



The Rams Reader

The Williams Township PTA Newsletter
March 2015

The President's Pen



Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

Well, our friend Old Man Winter sure has had his fun this year! He has given us 9 days off due to weather already, and caused some disruption with our PTA functions, but no matter, we press on! Our Committee Heads and Board Members have been working hard this year to make sure our programs are better than ever, despite the rescheduling and conflicts they have come across. We wouldn't be half as successful if these wonderful men and women didn't step up to help us, so I would like to thank all of our Volunteers, Committee Heads and Board Members that had to give up more of their time than expected and did it with a smile!

We are ready to start planning our Spring and end of year PTA functions so be sure to watch your email and check out the website and Facebook postings for the latest and greatest happenings! Here is a list of our schools website and social media info:

- ◆ PTA Facebook Page - Williams Township Elementary School
- ◆ PTA Website address - www.williams.my-pta.org (register here to receive emails from Williams Township Elementary School PTA)
- ◆ PTA Tricky Tray Facebook Page - Williams Township Elementary School Tricky Tray April 18, 2015

As you all have seen, the District's policy on clearances has changed, so please make sure that you start your renewals early as there will be a considerable amount of staff and volunteers renewing by July. All information concerning renewals or obtaining new clearances can be found on the Security Clearance tab of our website. Didn't get your clearances this year? It's never too late to start your new clearances, and they will be good for 3 years!

Please don't hesitate to contact myself, or any of our wonderful board members if you should have any questions, concerns or ideas. We are always open to new things because, "We Are In It For The Kids!"

Sincerely,
Rachelle Gibbs
WTES President
rachelle.m.gibbs@gmail.com



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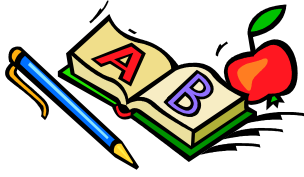
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A Message From The Principal's Desk



Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

Can everybody agree that we hope winter has stopped showing its ugly face? We all know this school year has been a challenge due to all of the extreme winter weather. Here at Williams Township Elementary School we are moving forward. Every day we are here, we are focused and working hard. Students and staff arrive “ready to roll” and catch up on all the time and instruction we have lost. I am sure with the dedication of our faculty and staff, we will be ready for state assessments and also to complete necessary instruction per grade-level.

The PA System of School Assessment Math & Reading Tests will be administered to students in Grades 3 & 4 during the weeks of April 13th through April 23rd. The PA System of School Assessment Science Test will be administered to students in Grade 4 during the week of April 27th. In order for students to do their best, they will need plenty of rest, a good breakfast each morning, and a happy send off to school. Good attendance ensures that they can take the tests under optimal conditions along with their classmates.

Information has been sent home about the changes in our district calendar due to snow days. In case you are not aware the changes are as follows:

We have used nine (9) snow days this school year. As a result, our school calendar has been amended to include the following changes:

- ◆ Monday, March 30, 2015, and Tuesday, March 31, 2015 will now be scheduled school days. All students are to report to school on these days.
- ◆ The last student day is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2015.
- ◆ The end of the third marking period is Tuesday, March 31, 2015. We will still have the scheduled Early Dismissal for Conferences on Friday, March 27th. Students in AM-Kindergarten and Grades 1-4 will be dismissed at 11:55 a.m., and students in PM-Kindergarten will begin at 12:20 p.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m.
- ◆ The end of the fourth marking period is Friday, June 12, 2015.
- ◆ If the District has an additional snow day, Wednesday, April 1, 2015, will become a scheduled school day. If a second snow day becomes necessary, Monday, April 6, 2015, will be scheduled as a school day.

The amended calendar is posted on the District website at www.wilsonareasd.org.

As we move into spring please be sure students are dressed appropriately to go outside for recess. Hopefully, the outside area begins to dry up so students can enjoy the outdoors during the school day. There are many opportunities students are presented with everyday at Williams and they all enjoy participating, not only in their regular classroom, but also during art, music, physical education, and library. Our goal is to help create well rounded children that enjoy learning.

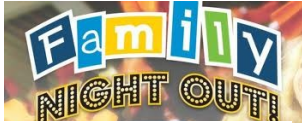
Creating well rounded children is also a goal of our PTA. I want to thank them for continuing to create additional learning opportunities for our students through their funding of programs and the great enrichment courses being offered throughout the year. As always they have done a fantastic job, thank you!

