# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

20691 Williams Highway Williams, OR 97544 541-846-7224

School Hours: 7:40am-1:55pm www.threerivers.k12.or.us \*TELEGRAM\*



Mr. Darrell Erb Jr. Principal



Mindi Hernandez Office Manager

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	1 First Day of School for All Students	2	3 PTSG Mtg 2PM	4	5
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	Labor Day Holiday	First Day of School for All Students				
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20	21	22	23 Back to School Night/Jogathon Kickoff	24	25	26
			5-6:30PM		L	
27	28	29	30			
	Fall Picture Day	WE	ELCOME	BACK	to schc	OL!!
	UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER:					er Pride Day-wear nd black
	Jog-a-thon	Jog-a-thon Thursday, October 15th District-Wide Late Start-School Star 1hour late-8:40am				-School Starts

### Welcome Back to School Students and Families

We are looking forward to having your students back in school. We have spent the past week getting ready, finalizing schedules, organizing learning materials, etc. As a second year Principal, this year is much different than the first in that I know my students and you as well, making this so much more rewarding!

One change you may notice is our volunteer application process. Our district is working on an on-line system through which you can apply on the internet. We will have a computer for you to use for this purpose if you need it. We are asking any parent who wishes to volunteer to do so without an application and a completed successful background check, we may not allow you to participate as a volunteer! Let us know if you need any assistance with this process. We will let you know as soon as the application becomes available online.

If you haven't gone back to school shopping it is time! Local stores are offering great deals on school supplies, but if money is tight, talk to Mindi in the office, but do so right away! Please know we are here for your students and want their school experience to be as positive and rewarding as possible. Our goal is do our part in creating life long learners, and we offer to join hands with you, the parents and guardians to ensure we are successful together in this endeavor.

My door is always open! Darrell Erb Jr./Principal Williams Elementary School





"BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" GREAT AMERICAN PIONEER JOG-A-THON KICK OFF



On Wednesday, September 23th, we will have our annual Back to School/Open House Night from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Join the Williams School Staff for an ice cream social. We will meet in the gym for a short welcome and get Jog-A-Thon kickoff information, then be dismissed to visit your student's classroom and meet the Williams School staff. At Williams Elementary School we have an open door policy!

#### "CONTACT INFORMATION and ATTENDANCE"

Parents, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you keep your contact information updated at all times during the school year. Please notify the office when you move, **change phone numbers** (including cell and work numbers), email address, or change your emergency contact information. The school and district will use your contact information for an automated and digital message system, called SYNREVOICE, to keep you informed of student absences, school closures, events, and classroom field trips. Our goal is to keep you informed at all times. Please use our district web page at **www.threerivers.k12.or.us** to keep informed of the latest calendar events and important information. If your child is ill or absent for any reason please notify the school office before 10:00am or you will receive an automated message reminding you of the unexcused absence. It you know in advance that your student will not be at school for any reason, please notify the office by calling Mindi at 846-7224 or sending a note to the office.

Parents,

Please remember good attendance and being on time is the single most important factor in school success! Being on time and ready for class guarantees your student a good start to their day. There are important events that take place in the mornings that are essential to their day. If for any reason your child is late for school, **they must stop by and see the office before going to class**.

Do not drop your student off at the side entrance after school begins. <u>Students, parents, and visitors MUST enter through the office.</u> WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY NO CHARGE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM! ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT <u>NO</u> <u>CHARGE!</u>

# WILLIAMS ELMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM



\*\*Parent Volunteers are an essential part of our everyday school life. We are looking for enthusiastic parents to GET INVOLVED! There are many ways you can help. If you are interested in becoming a VOLUNTEER in your student's classroom, be an active member of the SITE COUNCIL or PTSG, or just help out once in a while, please fill out the information below and return to the office and get started volunteering today! \*\*<u>All Volunteers must fill out a Volunteer</u> Application and be back round checked. Please contact office for application.

Name:	_Child's Name
Adress:	
Best Phone Number to be reached:	
Best Time to be reached:	

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS \_\_\_\_\_SITE COUNCIL MEMBER (\*\*see reverse)

\_\_\_\_PARENT TEACHER SUPPORT GROUP (\*\*see reverse)

\_\_\_CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER (circle best days) M T W TH F

\_\_\_\_ROOM PARENT (helps organize and contacts other volunteers)

\_\_\_\_FIELD TRIPS

\_\_\_\_CLASSROOM PARTIES (attend or just send in treats)

\_\_\_JOG-A-THON, CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Please list any other areas that you would like to share your special talents:

<sup>\*\*</sup>please see the reverse side for more information on Site Council and Parent/Teacher Support Group

## GET INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES! JOIN THE WILLIAMS <u>PTSG</u>

Williams Elementary School PTSG-Parent/Teacher Support Group. PTSG is a dedicated group of parents and teachers who work together to support our students in school through helping to organize events, fund raising, and sharing ideas to create a more successful school learning experience. Members along with school staff meet throughout the school year. All Parents are encouraged to attend!! If you would like to know more information regarding the PTSG or if you are unable to attend meetings and still want to be involved in school events, please contact Mindi in the office at 541-846-7224 or you may contact our parent liaison Laura Saunders at 541-846-1106

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 2PM IN THE LIBRARY....WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

## WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Williams Elementary is looking for parent representatives 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. The school site council is a group of <u>teachers</u>, <u>parents</u>, and <u>classified employees</u>, that works with the <u>principal</u> to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. In addition to academic planning, many site councils are also responsible for making decisions about <u>parent engagement</u>, <u>safety</u> and <u>discipline</u>. Meetings are held once a month. If you have any questions or are interested, call Mindi in the office at 541-846-7224.