

# The Lil Warrior Beat



The Williams Township PTA Newsletter  
September 2016

## The President's Pen



Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

WELCOME to all our new and returning children and families here at Williams Township Elementary School! We are off to a wonderful Warrior start and look forward to an exciting 2016-17 school year filled with numerous, fun PTA activities! Our Williams Township PTA is very active within our school, and we are thrilled to have so many active volunteers so involved in our children's education!

In 2016, the PTA will sponsor many events that will enhance our children's education including: Assemblies, Book Fair, Enrichment (After School Programs), Field Trips, and Mobile Ag Lab. We will also host some festivity favorites such as our Halloween Trunk or Treat Party, Holiday Bazaar and the Winter Carnival. And in 2017, there is much more to come!

YOU, all our wonderful Warrior parents and guardians make all these events possible! Whether you have minutes or hours to share, your ideas, time and talents are truly sought, and we are so appreciative and thankful for your involvement! Many hands make light work! Plus the enormous bonuses: we get to spend more time with our children and get to know our fellow WTES families, teachers and aides.

We understand that often "time is of the essence." Thus, we rely heavily on our [www.williams.my-pta.org](http://www.williams.my-pta.org) website, global email distribution, and our Facebook Page: Williams Township Elementary School to communicate and update all our families most efficiently throughout the year.

We love your help! Volunteers are always needed! All volunteers must have their clearances up-to-date every 5 years, so start yours today! Visit our website and click on the Security Clearance tab at the top for more information. After you volunteer 6 times, you will be reimbursed for your out of pocket expenses too.

Our PTA meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria (except December and January) and childcare is provided. These meetings are a great way to get involved and share ideas and feedback.

Please feel free to contact us any time! Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely, Sara Aquino, PTA President [jnsaquino@rcn.com](mailto:jnsaquino@rcn.com)

Williams Township PTA

"In It For The Kids!"



2016-2017

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# A Message From The Principal's Desk

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Dear Williams Township Elementary School Families,

Williams Township Elementary School's 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start. I want to thank our staff for all of their hard work to get our school ready for the start of the year. Students are very excited to be back and begin learning at Williams Township Elementary School.

The "Little Warrior" is in full swing at Williams. The students around the Wilson Area School District are embracing our new elementary mascot. Students at Williams are learning the "Warrior Ways" and being recognized by "Earning their Feathers." Students that "Earn their Feathers" are then eligible to be selected as our Warrior of the month. One student will be selected from every grade-level.

All students have been administered our benchmark DIBELS assessments, and from that data, teachers will be addressing specific needs of students in the area of reading. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about interventions your child may be receiving during the course of the school day. Third and fourth grade students will also be administered the 4sight assessments in order to help us deliver focused instruction. I have high expectations for all students at Williams and ask for your assistance to help our students build their achievement level. Please encourage your child to give their best effort and also ask them about their school day, particularly their academic endeavors.

During the month of October, our school district will be running our usual safety drills. Unfortunately, we have to practice with our students and staff to ensure we are ready in case there is an emergency. We regularly practice our fire drills, but during the next month we will also practice our lockdown procedures. There is no reason for alarm; it is something we practice once or twice a year.

We are encouraging more and more parents to begin using our Skyward system which shares information about your child's progress and also their classroom activities. This year we will be asking all parents to view their child's report card on the Skyward system. We will not be sending home printed report cards this year. If you do not have access to the internet and cannot access your child's report card please contact your student's teacher and they will ensure you receive a report card. If you are struggling accessing Skyward please view the family access tutorial which is located under the parents and students tab on the [wilsonareasd.org](http://wilsonareasd.org) website.

The Williams Township PTA is also off to a strong start again under the leadership of President Aquino. Parents have already volunteered many hours to help the PTA be a success. Please help support the PTA in their efforts; they provide many fun and educational opportunities for our children.