Spring will be here before you know it and with it brings a new beginning and additional motivation for all of us to grow. I want to thank the students, staff, and especially the families of Williams Township for helping create a strong positive environment for the development of children. I feel blessed to serve at Williams and look forward to our continued progress here on the hill.

Warmest Regards,

Kevin Steidle, Principal





Terry's Italian Restaurant
March 11 4-9
March 12 4-9
March 15 3-9



Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser Pick Up is March 17th!



Kindergarten Registration is March 19th & 20th!



Early Dismissal 3/27
Spring Break 4/1 - 4/6



April 23rd



April 18th Special raffles and 100+ baskets!



Talent Show May 1st



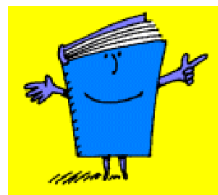
Spring Music Show May 5th



Art Show May 7th



May 6 - 8th



Author Day May 12th



Book Swap May 19th



The next General Meeting of the PTA is May 12th!

Committee Updates

Treasurer's Report

Our goal for the 2014-2015 School Year is \$28,035.



For our recent fundraisers, we profited just over \$2,500 for the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser that just ended. Our year-to-date earnings for Scrip is \$1,256, Box Tops is \$3,104 and for PTA Family Dinner is \$924. We received \$72 from Target for their Take Charge of Education Program. We still have the Tricky Tray on April 18th to help us end the year strong!

Please send all expense receipts to school labeled Alexa Koufalis, Mrs. Moser's class Attn: Stephanie Koufalis. If you need an Expense Reimbursement form, you can email me at stephaniekoufalis@gmail.com.

Box Tops

This year's collection is \$3104, which exceeds our goal by over \$1400!



Thanks to Joanne Goodman and Maggie Brinker for their decade+ of commitment to this committee!

Niki Brown and Holly Scheetz will be heading up this committee for the 2015-2016 school year.

Please keep collecting and sending in your box tops..this is easy money for our school! A box top collection form is attached to the back of this newsletter. Fill it up and send it in!

Also, don't forget we collect Labels For Education all year long! They can be found on Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farms products including Goldfish crackers, V-8 beverages, Spaghettios, and other products are eligible.



Enrichment Program

Thanks to all of the families who participated in the Enrichment Program during the 2014-15 school year. We had full enrollment for most of the programs and the students have been demonstrating great enthusiasm and participation!



We are excited to offer the Snap Golf Program after school to our 1st and 2nd grade students on Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 3:30-5:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Julie Wagner Burkart at j.a.wagner@wagnerfarms.com for registration materials.

We never stop exploring new and inventive ways to enrich our children, so please feel free to make suggestions and offer your feedback. Please also consider joining the Enrichment Committee. It is an extremely rewarding program that depends on volunteers! If you are interested in taking on a greater roll, please contact me to discuss your interest.

Open Committee Heads

The PTA will have the following Committee Head Openings available for the 2015-2016 school year and we need your help to fill them!

- ◆ Art Fair
- ◆ Heritage Day
- ◆ Holiday Gift

Please know that we value all of the time you give to our PTA. There will always be help for you when running any of these positions! All Committee Heads have their own committees under them to assist with any planning and execution of their specified task. You will not be alone in your new endeavor!

If interested, contact Rachelle Gibbs at rachelle.m.gibbs@gmail.com.



RAMS Apparel

Flyers were sent home for the RAMS Spring Apparel Sale! More information and pictures of the apparel can be found on our website!



Lunch Duty

Please consider volunteering for lunch duty at the school. During lunch, you will assist the children in opening lunch items, keeping them in line and helping the staff in any way needed. Its another way you can stay involved in your child's daily school activity. You must have approved clearances—see the PTA website on the “volunteering” tab to sign up.



Family Night Out

Terry's Italian Restaurant
200 S. Delaware Dr. Easton
(610) 252-5330

March 11 4-9
March 12 4-9
March 15 3-9

See our website to print out a flyer to give your server so the PTA receives 10% from your order!



From fundraisers to school spirit day, it all happens through the PTA! Get involved - join our PTA!

Committee Updates (continued)

Volunteering

Don't forget that all volunteers (that are volunteering in the school) are required to have all 3 clearances approved and on file in our school office prior to your volunteer date. Plan ahead since some of the clearances cannot be done online and need approval time! See our "Security Clearance" tab on the PTA website for more information.



