

January Principal's Message



January 2, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! It's great to have the students back to school rested and ready to learn! I know that our teachers and students will continue to build master learners by setting great new learning goals for the rest of the school year while continuing to meet their current goals! Please ask your students and teachers about their goals and progress. We have a busy month ahead. The students will be continuing with the DIBELS reading benchmarks, math and language arts benchmarks for grades 3-6 and science benchmarks. The end of the second term is already upon us on January 9. The teachers will be going over data and doing grades on January 11, so there is no school for students. Report cards will go home on January 18. The next parent/student/teacher conferences will be on February 20 and 21 from 4-8 PM.

Please watch for an update on our Willow Facebook and website for the following exciting new event...starting the week of January 14, we will be launching our Willow YouTube videos of "Bedtime Stories to HOWL about." Each week there will be a different story read aloud for you to play and enjoy with your students. I will do the first one, then other staff members from Willow and the District Office will follow. There are enough stories and readers for a new story and guest each week until the end of the school year. We hope that this will be fun for your family and help spread our love of reading and books throughout our community.

The following are the upcoming events for January:

January 2	Welcome back!!
January 8	Community Council Mtg. School Board Mtg.
January 9	End of term HOWL signs sent home
January 11	No School for students -teacher professional development day

January 16	Willow Science Fair
January 18	Report Cards sent home Lunch Reward Assembly Buddy Squad Word Activity
January 21	No School
January 24	5 th grade state capitol
January 25	District Science Fair
January 30	Picnic with the principal

Also, coming in February will be White Ribbon Week (internet safety). Our One Book, One School, combined with a Math/ Literacy/STEM Night will be coming up too.

I would like to thank the PTA for organizing and supporting our students in the Reflections contest. I am always impressed with the great work that our students do. We have some very talented students!

We have some new staff members: Angela Kelley is our new secretary replacing Mrs. Niesporek. We have a new ELL aide, Kori Bunderson, a new intervention aide, Katie Butler, a new SPED paraprofessional, Kobi Bowler, and a new writing aide, Kate Wolcock.

I love being the principal at Willow! Thanks for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Angie Gillette