The "Little Warriors" of Williams Township are working hard at our school. Please ask your children if they have "earned their feathers." Together let's continue to make our school "up on the hill" a success. I look forward to continuing to work with all of the students, staff, and families of Williams Township Elementary School!

Sincerely,  
Kevin Steidle  
Principal

*From the Reading Specialist, Mrs. Binn*  
*Looking forward to a fantastic school year!*

### *Reading Tips for Parents*



Keep reading lively and interesting with these 7 tips. Learn new ways and means to support and open up this new wonderful world to your child.

By **Anne Schwartzberg**

Even if your child is motivated to read, supporting her with a variety of ways and options will keep her momentum going. Here are 7 tips to open up the wonderful world of reading for your child.

- ◆ What's "Just Right"? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.
- ◆ Map it Out It's important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show them the way from your house to the grocery store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store – like a living GPS!
- ◆ Card Tricks Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and book stores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.
- ◆ Picture This! During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized – and probably hysterical -- graphic novel.
- ◆ Last Comic Standing Take time to read comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put his favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often -- repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he'll love looking forward to the "Sunday funnies" each week.
- ◆ Become a Fan Your child will soon develop a love for particular authors and illustrators. Nurture her fan-ship by helping her write a letter to her favorite author. Many authors have their own websites with contact information, but here's a great place to start your search <http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/authors/all.htm> You can also contact the book's publisher, the mailing address for which can often be found on the back of the title page or on the publisher's Web site.
- ◆ Labels of Love Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labeling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank.

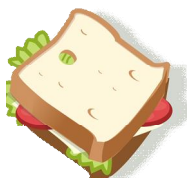
## Volunteering

Don't forget that all volunteers (that are volunteering in the school) are required to have their 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.



## 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. It's 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.

## 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 your 2-3 line shout outs to: [ptaddy@gmail.com](mailto:ptaddy@gmail.com)



Cost is \$2 per shout out and checks or cash can be sent to school with your child marked "Newsletter - Paula Tadayesky". All checks should be made out to "Williams Township PTA".

## Enrichment Program

The Enrichment Program 2016-17 is looking forward to a great year for our after-school program.



We have a great lineup this year!! We made sure we kept the favorites such as MindCraft, MadScience and WarriorFit Performance.

We are always looking for volunteers with proper clearances and new members to join this extremely rewarding committee.

Contact Leah Belizaire with any questions or ideas.

[leiah.belizaire@gmail.com](mailto:leiah.belizaire@gmail.com)

## Reflections Art

The National PTA art program, reflections, will be taking place after school until 4:30 October 3-7



This year's theme is "What is your story?" Four entries will be picked to move on to the next level. Please email Becka Bossons at [becka1980@gmail.com](mailto:becka1980@gmail.com) for more information

## 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 Calendars, School Clearance Information, and much more! The website address is [www.williams.my-pta.org](http://www.williams.my-pta.org)



## Yearbook Committee

Our first Yearbook Club meeting will be the 1st week of October. We will choose and submit our cover in November. We will also be busy picking the theme for this year's book.



Please always remember when you are at an event snap off a few pictures that we could use. We always love to get those smiling faces in the book.

Use the Replay It app to upload those great pics!!

For Replay It:  
Download the app  
Create a username/password  
Search for Williams Township Elementary  
Click take photo to choose photos or click the camera icon to take a photo.

## DONATIONS NEEDED!!

If anyone is looking to upgrade their digital cameras and wishes to donate a camera to the yearbook club, we would love to have the donation. The kids love taking pics. The more cameras we have, the more the kids can get involved

Contact Lori Miller with donations or questions

[Parkplace035@rcn.com](mailto:Parkplace035@rcn.com)



## Facebook

Like us at "Williams Township Elementary School".





## Treasurer's Report

We are looking forward to another fun and profitable year for the Williams Township PTA! Last year we were able to purchase many exciting items for the teachers and their classrooms. We wouldn't be so successful without all of your help!



