

Williams-Cone School Principal's Newsletter

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"Williams-Cone School is a safe and kind community that inspires every student to succeed. -Compassionate, Curious, Confident Learners-"

Hello Williams-Cone School Community!

We've had a super start to the new school year. Students are settling into their routines, establishing positive classroom communities as well as revisiting and learning many learning goals and concepts. Introductory classroom visits and presentations have been made by our RTI Behavior Strategist, Miss Marla as well as Mr. Cardoza, School Counselor, Miss Carin, Social Worker and myself. During each visit we have found all students to be respectful, responsive and excited about this school year. A few items to note that will be taking place over the next few weeks:

***Grade Level Curriculum Nights:** Based on parent/caregiver feedback, each

grade level will be offering a Curriculum Night over the next few weeks. The purpose of these presentations are to help parents and caregivers have a better understanding of the curriculum expectations, classroom routines, communication procedures and ways that parents/caregivers can support their students throughout the year. Individual grade levels will communicate with parents the date and time of their respective Curriculum Night. Parent/Caregiver support is needed and appreciated!!

***Field Trip Permission Slips:** By now, most everyone in K-5 should have received at least one field trip permission slip. (Ex. Walk to School Day-Oct. 2nd). You may have noticed some changes in the format and language of the form. All MSAD #75 field trips must receive prior approval from the Superintendent of schools and any field trip that is out of state and/or involves any type of water activity must also receive school board approval. It is also essential to note that written permission slips are required for all field trips. Verbal permission from a parent/caregiver will not be accepted under any circumstance. Students will not be allowed to attend a field trip without written consent from a parent/caregiver.

***Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are need for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair that will be held October 3rd through October 8th. Volunteers are also needed to help shelve books each week in the Learning Commons. If you are available and interested in helping with the Scholastic Book Fair and/or in the Learning Commons, please contact Ms. Bellina, LC Ed Tech at: bellinal@link75.org.

***Principal's Reading Challenge:** We are super proud to announce that over 100 WCS students completed the Summer Principal's Reading Challenge!!! Participating students were recognized during the "Welcome Back" Assembly on September 6th. Each participating student will receive a certificate for a free book at the upcoming Fall Scholastic Book Fair! Reading Challenges will be held during Winter Breaks 1 & 2 and Spring Break again this year.

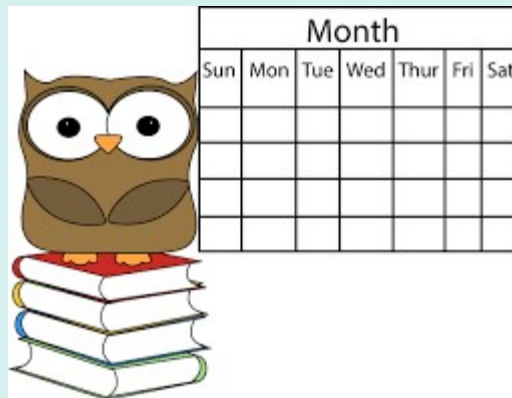
***Thank-you:** We are so very blessed to have a vibrant, supportive and generous community. A special thank-you to Urban Gardens of Topsham who generously donated mums and many of our garden supplies to start the school year and in previous school years. FOWC, our amazing parent/caregiver group has many fabulous activities and fundraisers planned over the next few months. These fundraisers support our field trips, classroom activities and teacher wishlists. Thank-you FOWC!!!

***Newsletters:** Please review the "Important Dates" that are listed in this newsletter. The Principal's Newsletter will be emailed home bi-weekly throughout the school year and is available in hard copy form through the school office.

Fall is quickly coming upon us and brings many glorious things from changing leaves to apple picking and carving pumpkins. Fall also brings transition into our lives-exciting and sometimes challenging. The WCS staff and I here to support each of our students and their families. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers, our counseling/social work staff and/or myself if there is anyway that we can provide greater levels of support to your

student(s). We love our WCS students and want to help them grow and thrive as learners and individuals!

Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal



Important Dates

9/25 FOWC Fall Consignment Fundraiser Drop Off-6:00-7:00 P.M., WCS

9/27 PBIS/Aavidum Monthly Assembly

9/30 MSAD #75 Elementary Grading and Reporting, 5:30 P.M.,
Harpwell Community School

10/2 Annual Walk to School Day, 9:30 A.M., Topsham Fairgrounds

10/3-10/8 Fall Scholastic Book Fair, LC

10/7-10/10 Bus Driver Appreciation Week

10/7 Picture Day for Students & Staff

10/11 Professional Development Day, No School for Students

10/14 Columbus Day, No School

10/15 Playground Updates Committee, 5:00 P.M., LC/WCS Playground

10/15 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M. , LC

10/25 FOWC Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00 P.M., Gym

10/25 PBIS/Aevidum Monthly Assembly

10/28 MSAD #75 Elementary Grading and Reporting Committee Meeting,
5:30 P.M., Bowdoin Central School

11/5 Election Day

11/5 FOWC Meeting, 6:00 P.M., LC

11/11 Veteran's Day, No School

11/15 FOWC Basket Fundraiser/Potluck Dinner, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

11/18-11/26 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/22 PBIS/Aevidum Assembly

11/26 Trimester 1 Ends

11/26 12:00 P.M. Dismissal for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:30-
3:30 P.M.

11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Recess



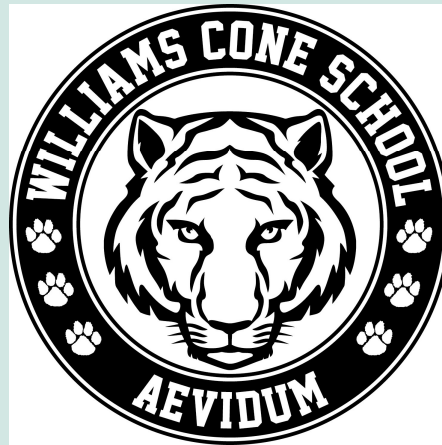
Grading & Reporting

Many of you know that our district began a process last May of gaining feedback about our grading and reporting system. We have sought your participation in the process. I wanted to let you know about two opportunities to be involved:

* Our next meeting of the Elementary Grading and Reporting Working Group is open to any parent or staff member in the district. It will be held on September 30th, from 5:30-6:30pm at Harpswell Community School (HCS). Part of our work will be to evaluate different options for report cards. Please RSVP to me at riner@link75.org if you plan on attending so we can be sure to have the right space at HCS.

* If you cannot attend the meeting - and in fact, at any time for any reason - you can provide your feedback through the [Elementary Parent Report Card Feedback form](#). Any and all feedback about our grading and reporting system is welcome, and will be reviewed by the Working Group and the Elementary Principals. I encourage you to share your thoughts if you haven't already, and thanks!

Finally, you may want to take note of the fourth and final Working Group meeting date: Monday, October 28th, from 5:30-6:30 at Bowdoin Central School.



WCS students are well on their way to making good choices throughout our school community. Over the next couple of weeks several positive incentives will be implemented school wide in addition to classroom management rewards. This includes PAWS Bonus Recess, the School Store, Principal for a Day, and Students of the Month.

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)/Multi-Tiered System of Support Services (MTSS) packets were sent home with all students in grades one through five this week. Please review this information with your students as there were some important changes made to the discipline reporting system based on parent, student and staff feedback. If you have any questions and/or suggestions upon review, please contact Miss Marla, RTI Behavior Strategist at dibiasem@link75.org or me, Randa Rineer at rineerr@link75.org.