

# WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**TO:** Three Rivers School District Board of Directors

FROM: Williams Elementary School

Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Allen-Hart

**RE:** First Trimester Board Brief

**DATE:** November 7, 2011

# **ENROLLMENT**

K - 7 1 - 11 2 - 13 3 - 10 4 - 11 5 - 19

Part time students - 2 Total Current Enrollment - 73

# AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS-21st Century Grant

Williams Elementary School is a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that provides an afterschool academic and enrichment program. Beginning in September students were provided with an early morning Homework Help Session. This morning session occurs daily and is open to all students who need assistance with their homework. Our first Afterschool Academic and Enrichment session began on October 3, 2011 and will run through November 10, 2011. Students were offered a nutritious afterschool snack along with a one hour time for homework study help and academic lessons that are designed to enhance the skills the students are learning in class. A one hour enrichment activities follows the academic enrichment time. Courses include a variety of class such as: gardening, beading, leather making, arts and crafts, board games, and cooking, are offered after the academic class.

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

You are cordially invited to our annual Holiday Program entitled "The Elf's Impersonator". Join the entire school for a fun filled musical evening on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school gym. All students K-5<sup>th</sup> including an all star cast of 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing, dance, and perform their way into the hearts of family and community members. This event includes an invitation to the Williams Community.

# **JOG-A-THON**

On October 13<sup>th</sup> Williams Elementary School held our largest fundraiser of the year, our annual Jog-a-thon. This was a very successful Jog-a-thon thanks to the many family and community members who have continued to help support this annual fund raiser. To date our students have pledged approximately \$5,500. The funds from the Joga-a-thon are used for classroom field trips and enrichment programs.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Williams Elementary School held our annual Open House Night on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Students, parents, and staff were treated to a BBQ cooked by staff member Wes Nevotti. Parents were invited to visit their student's classrooms and meet the teachers. Students displayed their weekly work and art projects.

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

Guitar and Violin classes taught by Warren Whistler are underway with students participating in beginning and intermediate lessons. This program is being funded with money raised during our annual Spring Concert, community and business donations, grants, and with a small one time tuition fee for students attending the program.

#### **PBIS**

Williams Elementary continues to use school wide PBIS throughout the school day. Continuing with our Pioneer Pride Program, students earn Pioneer Pride tickets for displaying good use of their lifeskills. Classrooms will have individual PBIS celebrations throughout the year and each month students are rewarded and recognized for their good behavior. We have also continued with our annual PBIS attendance Dutch dollar program. Every two weeks students with perfect attendance are recognized and two students will receive a \$5 Dutch dollars card that is presented to their parents for their efforts in getting their students to school and on time each day.

# **SAFETY**

September and October were accident free months for Williams Elementary School. We strive to maintain this accident free record by continuing to hold monthly safety meetings to discuss any safety issues. We also regularly conduct a walk-through to visually inspect our site.

# **SMART**

The SMART reading program began in October and is a rewarding experience for both the students and the volunteers. Students are excited to read with their SMART volunteers and look forward to their weekly visits.

# **ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER**

### Field Trips:

In October Mrs. Bingham's 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade students visited Crater Lake National Park as a follow up to classroom units on Geography, Geology and Biology. Also in October classes visited the local White Oak Farm. Tim Franklin from the Williams Watershed visited classrooms to speak about the water shed and salmon lifestyle and habitat. Our community was shocked and saddened to hear that Tim Franklin was killed in a car accident last weekend. Tim has given countless hours and amazing commitment to Williams Elementary, we will miss him tremendously. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.

## ❖ All School Hat Day:

All students at Williams Elementary celebrated a special day thanks to Joanne Worth and the Williams hat ladies. On October 25th students were able to pick out hand made knitted winter hats donated by these loving ladies of Williams. This event occurs every year as a school/community project fostering relationships between school and community.