



Willow Elementary

September Principal's Message

September 4, 2018

Dear Willow Elementary Parents,

This year has started off excellent! Thank you to all of the parents, who attended Back to School Night. We had a great turn out. Thank you for your support in working as a team to help prepare our students for success. This year we are focusing on "Building Master Learners!" and "Be Kind, Pass it On!" We are continuing with our goal from the previous years to have students in charge of their own learning by tracking their progress in their "Wolf Tracks" folders. The students have set goals and will be working toward these goals. They will share them with their teachers, who will provide quality feedback and with you at parent/teacher conferences. Many of the conferences will be student-led. Ask them at any time to communicate their goals and progress with you. We are so proud to be a State Designated STEM School and will continue doing STEM daily. We BELIEVE in our students and our whole Willow Team! We will continue to strive for Excellence!!

We just finished our DIBELS reading benchmarks. These assessments focus on reading fluency and give teachers information on where students are in their reading. Our Encore/Tool time started today so, while the students are in writing, art, PE, or computers the teachers are discussing the data and deciding which interventions and

enrichments students need. Our whole school 90-day focus is on reading comprehension.

We welcome parent volunteers at Willow. Thanks for all that you do! Please make sure to get the paperwork from the office if you would like to help out in the classroom or attend field trips. The district does background checks on Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. Please call 833-1900 to make an appointment.

Please remind students to pay for lunch in the morning before school.

We love to read at Willow Elementary! We hope that you take some time this month to share with your children some of your favorite books as a family. The 40 Book Challenge form for the library is posted on Peach jar and was sent home with each student. The theme this year goes with our building master learners and Mrs. Lambert has invited Home Depot to come in May.

The Willow Elementary Community Council will meet for the first time on September 18. All parents are always invited. This year we had two open positions on our community council for parents, who were interested in serving as voting members of the committee. Three people expressed interest before the deadline in that position and voting is taking place this week. Anyone interested in attending community council meetings, please see the schedule below and posted on the website. Your community council parent members and their email addresses are:

Parent members are:

Ann Staley ann3staley@gmail.com

Elizabeth Smith elizabethlyde@gmail.com

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School Members:

Teacher, Joan Watson jwatson@tooeleschools.org

Angie Gillette, Principal agillette@tooeleschools.org

Contact information for community council members may also be found on the Willow Elementary School website and at schoollandtrust.org.

Dates of meetings for the school year are:

All meetings are held in the school media center beginning at 4:00 p.m.

September 18, 2018

October 9, 2018

January 8, 2019

March 12, 2019

May 7, 2019

Scheduled meetings, agendas, and minutes from the meetings may also be accessed on the school website.

School Safety is always a priority. Please remember to use the crosswalk in front of the school during drop off and pick up times. It is not safe to walk between cars. Help us with the safety of all of our students. **Also, please remember to drive all the way through to the front of the building to drop your student off before and after school. Please have students exit your vehicle on the school side (east side) of your vehicle and not into the moving traffic or passing lanes. Please be an example to your students and use the crosswalk also.**

My goal is to keep you informed. Please watch for announcements on our new district website, Peach jar, Facebook, our school marquee, twitter, PTA email list, and the bulletin board at Soelbergs.

I am including some dates of upcoming events.

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| September 4-7 | Community Council Elections at Willow Office |
| September 12 | School Board Meeting |
| September 18 | Community Council mtg. |
| September 17-21 | Book Fair |
| September 19 & 20 | Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (midterm) |
| September 20 | Reflections |
| September 24 | PTA fundraiser |
| October 8 | No School for students-Techtobertfest PD for Teachers |
| October 8-25 | ELA and Math Benchmarks grades 3-6 |

October 9 Community Council

October 18-19 No school for students, Utah Teacher Convention

October 23 Flu Clinic

October 26 End of term-No School for students Teacher Professional Development

Starting the first week in October we will have the "Student of the Month to Howl About" signs coming home to those students doing an outstanding job. The most improved students will have a "picnic with the principal" on the last Wednesday of the month. Thank-you parents for working with us to make Willow Elementary a school of academic **EXCELLENCE**. We BELIEVE in our students! We are building master learners and kindness!

Sincerely,

Angie Gillette

Principal of Willow Elementary