



THE

RAMS READER

Williams Township PTA Newsletter

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The President's Pen:

Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, I have so many people to thank for making it an absolutely amazing and productive year! First off, I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out with everything from Lunch Duty to School Field Trips. Our PTA is strong because of our members and volunteers and we would not be as productive without you! It really is a privilege to have gotten to know so many wonderful parents and guardians over this past year.

Second, I have to thank our Teachers and Staff. They had a tough go with so many weather delays this year, but they definitely kept our kids at the top of the learning curve and ensured they are ready for the next years grade change.

Thirdly, I would like to thank Mr. Reagan and Mrs. Cimino for their years of service here at Williams Township. Both of these wonderful teachers will begin their retirement and start enjoying those winters (possibly somewhere warm!). We wish them well as they begin a new journey in their lives and may they always know that they are welcome back here at Williams Township at any time. Travel stories are highly encouraged!

And lastly, I have to thank our amazing PTA board and committee heads. A huge thank you to our outgoing Treasurer Dawn Dufal and Secretary Beth Meuser. These women have gone above and beyond what was required of them and we thank you whole-heartedly for your 2 years of service on the Executive Board. The board would like to welcome Mrs. Stephanie Koufalis as Treasurer and Mrs. Kim Bailly as Secretary. We are lucky to have such wonderful women stepping up to fill these positions.

As always, the board is open to any and all your comments or ideas, so please don't hesitate to email throughout the summer! Visit our website at www.williams.my-pta.org to find important updates as well as contact information. Enjoy and have a wonderful summer! See you all back for an awesome 2014-2015 school year!

Sincerely,

Rachelle Gibbs

WTES PTA President

Treasurers Report:

Our Goal for the 2013-2014 school year...
\$13,930.00



We have raised \$12,557.55 so far this year! Only \$1373.00 to go!

We brought in \$2657.00 with our Gertrude Hawk Easter sale and surpassed PTA restaurant night by \$62.00, with The Cup not accounted for.

I want to thank everyone for getting all receipts in to me in a timely manner!

Thanks also to the committee heads for using the deposit logs to keep all your sale info organized! You did a great job!

Thanks again to all for turning in your receipts in a timely manner!

Dawn Dufal
Treasurer

**We are looking for you!!
New PTA members for the 2014-2015 school year!!**

Please visit our website for more information on volunteering and obtaining your clearances!!

We are still looking for a Committee Head for our Reflections Program. Please contact Rachelle Gibbs for more info.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: It has been a great year...

It has been a great year at Williams Township Elementary School. I am very proud of the super efforts of our students and staff. I would also like to recognize the outstanding support we have received from our families. Supportive families make a tremendous difference in a child's education and I personally thank all of you for helping your children and our staff in the education process.

One of our highlights was having Governor Tom Corbett recognize our school for academic excellence. All students attended the presentation by the governor and we now have a banner that hangs in our hallway. Students were excited for the opportunity to see Governor Corbett.

The 2013-2014 school year presented some challenges with the winter weather but was full of educational and fun opportunities for our students. These included our daily lessons through the school day and many wonderful field trips. I would like to thank the PTA for providing an outstanding enrichment program that had students receiving additional instruction on topics such as Lego Robotics and the School of Rock. Students have worked hard this year and I am sure are looking forward to a well deserved break this summer.

Once again Williams Township Elementary School will be recognized as a No Place for Hate School. I am very proud of our students and staff for participating in the events that allow us to gain this distinction. The message of caring for others that may be different than us is important and helps our school be an enjoyable place for all. Our "Earn Your Horns" and "Ram of the Month" program have allowed our staff to recognize students for high quality behavior and is something students have embraced.

We sadly have to say goodbye to our fourth grade students, but we are sure they will continue to make us proud and accomplish great levels of achievement as they move on to the Wilson Area Intermediate School. Our school year will be completed on Friday June 13th. Many fun and educational activities are planned for all of our students during the last weeks of school.