If you need to be reimbursed or need a payment sent out, please submit all expense receipts/requests along with the completed reimbursement form (available on the PTA website) to school in care of Connor Kressman, in Mrs. Silfies' 3rd grade class, Attn: Kim Kressman

Any questions, please email me at [kimk@rcn.com](mailto:kimk@rcn.com)

## Box Tops

With our first collection already complete for the 2016-2017



school year, we are excited to get through these Box Tops and see how much everyone collected over the summer. Please consider registering your bonus card for ShopRite at [ShopRiteForMySchool.com](http://ShopRiteForMySchool.com) to help earn additional money for our school. Shop for participating products from the advertised promotions for the week during your visit. Earnings are automatically credited to our school's Box Tops account! Box Tops also has a new Bonus Box Tops app where you can upload your receipt for any grocery store and get credit for participating items automatically deposited into the school account as well. If you would like more information please visit the [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) website and follow our school earnings! Our goal this year is \$2000 and every little bit helps!

## Scrip Program

The Scrip program is off to a good start for the 2016-2017 school year. The card purchases for September netted the PTA \$129 in profit! There are many popular gift cards that are available any time as ScripNow eCards, i.e. Dunkin Donuts, Sam's Club, WalMart, T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods as well as many, many more. When purchasing cards this way, you receive the e-card immediately, and the PTA still receives the profit. You can order by going to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The enrollment code is 9BF8A76712869. This is a great to purchase last minute gifts or even to purchase cards for any shopping that you do on a daily basis. We will be offering Shammy Shine cards in October, so keep an eye out for the information on that shortly.

Following cards are in stock for immediate sale:

Giant - \$100 (1)  
Giant - \$50 (5)  
Giant - \$25 (6)  
The Children's Place - \$25 (7)  
Walgreens - \$100 (1)

Any questions on the Scrip program can be sent to Stephanie Koufalis at [stephaniekoufalis@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniekoufalis@gmail.com) or 610-392-6756



## Labels for Education

We are also collecting Labels for Education again. Please make sure only UPCs with the "Labels for Education" logo are sent in. This program allows us to order art and athletic supplies for the school. A list of participating products and more information is available on the website at

[labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com)



## Giant A+ Rewards Program

Register your GIANT card to benefit our school!



Enroll your current Giant Bonus Card into this free rewards program and our school receives a percentage of every purchase made between October 7th to March 16th! It's free money and couldn't be easier. Anyone can sign up their card to benefit our school, so please ask your family and friends to do so as well. Our goal for this year is \$1,200!

Please visit: <http://www.giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/> to register your card and designate Williams Township Elementary as your benefactor. You don't lose points they earn for gas or bonus rewards by designating a school. They need a bonus card to designate a school and can register online or by phone 1-888-814-4268 Option 1.

## Amazon Smile



When you shop online with AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Williams Township Elem School PTA. At no cost to you.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization (Williams Township Elem School PTA) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

This is a simple way to help support your Williams Township PTA all year long.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23->

## Family Night Out



4420 Southmont Way  
Bethlehem, PA

Monday, October 3rd

Tuesday, October 4th

ALL DAY

See our website to print out a flyer to give your server.

PTA receives 15% from your food order !!

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

## Williams Wrestling Sign-Ups

Signups are now open!!

[williamsathletics.org](http://williamsathletics.org)

Wrestling is open to children 5 yrs to 12 yrs old. Open gym will be held November 1st and 3rd.

There is no charge for open gym.

Facebook: Williams Township Wrestling

Please contact Aaron Gibbs at [gibbs0621@gmail.com](mailto:gibbs0621@gmail.com) if you have any questions



## Williams Basketball Sign-Ups

Signups are now open!!

[williamsathletics.org](http://williamsathletics.org)

In-house is offered for boys & girls ages 6 & 7.

