



WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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TO: Three Rivers School District Board of Directors
FROM: Williams Elementary School
Principal, Mrs. Renee Hults
RE: Third Trimester Board Brief
DATE: June 3, 2014

ENROLLMENT

K	-	12
1	-	15
2	-	6
3	-	14
4	-	13
5	-	12
Total Current Enrollment	-	72

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS-21st Century Grant

Our Afterschool program has come to an end. Williams Elementary School is a part of the 21st Century Grant that provides an afterschool academic and enrichment program. The program is designed to focus on building good homework habits and teaching students strategies to help them complete and turn in assignments. Also included in each session is an activity time. Our spring session has been one of our busiest yet. This session included a Cooking class, another Art class taught by our parent volunteer Crystal Pyren, and our Garden class run by our parent volunteer Danielle Schreck. The Art class focused on making clay designs such as plaster gardens with May flowers, clay butterfly wind chimes, and polymer garden gnomes. Our school garden has been busy with students planting, weeding, growing, and watering. They started growing seeds in the greenhouse that were ready to plant in the spring. Students also prepared garden starts to sell for a garden fund raiser at our annual Strings Music Concert. The school garden is also used daily by our teachers who have integrated the garden into their classroom curriculum. Each afterschool session has had an average of 20-30 students in attendance on a given day, which is approximately 1/3 of our student population. Williams will hold a two week summer school session as a part of the 21st Century Grant. The dates for summer school will be June 16-19th and 23rd-26th. Our part time Kindergarten teacher Jessica Queener will be teaching this session of summer school themed "Summer Camp Out".



Garden and Art classes at Williams

CONGRATULATIONS

Williams Elementary recognized Brelynn Saunders as our fifth grade Rotary Student of the Year. Bree was honored by the Grants Pass Rotary at a Luncheon at the Wild River Pub on May 28th. We would also like to congratulate Sam Vidlak as the Williams Elementary Student of the Year. Both Bree and Sam have been exemplary students from pre-school through 5th grade at Williams Elementary School.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Our 2013-2014 Strings Programs came to a melodic ending on the evening of May 28th with the presentation of our annual “Strings in the Spring” concert. Our new strings teacher Brad Irvin and Alison Huber led students in a wonderful performance of voices, guitars and violins. Our audience of parents, family, and community members were treated with a wide range of popular songs from both the past and the present. A large thank you goes to Communiversity, family members, and our wonderful community for their generous donations to our music program.



2014 “Strings in the Spring” Concert



PBIS:

As we come to an ending of our third trimester we will continue to recognize students for their AR accomplishments and perfect attendance. Students will participate in an AR auction to spend their pioneer dollars on prizes. Students are recognized on a daily basis with our pioneer pride tickets for being safe, responsible, and respectable. Tickets are drawn on a weekly basis for awards and prizes.

SAFETY

Here at Williams we continue to hold our monthly fire and safety drills. Students, staff, and visitors have participated in our monthly drills. We pride ourselves on always being aware of the safety of our students.

ACTIVITIES FROM MARCH TO JUNE:

Zoom into June is our motto here at Williams Elementary, and that it did. It seems as if March through June just flew on by. Much WAS accomplished in the meantime.

- The first week of March was our annual Scholastic Book Fair where students and families purchased over \$1200.00 in books and raised \$500.00 for new books for the school library. As part of the book fair Williams Elementary celebrated Dr. Suess’ birthday with our annual Family Reading Night on Thursday, March 6th. Students and families enjoyed an evening of reading events including entertainment from a local band called “The Wacky Dog”. A group of entertainers who integrate their young audience into their act using handmade instruments. Also in March we welcomed back into the classrooms our two local artists in residence Sylvia Branzei and Sherry Peterson.
- In April students and staff celebrated Earth Day with our first annual “Trashion Show”. Students showcased their talents and ingenuity by designing clothing and accessories made out of recycled materials.



Trashion Show

There were several field trips in April. Mrs. Agnifili's K/1 class visited Scienceworks. Mrs. Wardle's 2/3 class took an educational hike to Table Rock. Mrs. Bingham's 4/5 class joined other schools in our district and the Grants Pass District at the GPHS for the annual "Get America Singing". We thank Geoff Alder from the Grants Pass Harmonizers for sharing his time, talent, and American folk songs with our 4th and 5th graders.

- May was a very busy month! Our Fourth and Fifth grade students went on an amazing snowshoeing adventure in Crater Lake where they learned about how global warming has impacted the amount of snow our local mountains have had over the past 10 years. All of our classrooms visited White Oak Farm as a part of their Farm to School Program. We also celebrated our wonderful volunteers on May 29th with our annual Volunteer Tea.
- In June the whole school will attend an educational field trip to Wild Life Images on the 4th. We will have an all school PBIS play day on June 10th and will honor all of our students and their accomplishments on June 11th the last day of school. We will sadly say goodbye to our 5th graders as we honor them in a moving on ceremony as well. We will hold summer school on June 16-26th.

