

Williams Elementary School
Report to the School Board
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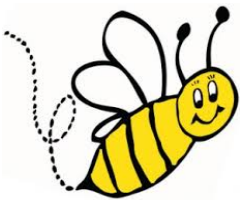
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PIONEERS!



Strings in the Spring - The 9th Annual Strings and Chorus in the Spring Concert will be held April 29th at 6 pm in the Williams Elementary School Gym.

Strings lead instructor Brad Irvin, along with Alison Huber and Terresa Holmes have been working with students once per week since the beginning of October.

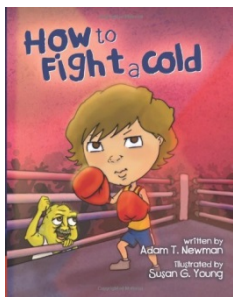
The general public is invited to attend to witness the progress these students are making on what many musicians consider the most difficult instruments in the world to play!



Spelling Bee Winners Announced at Williams – Serenity Akers won the primary division, and Nate Vidlak was the Division One champion. Congratulations students and good luck at districts!



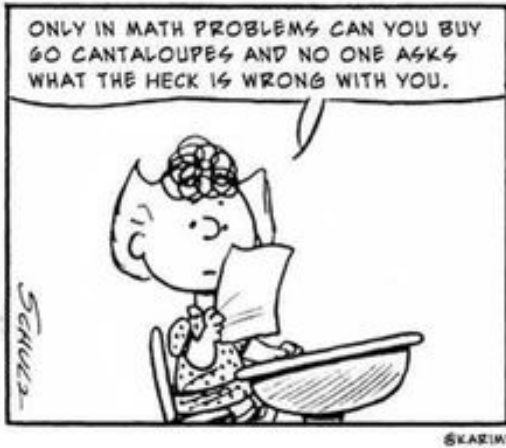
Williams Watershed Heads Outdoors -Grades 2-5th Watershed Program visited Williams Creek April 1 as part of the Williams Watershed study at our school. Experts from OSU talked to students about the watersheds and ecology of creeks and streams in our area. Salmon spawn in the spring, and students are tracking their development as part of this initiative.



Author Visit a Success - Williams students grades K-3 were enthralled by author Adam T. Newman's personal story telling and the interactive reading of his book "How to Fight a Cold" earlier this month.

Newman is a children's book author whose childhood consisted of sports, reading comic books and playing with action figures.

Newman worked for film studios as an art director and graphic designer. He is also the recipient of the prestigious "World's Greatest Dad" award which was presented by his two wonderful kids in the form of a t-shirt. Students in many cities have enjoyed Newman's visits!



Parent-Teacher Group Getting Busy at Williams - Parents are stepping up as we form a PTSG at Williams. Project Leaders have been established for Teacher and Classified Appreciation Weeks, Jog-a-Thon Assistance, Strings Program Fund Raising, PBIS and Assemblies Support, Classroom Volunteers Support, Garden Club, Coin Drive. Other projects are being considered by parents to benefit teaching and learning at our school.

Parents such as Becky Vidlak, Sharon Vidlak, Laura Saunders, Danielle Shreck, Sheryl and Tony Solano, Jesse Casey, Allison Nevotti, and Tamaura Blanton have made important commitments to move PTSG forward! Thanks to each of them!



Volunteer Appreciation Tea to be Held -

Teachers are organizing the annual Williams Volunteer Tea for the end of May.

This event provides the venue through which volunteers are recognized for their efforts.

Teachers avoid meaningless protestations of gratitude and shallow platitudes at all cost in sharing their true thankfulness for the wonderful work our volunteers do at Williams.



Charlotte's Web Presented in Grants Pass – Williams Elementary students attended California Theatre Center's production of Charlotte's Web April 13 at the GPHS Performing Arts Center. This wonderful play allowed our students to witness top-flight theater in a great venue!

Thursdays are school spirit days at Williams, when students wear *Red and Black*, the colors of the PIONEERS!