

Lil Warrior Beat

The President's Pen

A big WELCOME to all the new families that have children beginning their educational journey here at Williams Township! You are joining some fantastic families already enrolled here, and we are so glad to have you. The Williams Township PTA is very active within our school and we take pride in being involved in our children's education.

Every year the PTA sponsors many events and it make for an exciting year. Some your children have already taken part in including Mobile Ag Lab and Book Fair. We just started the Fall Enrichment (After School Programs). Other upcoming Fall / Winter events you need to look for will be our Halloween Party, Holiday Bazaar and the Winter Carnival. These events not only help your child, but they also help you as parents and guardians to get to know other families, teachers and aides. We are in it for the kids and love creating a sense of community.

We understand that time seems to fly by and there is never enough time in a day. We have tried to make things easier by using our website and Facebook Page as a means of communication. We know how important it is for our kiddos to take part in school events and know what going on when. So, please visit www.williams.my-pta.org or our Facebook page: Williams Township Elementary School to find the answers and those important dates!

We need you as a volunteer at our school! All volunteers must have their clearances, 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. How great is that!

PTA meetings are another great way to get involved. These meetings are a great way to voice opinions and give ideas or feedback. We also have guest speakers! As always, the board is open to any and all of your comments or ideas, so please don't hesitate to email or contact any one of us. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,

Paula Tadayesky, PTA President

ptaddypta@gmail.com



2017-2018

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From the Principal's Desk

Williams Township Elementary School's 2017-2018 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. It was great to see so many families here at Back to School Night. It highlights the wonderful support we have from the entire community here at Williams Township.

The "Little Warrior" is back in full swing at Williams. Students at Williams continue to learn the "Warrior Ways" and are 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.

Once again we are 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 have not verified and updated your student's emergency contact information in Skyward Family Access, please complete this important task. It is very important that you review and update your child's emergency contact information as soon as possible. We need up-to-date contact information if your child becomes sick or in the event of an emergency.**

To access Skyward, go to the District website at www.wilsonareasd.org. Click the Skyward link on the left hand side of the home page. After logging into Skyward, click the link on the left hand side of the page "Annual Student Information Update". If you do not know your login information, please contact our school. You must complete this process for each child enrolled in the District. If you do not have online access there are public computers available in all school buildings during normal school hours

The weather has allowed us to be outside very often this school year. Please remember to have students dress appropriately as the weather gets cooler so we are able to continue to enjoy the outdoors.

The Williams Township PTA is off to a strong start again under the new leadership of President Paula Tadayesky. Parents have already volunteered many hours to help the PTA be a success. This would include lunch duty and the Agricultural lab which gives our students a different and enjoyable science experience. This is possible because of our strong PTA. 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!

Thank you,

Kevin Steidle

REPORTING ABSENCES and REQUESTING HOMEWORK

Parents are required to call the appropriate school office each day that their child is absent from school. This contact serves as a safety measure and notifies the school that your child is not expected in attendance.

If homework is being requested for an absent child, please leave this request with the secretary at the opening of the school day. A teacher will need the full day to prepare your child's homework which may be picked up in the office after dismissal.

REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Families planning an educational experience during the school year are required to complete a **Request for Excused Absence from School** form in advance of the trip. Parents also agree to assume responsibility for the child's school work during the period of absence. As per the form absences are limited to five (5) school days. Request for Excused Absence from School forms can be obtained from the school secretary and are maintained on file in the school office.

NEED FOR PARENT COOPERATION

Each school year there are many activities and events that require teacher time. In order to maximize the time our teachers spend with students, we ask for your help in the following ways:

1. Make sure your child arrives to school on time.
2. Make sure your child attends school every day, unless he or she is ill.

Note: *Missing school because of bad weather, visiting others, or waking up late are not legal excuses.*
3. If your child has been absent, be sure that he or she returns to school with an excuse stating the reason for the absence.
4. Please treat all home injuries (cuts, scrapes, splinters, etc.) before your child comes to school.
5. Check that your child has all necessary supplies for the day (lunch money, lunch, books, homework, papers, etc.). *Note: A book bag helps youngsters to stay organized.*
6. Your child is to ride only on his or her regularly assigned bus.
7. Upon entering the school building, all visitors must register in the school office. This is to eliminate untimely interruptions and to insure the safety of all students and staff.
8. Please stand clear of hallways and bus loading zones during dismissal time. Also, please wait until after dismissal to visit teachers, as they are supervising children.
9. Please do not park in the bus or van loading zones.
10. Do not double park when dropping off or picking up children.
11. For the safety of the children, please do not call your child from your car or from between parked cars. Please help them to cross at street corners only.

