



November Principal's Message

November 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

I am so very thankful to be the principal of the most amazing school, Willow Elementary!! We have the best students, staff, and parents! Thanks for a wonderful first term! This is my favorite time of year! It gives me time to reflect on all of the things that I am thankful for. I am very thankful to be at such a wonderful school filled with a staff that works hard every day building master learners. I'm thankful for the students, who put a smile on my face each day with their enthusiasm for learning, and the fun stories they have to tell me. I'm thankful to our parents who volunteer in classrooms, help with PTA activities/Community Council, and support our school events. I am very thankful and proud to be the principal at Willow.

I am in and out of classrooms each day and it is very exciting to see the amazing teaching and learning that is taking place. We just finished giving our first of three benchmark tests in math and language arts in grades 3-6. Teachers are using the data to continue to help your child learn and succeed. Our 90-day plan main focus is on reading comprehension. Teachers and students are working hard each day in every grade to meet the goals that they have set. Be sure to check out our "Learning and Kindness Wall" in the main hall to see their goals. It is very powerful to see students taking charge of their own learning.

We really appreciate those of you that have completed your online registration!! If you have not, please get this completed as soon as you can.

We are almost 100% complete (only 30 people left) Thank you very much for helping us.

Thanks to the funding from the School Land Trust and the Willow Elementary plan developed by the school community council, our staff has been able to move forward with their own professional growth and your children have had the opportunity to engage in learning physical education, writing, computers, and interventions/enrichments. Money from the Trust land's fund has been used to pay for these aides working with students. Visit the website www.schoollandtrust.org , or the school website found on the TCSD home page/schools/Willow/community council to read the information on School Land Trust and community council. You are always welcome to attend the community council meetings at the school. The schedule for the meetings and our council members' contact information is on our school's website.

November Events:

November 5	Send Report Cards Home
	Howl Signs out and PAWS in lunchroom
November 6	Picture Retakes
November 7	STEMFEST
November 12	HOWL team mtg.
	Veteran's Day Assembly 2-3PM
November 15	Reflections Award Night 7-8PM
November 22-23	Happy Thanksgiving!!
November 28	Picnic w/Principal
November 30	Midterms

Thank you for all of your support and playing an important role as a team member in your child's education. Please continue to check the school website, Facebook, Twitter, and Peach jar for information. Have a wonderful fall break and enjoy everything that you are thankful for!

Sincerely,

Angie Gillette

Principal