Next year will certainly be different with the absence of Mrs. Cimino and Mr. Reagan. Both will be retiring from teaching. Losing them is certainly a loss, between them they have sixty-eight years of service to our district. They were extremely dedicated to educating students, but also ensured students felt valued and knew they were supported here at Williams Township Elementary School. We wish them the best of luck in their retirements.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as principal of Williams Township Elementary School. Every day as I walk the halls of the school, I am amazed at the great instruction students are receiving and the super efforts by all of our children. Williams is a special place and I want to thank all of the students, staff, and great families that have made this year a success. I want all of you to have an enjoyable summer and keep working on your reading and math so you are prepared to come back to "the hill" for another great school year!

Warmest Regards,

Kevin Steidle

Principal, WTES



LOOKING BACK on the year so far.....

Drumroll please.....

First Grade's lemonade stand earned \$1173.27 to help "all sick kids get better". It was our best stand yet!!

Thank you to our lemonade stand ladies, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. DiPietro, and Mrs. Mueller, who helped out our stand. All of the first graders learned a valuable lesson about helping others in need. Remember, "When life gives you lemons, **make lemonade!**"



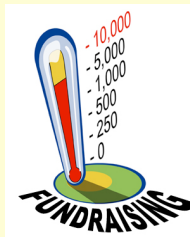
The Fundraising Committee would like to Thank everyone for their help in making our fundraising events a huge success! Here are some highlights of what a few of our fundraisers earned:

Kidstuff books: \$2087

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale: \$2657

Cookie Dough Sale: \$2289

Fundraising enables the PTA to offer things such as fieldtrips, assemblies, enrichment programs and many other activities to the WTES students.



Career Day Volunteers: Thank you all for your time at Career Day! The day ran very smoothly and it was great to see the students having fun learning about your different careers. We hope to see you all next year!

Special Thanks to Mrs. Carvis and Mrs. Parry for coordinating, Mrs. Pektor for coming in and helping all day to make sure we followed the schedule and Mrs. Shunk for taking awesome pictures for the yearbook!

What a great success!!



We would like to thank Tricia Gilmore for putting on another fantastic Talent Show!! You outdid yourself again this year Tricia and we thank you taking the time you do with our children. Our Talent Show blossomed with you at the helm. your years of service are truly appreciated!


THANK YOU
VERY MUCH

A very huge Shout out to all of our Wonderful volunteers here at Williams Township!

Without you, our school functions could not run as smoothly as they do. The PTA is thankful for each and every one of you!

Upcoming and/Thank you's: JOIN US! PITCH IN! FUN FOR ALL!

Richard Sobol, our guest Author, will be here on Thursday June 5th!



No need to worry if you ordered books or autographs!!

Rams apparel sale closed on May 13th and delivery will come home at the end of May. This is just in time for Spirit Day! Thank you all for comments and suggestions throughout the school year!

Have a safe and Happy Summer!

Tina Freeman, apparel committee head



Committee members are now needed for the Tricky Tray which will be held in the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact Julie Pektor at cjpektor1@verizon.net.


Committee members are now needed for the buying committee. This committee will purchase items throughout the summer and beginning of the school year for our holiday Bazaar. Please contact Cathy Mueller if your are interested, cmueller@neostrata.com.

Retirement

For years, your guidance held the key
To the potential in young minds
You showed your students they could be
Successful members of mankind
You gave them, through your love and care
The greatest gift they could receive
You taught them how to work and share
But, most of all, how to believe.

Each child was like your very own
With different traits and varied styles
But, your direction set the tone
For their future, across the miles
Your students could not always see
The lessons you shared from the heart
Yet, as they reached their destiny
They understood you played a part.

For years, your wisdom touched your class
But, seasons change and hours fade
Your teaching days have come to pass
Though, not the difference you have made
You may be setting down your chalk
In favor of time in the sun
But, the minds you've helped to unlock
Shall validate the work you've done.



A huge thank you to Mrs. Cimino for her years of hardwork here at Williams Township. You have been an amazing Art Teacher and an inspiration to all that have had you. Thank you and Enjoy your Retirement!

A Big thank you to Mr. Reagan for being a fantastic teacher and staff memeber. You truly have given the students the life skills as well as educational grounding that will facilitate much success in the future. We wish you the best as you begin your retirement!

PTA fundraising..... On going.... fundraising all year through!

BOX TOPS:

The winning Teacher/Class? is....