Shout Outs

Want to give a "Shout Out" to your child for a birthday, great job or just a simple I love you?



We take them all for the newsletter!

Send all of your 2-3 line shout outs to Melinda at melinda.dibartola@honeywell.com

Cost is \$2 per shout out and all checks or cash can be sent into school with your child marked "Newsletter - Melinda DiBartola".

All checks should be made out to "Williams Township PTA"

PTA Email/Website

To be added to the global email list, please register on our website!

You will also find Volunteer opportunities, Rams Apparel for Sale, School and PTA Calendars, School Clearance Information, and much more!



Scrip Program

Can you buy one card this month?

Walmart, Target, ShopRight, Giant, The Children's Place, Old Navy, Outback???

If each family buys just one or two gift cards this month, we can set a record!

This program costs you nothing.

The retailer pays the school and you get a gift card to use for your next purchase - or to give as a gift!

Let's finish the year strong!

Where do you shop? There are hundreds of retail, restaurants, food stores to choose from!

Lost your form? Just go to www.shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code 9BF8A76712869. You can do everything online!

Please contact Denise Spencer at dmspencer@rcn.com if you have any questions.

shopwithscrip.com

Career Day

Career Day is scheduled for April 23rd. If you are interested in being a presenter, please contact Annie Ritter at annieritter@ptd.net. We are also looking for volunteers (with clearances) to help that day!

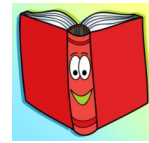


Giant A+ Rewards Program

Giant A+ rewards program is continuing until March 21, 2015. We have 84 designations and \$839 YTD totals!



Book Swap



Just a reminder that the Book Swap is scheduled for May 19. When you do your spring cleaning hold on to those books a little while longer!

Fundraising

We would like to thank all who made the Gertrude Hawk candy sell an enormous success this year. We have exceeded our goal of raising over \$2500 this year!



Facebook

Like us at "Williams Township Elementary School".



We also have a facebook page dedicated to our Tricky Tray which can be found at "Williams Township Elementary School PTA Tricky Tray". Here you will find announcements of our special raffles (large prizes) as well as pictures of the many baskets that have been donated!

Science Fair

Thank You to all participants in this year's Science Fair on Tuesday, March 9.

As always, the event would not be such a success without the support of our Principal, Teachers, Custodial Staff and most importantly, the students of WTES who broaden their horizons and our knowledge with their exciting projects every year!"





★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

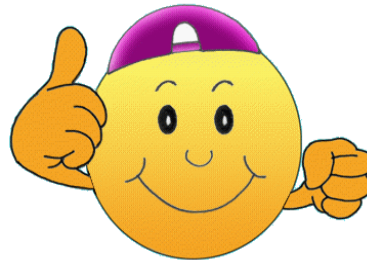
Happy 8th Birthday Casen DiBartola!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Michael



Kassie Ritter -

Good luck on your mini swim
championship & Valley Elite All
-Star competitions!
Love, Mom & Dad

GO FOR IT !



GOOD LUCK !

Nicholas Ritter -
Good luck on your Bronze
& Silver swim championships!
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy 6th Birthday
Michael DiBartola!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Casen



A shout out to Ava Pektor-
Great job swimming in your Last Chance
Swim Meet and for qualifying for Silver
Champs in several strokes!!
We are so proud of you!
Good luck at both Bronze and Silver
champs- SWIM HARD!!
We know you will do awesome!!
We love you!!
Mom and Dad

Shout outs to our U9 Dream
Team and U10 Blue Devils
fellas and U9 Tough Tiger
ladies on their Playoff bound
journey to the Community
Basketball League Champion-
ships! Your hard work is
showing!! Keep going!!
Love, All Your Biggest Rams



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Tricky Tray

Williams Township Elementary School
2660 Morgan Hill Road, Easton PA

Saturday, April 18th
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All proceeds help the
PTA fund supplies, field
trips, and other
educational tools to
enhance our children's
educational experience at
Williams Township!

4 DISNEY WORLD PARK
HOPPER PASSES!

LOUIS VUITTON
HANDBAG!

MINI I-PAD!

100'S OF BASKETS!

AND LOTS MORE!

*Winning raffle tickets will be
announced at the end of the day.
Participants need not be present to win!*