



THE

# RAMS READER

Williams Township PTA Newsletter

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## The President's Pen:

Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

It seems as though Old Man Winter will not leave us alone lately with all of our closings and delays, but I am assured by some positive thinkers that Spring will come at some point! Lucky for us, we have a lot of fun new indoor volunteer activities available for you. Our Session II Enrichment Program has kicked off and we were thrilled with how many children had signed up. But we need your help with giving our teachers the support they need, so please consider signing up as a volunteer for any classes your child might be participating in.

All of our upcoming volunteer needed events can be found on our website at [www.williams.my-pta.org](http://www.williams.my-pta.org). Not an approved volunteer yet? We can help! Check out our Security Clearance tab on our website for information on how to obtain your clearances.

We have some fantastic things happening on the horizon such as the Book Swap February 25th, Author Day March 3rd, Science Fair March 4th and we can't forget about PSSA testing which is set to begin

March 17th! We know everyone's excited about that! As of right now, Spring Break will begin April 14th and end April 21st, pending anymore school cancellations of course. All of these upcoming events can be found on the website as well.

In other news, the PTA is currently looking to fill the following positions for the 2014-2015 school year: **Secretary, Treasurer, Enrichment Coordinator, Halloween Party, Tricky Tray and Reflections**. 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 committees! 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! Please contact me at [rachelle.m.gibbs@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.m.gibbs@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you shout out to all of our wonderful parent volunteers that do so much for our school. We could not be as strong of a school without you. We really are "in it for the kids!". Stay warm everyone.

Sincerely,

*Rachelle Gibbs*

*WTES PTA President*

## Treasurers Report:

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



We have raised \$9100.00 so far this year!

If we continue to meet our fundraising goals we will surpass our goal!

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!!  
Many Committee Head Positions are now Open.**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: Everybody knows that...

Everybody knows that 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, students and staff are focused and working hard. Many of you are aware that we have the Pennsylvania State Assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade coming up at the end of March. The state has allowed us to push the start of the testing back one week. We will start with math and reading assessments on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade science testing at the end of April.

Students and staff have been putting in a good effort, but in order to help with motivation, I have issued the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade a challenge. If 90% of all students are able to pass the math and reading assessments at each grade level, I will come to the second day of school next year dressed as a Ram. I will also visit our current 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Intermediate School so they will be able to see me as a Ram. The students are excited about this possibility, but it will be up to them and their performance. Hopefully, they will show what a great job they do every day and I will have to deliver on my end of the bargain. GO RAMS!

The staff has also developed a program to reinforce positive behaviors here at Williams Township Elementary School. Students are asked to follow the Rams Rules which are; **R**espect yourself and others, **A**lways try your best, **M**anners matter, and **S**uccess begins with self-control. Students can be recognized by their classroom teacher for following the Rams Rules or for effort or behavior above the norm. Teachers may recognize students that have turned negative behaviors into positives. This teacher recognition is called "Earning Your Horns." Students that "Earn Their Horns" are recognized on our television broadcast by the principal.

The students that "Earn Their Horns" are eligible to be the grade level Ram of the Month. Students that are selected to be Ram of the Month have their picture taken as a RAM, receive a letter from the principal, and are recognized on the morning broadcast. Be sure to check out the pictures of our Rams of the Month in our lobby trophy case. This program has had a positive impact on our students and allows staff to reinforce great behaviors and effort.

I witness impressive happenings daily at Williams Township Elementary. There have been many additional programs here that have focused on academics, recognition of differences, and charitable achievements for those in need. I would like to thank the PTA for the additional opportunities they have given our students with the plethora of enrichments choices they have offered after school. The PTA programming this year has been greatly enjoyed by our students and staff.

I know we are all tired of Old Man Winter, but we will continue to have school and work hard. Please keep yourself updated of any calendar changes that have occurred due to the amount of snow days. It has been an interesting and fun year so far, and I look forward to the rest of the year with the great students, staff, and families of Williams Township.

Warmest Regards,

Kevin Steidle

Principal, WTES



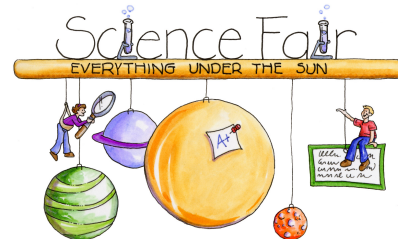
## LOOKING BACK on the year so far.....

A Big Thank you to everyone who came out to eat in January and February for the Parents Night out at Vintage and Family Night out at Dubs!!!

THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH

HOLIDAY  
Bazaar

**This year the Holiday Gift Bazaar (held the first week in December) gave the students an opportunity to shop for family and friends here at school. While picking out items themselves, the kids also needed to stay within their individual budgets. The older classes used mental math (or calculators) to help total their purchases. Everyone did a great job! Thank you for all the parent (and grandparent) volunteers who helped set-up, work during the day and cleanup for this event!**




A huge THANK YOU goes out to the many people involved in making this year's Science Fair the biggest to date!

Over 90 students participated, the gym was packed full of eager students, parents and family and friends sharing their knowledge of science and enjoying a special visit from the Da Vinci Science Center! Chemist Joe treated us to a very special story of his two friends, the Dragon and the Abominable Snow Man, wowing everyone with the chemistry of hot and cold reactions! He even "burned" some of Principal Steidle's money!

The Science Fair Committee would also like to thank Mr. Mark Ackerman and our fantastic Custodial Staff for setting up the the tables and chairs in advance and helping us to clean up afterwards! We could not have had such a successful night without their help! Thanks again! Start planning your projects for next year!

Thanks! ~Heather

Richard Sobol, our guest Author, will be here in June!



No need to worry if you ordered books or autographs!!  
(Specific date to follow.)

**Book Swap**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the rescheduled book swap!! It was a success.  
All of the children received at least one book and all left over books were donated to Cops for Kids of Easton.

Gertrude Hawk Sale Runs Through March 15th!


Pick up is tentatively scheduled for April 3rd 2014.



**Enrichment**

We had an amazing turn-out for the spring semester. We are offering Spanish, Computer Explorers Computers, Dan's Camera Photography, DiVinci Center Science, School of Rock Music, Computer Explorers Robotics, Allentown Civic Theatre Drama, and Abstract Art. The classes are full.

As previously if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal the enrichment program will be cancelled that day and we will make every attempt to reschedule the class. Changes this semester are that snacks will no longer be provided and parent's should be sending an approved snack to school with their child.



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

## BOX TOPS:

The winning Teacher/Class? is....

We will give you an update in the next Rams Reader!

Until then, Keep Clipping!!



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Our PTA made over \$2000.00 last year in the most simple way...

How did we do it?

We registered our Giant rewards card numbers!!!

March is the Last month for Giant rewards so Shop, Shop, Shop!!!



## Family Night Out

March is...

## Terry's Italian Restaurant

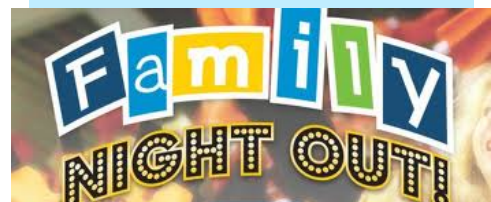
200 South Delaware Dr  
Easton, PA 18042

Wednesday March 19th 4-9pm

Thursday March 20th 4-9pm

Sunday March 23rd  
3-9pm

Take the night off, spend some time with the family, enjoy a delicious meal, all while supporting our PTA!





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## REMINDER:

Williams Township Elementary School kindergarten registration will be held on the following days:

**Thursday March 27, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday March 28, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Registration is by**

**appointment only. Please call 484-373-6170 for appointment.**

Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2014. Please bring child's birth certificate, copy of immunization record from physician and two (2) valid proof of residency.



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](http://www.williams.my-pta.org).

Be sure to visit often!

Thank you,  
Rachelle Gibbs

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## SHOUT OUT'S TO OUR RAMS!!

Nicholas: Happy, Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday (2/16)  
to our #1 Son! Best Valentine's Day gift  
ever! We love you – Mom, Dad & Kassie

Happy Birthday Logan Gibbs!  
We are so very proud of you.  
Love,  
Mommy, Daddy and Gavin

Kassie: We are so proud of you for trying  
something new – yeah, softball!  
We love you – Mom, Dad & Nicholas

Giovanni DiBiagio:  
Congratulations on your First Place –  
JV Wrestling Tournament win! We are  
very proud of you! You worked very  
hard this wrestling season!  
Love Dad, Mom and Angelo

Congratulations to all our Exhibition  
and JV Wrestlers that worked so hard  
and wrestled tough

### 2014 TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

#### Exhibition Tournament

Travis Deemer - 1st place  
Connor Aquino - 1st place  
Remy Trach - 3rd place  
Chase Aquino - 4th place  
Nico Brown - 4th place  
Gunner Scheetz - 4th place  
Rider Heckman - 4th place

#### JV Tournament

Giovanni DiBiagio - 1st place  
Cole Campbell - 2nd place  
Cayden Trimmer - 3rd place  
Tyrone Alexander - 4th place

#### For Sale!!!

1. Nintendo DSi (Used)  
Color: Black  
\$40.00  
Price Includes: Carrying case,  
charger and (3) games.  
If interested and/or have questions  
email [ldibiagio@rcn.com](mailto:ldibiagio@rcn.com)

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