Sept: Mr. Reagan w/ 625, Oct: Mrs. Buskirk w/ 580
Nov: Mr. Reagan w/ 268, Dec: Mrs. Silfies w/ 361
Jan: Mrs. Fisher w/ 749, Feb: Mrs. Dickson w/ 949
Mar: Mrs. Polgar w/ 750, Apr: Mrs. Buskirk w/ 1989
May: TBD...

Great Job everyone and Keep Clipping!!



Family Night Out

Thank you to all who took the time this year and went out on our Family Nights Out!

We had lots of fun, didn't have to cook and earned money for our PTA, all while hanging out with our family and friends!!

We are looking forward to doing it all over again next year!

**Enjoy your Summer!
See you in August!**

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Clearance renewals..... are now available and need to be submitted in order to keep your clearances on file for the 2014-2015 school year. You can find this form on the main page of our website @ www.williams.my-pta.org.

Also, don't forget to obtain your clearances if you don't already have them! You need these in order to volunteer and help out in the school. Don't miss out on the fun, get your clearances today!



ADVERTISEMENTS and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Get involved! Contact us!

Calling one and all to help out with our Annual School Spirit Day!!! Please sign up on the Website!!

Don't miss this fun day...



Congratulations to our new PTA Treasurer Stephanie Koufalas and Secretary Kim Bailey! These women will be joining our board for the 2014-2015 school year! Welcome!!

A huge thank you to our outgoing Treasurer Dawn Dufal and Secretary Beth Meuser. We are so grateful that you both gave two years to your positions. Your mark has been left and we are a better PTA because of you!

Flag Football/ Cheerleading Announcement:

Do you know any incoming Kindergartners that may want to play football or become a cutie pie cheerleader on the sidelines?

The 2014 Williams Township Cheering and Football sign ups are now open until June 26th.

Cheering: Grades K-7 as of Sept. 1st, 2014
Football: Ages 5-13 as of Sept. 1st, 2014

You may sign up on-line at www.williamsathletics.org. We also have a link on the school website. Contact Ken Kozminski for flag football questions @ kkozminski@gmail.com. Contact Annie Ritter for cheering questions @ annieritter@ptd.net. Go Rams!!

Follow Us on Facebook!
Williams Township Elementary School is now on Facebook!

Like us to get the latest updates and reminders. No photos of students will be used on this site. Find us at "Williams Township Elementary School".



Website Updates!



Website Update

Our new website is up and running with some exciting new interactive features.

You will find Volunteer opportunities, Rams Apparel for sale, School and PTA Calendars combined, how to go about getting your school clearances, and much more.

The website address is www.williams.my-pta.org.

Be sure to visit often!

Thank you,
Rachelle Gibbs

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Shout Outs...!!!



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Thank you to every one who advertised with us this
year!

SHOUT OUT'S TO OUR RAMS!!

Kyle, we are so proud of you! You rocked 4th grade like a boss! Love, your family!!!

Kyle, Congratulations on your 4th grade graduation! Wishing you the best in Middle School. Love, Aunt Liz

Congratulations Kyle, have fun in middle school!
Love, Nana

Congrats Kyle! Praying God's richest blessing for you today and always. Love, The Laughlin-Warren's

Kyle say it with your Chest... GOOD BYE 4TH GRADE!!! Big Ricky

Nicholas Ritter: Congratulations on your 1st Holy Communion and on completing 3rd Grade CCD. We are proud of you! Mom, Dad, and Kassie

Kassie Ritter: Congratulations on completing 2nd Grade CCD and on your first season of softball. We are proud of you!! Mom, Dad, and Nicholas.

Nicholas Ritter, Nick Meuser, and Robby Mertz: It was so awesome to see the three of you go through CCD together and receive your 1st Holy Communion together, too! Tough football players and fine young men - coolest dudes ever! Congrats from the Ritters.

To the whole 4th Grade/ Class of 2022....

Best Wishes with your new adventure at the Wilson Intermediate School! You all rocked it here on "the Hill" and you are sure to do the same at your new school! Thank you for making these years full of fun and laughter! From the Williams PTA

To one of our newest Rams, Mr. Steidle:

It was awesome having you here at Williams! We had a great year and are looking forward to many more with you as our Principal. Our School is a better place! Thank you for your time and dedication. From, all of your Students here at Williams



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