



Williams Elementary School

December Board Report

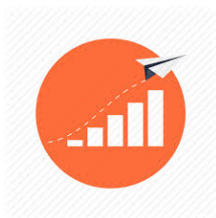
Williams Students Preparing for Holiday Show



Holiday Program- Get ready for a rootin', tootin' good time as a cast of characters along with classroom choruses present, "Christmas at the OK Corral" Wednesday,

December 17 in the school gym at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Yeeeeehaaaawww and Happy Holidays! A good ole' Pioneer winter celebration!

Applegate Sees Gains in Data Use



Applegate teachers are keeping pace with others in our district and around the state by putting to work cutting-edge assessment tools in order to support instructional and placement choices in our classrooms.

Also, our teachers will "drill down" deeper into student data in December when they participate in the upcoming "20 percent meetings". Progress monitoring data using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment has been conducted, and students who are not reading at grade level are receiving both grade-level materials as well as reading at their "instructional level". Teachers will use these data to help them determine which skill work is needed to help get students close the gap with their grade-level peers.

Williams Participates in Trainings

- Williams attended the Dec. 3 DIBELS Assessment Training at the District Office. The training is to sharpen the skills of DIBELS "testers" who evaluate our students' reading progress in the five categories of literacy: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.



This training is critical as we continue to implement and improve our Response to Intervention (RTI) initiative, an evidence-based approach to improving student reading with a focus on each and every student.

- Williams also attended the OAKS training held December 4 at the district office. The training is required in order to ensure consistent adherence across the district when OAKS and Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Williams Student Store Underway



The recently elected Williams student council, in a partnership with volunteers and our main office, are operating a student store Thursdays during lunch where students can purchase various items.

Funds are used to re-invest in the store, and the goal is to raise monies toward PBIS Spirit Days that will include popcorn and ice cream. The Spirit Days are a celebration of good behavior in our school, and our Pioneers ARE well behaved!

Williams To Participate in District Wide Holiday Parent Lunch



Wednesday, December 17 is the day parents and others will join students at Williams for a Holiday Lunch. A traditional fare is planned, completed with mashed potatoes and gravy, an administration favorite. 😊

Students Completing Holiday Projects



Teachers have been able to find the time and energy to help their students complete holiday projects and gifts for parents and other loved ones.

They have managed to cobble together the supplies needed with minimal impact on our school's supplies allocation – another example of how TRSD is able to do more with less – something to which many of our students are well accustomed.

Our students are very excited about bringing their handmade gifts home to family members and friends!

Baskets of Love Needed

Baskets of Love are being collected by Dawn Nowak, Family Advocate at Williams. Students are collecting canned and dry goods that will go to the local church to be distributed to needy families in our community.

Please contact Dawn if you have anything to offer for the baskets, which are so important to those who need them!

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