Boys and girls ages 8—15 are eligible to sign up for the Community Basketball League

Please contact Bobby Belizaire if you have any questions

[bobbybelizaire@gmail.com](mailto:bobbybelizaire@gmail.com)



## Halloween Party

This year's event is Saturday, October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. (Rain date is Saturday, October 29th from 5:30-7:00)

This event is open for all family members (no clearances needed) to attend (kids will stay with their parents during this event).

Where: Williams Township Elementary School Parking Lot (and outside area).

- ◆ Costume parade will be start at 5:45 pm. DJ will be playing throughout the party
- ◆ "Trunk or Treat" throughout the event.
- ◆ Needed: Families for "Trunk or Treat" Just decorate a vehicle and provide an item to hand out and/OR provide an activity. (Single families, groups of friends, or individuals are welcome!) - Activities can include "fishing, mini-golf, bean bag toss, etc.) PTA can also supplement the items to hand out at your vehicle. (car set up will start from 4:45 to 5:15)
- ◆ Suggested Food/Candy include: Goldfish Crackers, Cheez-It Crackers, Rold Gold or Utz Brand Pretzels, Lay's Brand or Wal-Mart Brand single serve chip packs, Kellogg's Nutri-Grain cereal Bars, Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks, Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rice Krispie treats, Twizlers, Dots, Hershey chocolate, regular M&Ms - **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS PLEASE**

Look out for the "car" sign up on the PTA site in October!

Any questions e-mail Cathy Mueller [cmuelle@neostrata.com](mailto:cmuelle@neostrata.com)



## TRICKY TRAY!!!

Tricky Tray will be April 8th!!

We are looking for volunteers. You



can give as much or little time as you can spare. This is always a huge event and really helps us give back to the school and is a community event.

Please contact Shelli Piparato

[shell3405@hotmail.com](mailto:shell3405@hotmail.com) or by phone or text at [610-597-1083](tel:610-597-1083)

Please Like and Share our Facebook Page so you can stay up to date on all of the updates

Williams Township Elementary School Tricky Tray



## Holiday Bazaar

All students will have an opportunity to shop at this event in December. There are many items available for moms, dads, grandparents, uncles, aunts, siblings, teachers and friends. Most items are between \$1 and \$2—kids love it



Look for a flyer with specific dates coming home in late November.

Any questions e-mail Cathy Mueller

[cmuelle@neostrata.com](mailto:cmuelle@neostrata.com)



A shout out to all  
Williams Township  
RAMS Football Players  
and Cheerleaders...keep  
up the hard work!



Brooke Hackman & Wesley Carman

You guys are doing a great job at  
being an older brother and sister.  
I am lucky to have you both!!

Love you always,  
Baby Bre



Happy 10th Birthday Halle Washburn!!

We love you!!

Dad, Mom, Alexis, Bailey, Chloe, and  
Clayton

Happy 8th Birthday Jaxson "Bits"  
Tadayesky!!

Love All of Us!!!!

Mom, Rihanna, Grandma, Pops, and  
Nana



October 4th and 5th  
Make Ups October 6th

School Closed  
October 10th  
in observance of  
Columbus Day



Halloween Party!  
October 22nd  
5:30—7:00 pm



PTA  
Meeting  
Come join us!

The next General  
Meeting of the PTA  
is November 8th!  
Child care  
provided!!





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*Saturday, October 1, 2016*

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Speak with Health-Related Businesses & Organizations  
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Donate Blood to The Miller-Keystone Blood Center

*The mission of the Lehigh Valley Health Festival is to raise awareness about health matters and help create an informed community by bringing together individuals, businesses, and community organizations around the themes of fitness, nutrition, restoration and mental health.*


**WWW.LVHEALTHFEST.ORG**

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453 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042

**VIP TICKET**

5 – 6:30 PM  
\$150 PER PERSON

Includes General Admission (see above) and VIP Reception

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342 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042

**PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 7**

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