



October 3, 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for all of your support and being a team player in your child's education. Your students are doing a great job because we have excellent teachers and supportive parents working together. The students are setting goals and tracking their data, be sure to ask them about their progress and all of the amazing things that they are learning in school this year!

It's hard to believe that it is already October. I want to take the time to share some of the things happening at Willow. It is so enjoyable to come to school each day and see kindness, awesome teaching and learning and many other exciting things that your students are doing!! When you are at the school I hope that you take the time to look at the work posted in the halls, I learn something new every day. In the main hall all of the students have written something about how they plan to show kindness and become master learners. I have been around to all of the classrooms and I am seeing great things. The students are excited to learn and work hard. There are many STEM activities going on every day integrated with language arts and other subjects.

Please remember that if you are going on your child's field trip, we need you to fill out the volunteer paper work for the background check (this is district policy) at least 10 days ahead of time and that it is good for five years. Also, if you are a chaperone, you need to ride the bus and we ask that you leave all other siblings home. Thank You!

For your child's safety, please make sure to check them out at the office. **Please wait by the office and we will call down from the classrooms.** Thank you very much. Also, thank you for helping with the drop off and pick up! The changes that we made are going well now and we appreciate your help making our school safe!! Students are waiting in front by the crosswalk to be picked up and dropped off. We do not want any students crossing traffic in the parking lot. Thanks for waiting patiently in the drop off and pick up line and not crossing over through the front parking lot.

There will be no school on October 8th for district professional development. In the past few years the focus has been on technology. This year the focus is on positive behavior supports, mental health and positive school climate.

Every Wednesday this month will be a focus on a Red Ribbon Activity.

This month your students in grades 3-6 will be taking the language arts and math benchmark assessments. The data will be used by teachers to discuss in our PLC meetings and on the data day on October 26th.

The PTA is doing their fundraiser until October 8th. They are awesome! The money goes to help with field trips, STEM, field day, teacher supplies, and other items for the school.

We had an awesome STEMFEST last year and want to do it again this year. Please watch for updates on the event. It will be on Wednesday, November 7, from 6-8 PM. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming October Events

October 4	Picture Day 5 th Discovery Gateway
October 8	No School for students-District Professional Development on Positive Behavior Supports
October 8-25	ELA and Math Benchmarks grades 3-6
October 9	Community Council and School Board Meeting
October 15	2 nd field trip
October 18-19	No School- teacher convention
October 23	Flu Clinic
October 25	Reflections due
October 26	No School for Students -Teachers work/PD-End of term ½ data ½ grades
October 29	1 st field trip
October 31	Picnic w/Principal
November 7	STEMFEST 6-8 PM

October 3,10,17,24 Red Ribbon Month

“I believe in me, happy, healthy, and drug free!”

Week 1 Wednesday- Proud to be drug free-Wear Red and Black- school colors

Week 2 Wednesday- My future matters-dress for success and wear your best

Week 3 Wednesday- Too bright for drugs-wear bright colors or sunglasses

Week 4 Wednesday- Lei off drugs-wear a lei and/or Hawaiian clothes

Week 5-Team up against drugs-wear a sports shirt or jersey

Thanks for all you do!

Angie Gillette, Principal