mrs. Wardle’s Kindergarten class are working on writing and sharing complete thoughts. They will become authors and illustrators, creating their own picture books. In math they are recognizing numbers and learning them in sign language up to twenty. They have been doing simple science experiments and learning the five senses and their importance. Kindergarten has been blending sounds to culminate with the reading of books. They have learned about the presidents, past and present. Students have also been studying our nation’s history and symbols.
  
- ❖ Students in Mrs. Angifili’s First and Second grade class have been writing interesting first sentences in an expository paragraph, then adding details. They are learning what a complete sentence looks like, beginning with capital letters and using punctuation marks the end. They have been writing about Jack and Annie’s adventures. From ScienceWorks, students enjoyed Miss Sullivan’s presentation about sow bugs. The class learned about Martin Luther King Jr., and watched the inauguration of our new President, Barack Obama.
  
- ❖ Students in Mr. Morgan’s second and third grade have started the new year learning to write in cursive. They have written short stories that focus on conventions. Second grade has started subtraction of larger numbers. Third grade has begun to memorize multiplication tables and are learning to borrow. In science students are learning the meaning of the words variable and hypothesis. They enjoyed learning interesting facts about the life cycle of pill bugs from ScienceWorks, and electrifying science from OMSI. They have been studying the five senses. Students in Mr. Morgan’s class wrote stories of what they love for the Williams News. Some of their stories were printed in the February edition in honor of Valentine’s Day. Congratulations to Mr. Morgan, winner of KLDR’s teacher of the month in March. Mr. Morgan’s class will celebrate with pizza from Wild River.

- ❖ Students in Mrs. Bingham's fourth and fifth grade have continued to improve their Math and Reading scores. In fourth grade students have been learning multiplication and division. Fifth grade has been learning about graphing. In social studies students are learning about Oregon. In P.E. students have had fun learning new games from a parent volunteer. Students have been learning about other people's feelings and team building from Child Development Specialist Nancy Cowell. In January fourth and fifth graders wrote sentences about what they wish for in 2009 for the Williams News. Their sentences were published in the January issue. Four students from Mrs. Bingham's class participated in the district's Science Fair. All four students received bronze ribbons for their science projects.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION**

Our school staff is proud to have had another accident free month. We strive to maintain this accident free record by continuing to hold monthly safety meetings to discuss any safety issues. We also regularly conduct a walk-through to visually inspect our site.

We have had two student incidents, one involving a student who fell on the playground and the other involved a student who was choking on a piece of food. Both students are fine and parents were notified. Our staff has expressed an interest in receiving a First Aid Class or a demonstration on the Heimlich maneuver. Principal Michelle Sesock has set up a Heimlich maneuver demonstration for the staff with Ginny Ritchey, a certified First Aid instructor.