12. Parents delivering items to the school are requested to leave them in the school office, so that classes aren't disrupted.
 13. Please do not permit your child to wear headphones, or ride bicycles, skateboards or scooters to school. These can be hazardous for children when crossing streets or waiting for the bus.
 14. Students should not wear flip-flops, sandals or slippery shoes. *Note: Sneakers are recommended for gym classes.*
 15. If involved in a custody case, please provide the school with a copy of the custody order.
 16. The procedure to discuss or report concerns, problems or complaints is to:
 - A. Contact your child's teacher. If the problem is not resolved then:
 - B. Contact the Principal
 - C. Contact the Superintendent
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**HELP YOURSELF WHILE
HELPING OTHERS**

Make a positive impact. Help families solve their financial problems, and you'll earn additional cash. Start part-time. You determine your hours and compensation potential.

For more information, call

Matt Domaszewicz

Tel. 610-438-5080|

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Williams Township's ANNUAL

TRUNK & TREAT

Please join us

SAT., OCTOBER 21ST 5:30-7:00 pm
WTES Parking Lot

CANDY & TRUNKS ARE NEEDED

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR "SPOOK-TACULAR" TRUNK OR TREAT! WE HAVE AN EVENING PLANNED FULL OF TRICKS AND TREATS. COME ENJOY:

- A costume parade beginning promptly at 5:45
- dance to music
- Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 cars.
- children stay with their families during the event

TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE HELP BY DONATING A BAG OF **peanut free** candy. Additionally, please consider decorating the trunk of your car and pass out candy to all our ghouls and ghosts. SPOTS WILL FILL FAST SO PLEASE SEE OUR PTA WEBSITE TO RESERVE YOUR PARKING SPOT AND/OR CANDY DONATION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

<http://www.williams.mj-ptal.org/>



Rain date
Oct. 28th
5:30-7:00

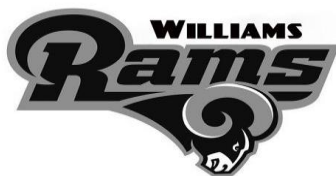
WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION

TRICKY TRAY

OCTOBER 28TH

10:30a- 3p

AT THE WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE



Next PTA General Meeting

November 14th 6:30p in the
School Cafeteria



School Closed November 23rd,
24th and 27th



COMMITTEE UPDATES

VOLUNTEERING

Don't forget that all volunteers (in 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 processing time. See our "Security Clearance" tab on the PTA website for more information. Reminder - If you are volunteering for an event you **MUST** register online and report to Mrs. Petty in the office to sign in.



THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!! WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION!!!!

LUNCH DUTY

Don't forget that all volunteers (in 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 processing time. See our "Security Clearance" tab on the PTA website for more information.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

We kicked off the Fall 2017 Enrichment Program. We are looking forward to a great year with new adventures with our after-school program. We have a wonderful lineup this year. Some new programs as well as some of the kids favorites. We are always looking for volunteers with approved clearances



REFLECTIONS ART

The National PTA Art Program, Reflections, will be taking place after school the week of October 23rd. Do you have a great idea? Goal? Dream? Does it feel so far away? Or can you feel it? Like you can jump up and just grab it?

These are the questions we are going to ask our students as we kickoff and promote this year's Reflections Program and encourage them to think of creative ways to share this year's theme in an art piece. Only 25 children from grades 1-4 can participate.

A registration form was sent home to register and be part of this amazing program. Spaces are limited.

If you are interested or need more information please contact Maggie Hall at

maggiehall818@gmail.com



YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Committee began meeting to plan this year's amazing yearbook. Always some great ideas from our creative Little Warriors

We are always looking for donations of cameras in working condition for our student photographers.

Contact Lori Miller with any donations or ideas.

parkplace035@rcn.com



PTA EMAIL / WEBSITE

To be added to the global email list please register on our website. It's a great way to stay in the know and have all you need in one place.

You will also find Volunteer opportunities, School Calendar, School Clearance information and much, much more!!

www.williams.my-pta.com

FACEBOOK

"WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP ELEMETARY SCHOOL "



COMMITTEE UPDATES

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are looking forward to another great year with our WTES families and a profitable year. Last year we were able to purchase some items for the school and our awesome teachers, We wouldn't be successful if it wasn't for you all and your help with fundraising.

