



# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

## ENROLLMENT

K	-	12
1	-	17
2	-	7
3	-	17
4	-	13
5	-	12
Total Current Enrollment	-	78

## 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. The program 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. Our fall session ended in December and included a drama class for students in the main cast for our winter holiday musical. We are now in our winter session. Students have a variety of activities to choose from including a watercolor class taught by local artist and parent volunteer Crystal Pyren.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM “The Show Did Go On!”

With only 3 weeks and 10 official afterschool practices our students were able to once again provide our community with a wonderful, heartwarming holiday program. Students in grades 3-5 who tried out and received a part in the main cast, despite all of the days off for Thanksgiving and the week off during the ice storm stayed committed to our theme “The show must go on”. In addition, each class practiced their songs extra hard during the days we were in school. I am so proud of the effort and time our students, staff, and parents put into this program to provide the quality entertainment for this yearly, can’t miss, you don’t know what you’re missing, standing room only performance!



## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

Guitar and Violin classes taught by our new strings instructors Brad Irvin and Alison Huber continue with students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5th participating in beginning and intermediate lessons. Students will be show casing their talents in our “Strings in the Spring” concert.

## **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 in individual classrooms and as a whole school. 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.

## **SAFETY**

December through February were challenging months due to ice and snow. Students, staff, and volunteers have been extra careful to avoid accidents during inclement weather. We continue with our monthly safety drills.

## **STAR AND OAKS TESTING**

In the months of January and February students have been busy Star and OAKS testing.

## **ACTIVITIES FROM DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY:**

In December we spent most of the short month practicing for our annual Holiday Program.

In January we are finishing up with our first round of the OAKS reading test. Students will continue testing for math and science in February and March. Classes attended field trips to the local county library. Students were able to obtain a library card and learn how to check books out. February has been a busy month. We have had two local Artists in Residence. Artist Sherry Peterson taught water color to the classrooms on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Author of the children’s series on Grossology, Ick Stories, and Rebel in a Dress entertained students with really gross science on February 25-28<sup>th</sup>. Also during February the students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> were visited by ScienceWorks in Ashland for a science inquiry on things in motion.