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, Mrs. Slifies 4th grade class, Attn: Kim Kressman

Any questions please email Kim Kressman at kimk@rcn.com

SCRIP PROGRAM

For those unfamiliar with the program, Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables the PTA to raise money. **Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.** You purchase gift cards at face value, and the PTA orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an rebate to the PTA. It's really that simple! Great Lakes Scrip Center carries over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, and more. You can also order by going to www.shopwithscrips.com and use our school id **9BF8A76712869**

Contact Stephanie Koufalis at stephaniekoufalis@gmail.com or 610-392-6756

BOX TOPS

We hope everyone had a great start to the school year! Hopefully everyone was busy collecting Box Tops over the summer. Make sure you take the time to register your bonus card for ShopRite at ShopRiteForMySchool.com to help earn additional money for our school. All you need to do is 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! There is no need to send anything into the school! There is also a 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. Boxtops4education.com is always running sweepstakes to help the school earn additional money. Along with entering the sweepstakes are coupons for participating products. Lastly, this year we will also be not only awarding the winning class each month with Scholastic dollars, but each child in the winning class will receive some kind of prize! We hope that this helps you, your family, friends, co-workers to clip those Box Tops and help us reach our goal of \$2000 for the year!



GIANT A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Williams Township Elementary School – ID# 23417 has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! **You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.**

It's easy to participate, visit www.giantfoodstores.com and select **Savings & Rewards**. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the **School ID # 23417** OR, IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR BONUSCARD® NUMBER CALL 1-888-814-4268 OPTION #1.

After registering use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can watch your tally of rewards at the bottom of your receipt. We will receive a CASH check at the end of the year for the PTA.

Please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS



COMMITTEE UPDATES

AMAZON SMILE

When you shop online with AmazonSmile the foundation that runs it will donate a percentage of your eligible purchases to Williams Township PTA. At NO cost to you.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) you will need to select a charity – Williams Township Elem School PTA to for the donations to be granted to the PTA. Your charity will be saved and remembered each time you or anyone that registers shops. Anyone can register and help out our PTA. It runs all year long and really pays off for us during the holiday season.

You Shop, Amazon Gives!!



LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We are collecting Labels for Education again. Please make sure you are only sending the UPCs with “Labels for Education” into school. This program allows us to order art and athletic supplies for the school. A list of participating products and more information is available at

Labelsforeducation.com



HALLOWEEN PARTY

This year's event 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).

When: Saturday, October 22th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm (Rain date October 28th)

Costume parade will be start at 5:45 pm. DJ will be playing throughout the party

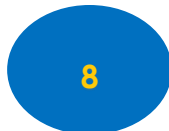
Needed: Families for “Trunk or Treat” Just decorate a vehicle and provide an item to hand out and/OR provide an activity. PTA can also supplement treats to hand out at your vehicle. (**car set up will start from 4:45 to 5:15**)

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, Nutri-Grain cereal Bars, Fruit Snacks, Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rice Krispie treats, Twizlers, Dots, Hershey chocolate, regular M&Ms -

NO PEANUT PRODUCTS PLEASE!!!

Signup is open on the PTA website under the Volunteer tab



FAMILY NIGHT OUT

We had a great turnout at Chipotle last month and made over \$120 for our first event. We will typically try to do our FNO on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next up is Panera Bread on Wednesday, October 18th at the 4442 Southmont Way location from 4p-8p. Please remember to bring your flyer. One will be sent home or you can access it on our website of Facebook page.



SHOUT OUTS

Want to give a “Shout Out” to your child for a birthday wish, a great job or just a reminder how awesome they are. We take them all for the newsletter. We place them in each newsletter.

Cost is \$2 per shout and it can be sent into school marked “Newsletter”

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

Now open – signups for Inhouse and league basketball for boys and girls. Inhouse is offered for ages 6&7 and ages 8-15 are eligible for Community League.

Please visit the website to register

www.williamsathletics.org

SHOUT OUTS



Good luck to our 2017 Williams Township Rams
Flag Football team!

Troy Lackey #1, Matthew Piparato #3, Landry Castillo #4,
Miles Wallaesa #5, Mason Hartrum #6, Rece Nush #7,
Cameron Belizaire #8, Cooper Benevides #10, Riley Ahart
#12, Nathan Horton #13, Lee Zarnas #14, Zain Savercool
#15, Chace Marinelli #23, Brady Genard #25, Michael
Cuvo #26

GO GET 'EM!!!!



Have the happiest 7th
Halloween birthday,
Landry! You make us so
proud!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and Sawyer



Happy 9th Birthday Jaxson – BITZ

Stop growing so fast!! We all
love you so much and keep
being awesome!!

Love,

Mom, Rih, Goomah, Pops and
Trin





We want to help you answer your toughest financial questions!

- **Where do I stand financially?**
- **How do I rollover my IRA/401(k)?**
- **What can I do to beef up my savings and retirement plan?**
- **How much should I be saving for my child's education expenses?**
- **What will happen to my family if I die unexpectedly?**
- **How can I reduce my debt?**
- **What can I do to earn some extra money?**

Matt Domaszewicz

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