

August 27 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

Welcome to school kindergarten students! We are excited you have officially started your school year!

We had a great start of school last week. **Thank you** for coming with your children on the first day of school and the great turn out at the PTA meeting. It's very important to let the students know that we are working together as partners on their behalf. We appreciate your feedback and assistance during the school year.

All of the students who played the summer **bingo game** should turn in their packets to their teachers by August 27th. The students will receive a prize for the level of participation they completed. Students who completed all of the activities, they have a black out, will have a party on Friday, August 31st here at school. We are really excited about all of the students who participated. We doubled in the number of students participating this past summer. We will be going around tomorrow morning giving students participation awards.

Willow Canyon has an amazing **orchestra** program due to Joanne Andrus the teacher. Fourth and fifth grade students may participate. Mrs. Andrus visited classrooms last week to tell the students about the program. Even if a child has never played an instrument, they will be confident and successful as Mrs. Andrus teaches them. The orchestra has school and district concerts through the school year and also recitals for parents.

Important reminders and links.

- Nutrition, breakfast and lunch menus and prices.

<https://canyonsdistrict.nutrislice.com/menu/willow-canyon>

- Please, sign up to volunteer. This is an annual process, it must be completed every year before adults can volunteer in classrooms. District policy requires all adults who volunteer in schools to complete the volunteer registration process. Please complete this process for everyone in your family who would like to volunteer in classrooms. This must also be completed before family members can help with field trips. It can take up to 48 hours for this process to be completed and individuals are registered and approved to volunteer. If you complete this process now, you are set for the school year.

<https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>

PTA and SCC News

The PTA Board

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Litson and Rebecca Leick
- Treasure: Racheal DeAzevedo
- Membership: Amourette Bradley

The link to the PTA Newsletter

<https://willowcanyon.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/pta>

We have a fabulous School Community Council (SCC). **If you would like to serve on the School Community Council, please stop by the office and pick up a School Community Council Candidate Form.** As a SCC member you will help us with our Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and our School LAND

Trust Plan that provides support and funding for our school improvement efforts. We value parent input and the SCC provides this opportunity.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Save the Date

- Friday, October 5th the PTA Fun Run fundraiser in the morning
- Tuesday, November 20th is Career Day, parents come to school and teach us about their profession. We always enjoy this activity and have fun learning about all of the great places parents work. If you would like to participate, plan on being at the school from 8:00 AM until about 11:00 AM. This is one of our favorite activities!

Every month is perfect attendance month! We will start next Monday for September! We are having a No Tardy Party for students who go the whole grading period without being tardy. The parties will be on November 30th, March 15th, and May 31st during lunch recess.

Important Dates

Monday, September 3:

- Labor Day, school not in session

Wednesday, September 5

- 4th grade goes to the Symphony at Hillcrest High School at 10:30 AM

Thursday, September 6:

- PTA Room Representative Meeting after school at 3:00 PM in the library

Monday, September 10

- Picture day in the gym

Tuesday, September 11

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for kindergarten through second grade students

Thursday, September 13

- DIBELS testing for reading and math for students in third grade through fifth grade

Monday, September 17

- Hearing screening

Friday, September 21

- Data day, students do not attend school this day

Wednesday, September 26

- Parent teacher conferences

Thursday, September 27

- Parent teacher conferences
- This is also an **early out day**, follow the Friday schedule

September 28

- Students do not attend school

Daily School Schedule

First Grade through Fifth Grade and Supplemental Kindergarten Schedule

- The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:20 a.m., school gets out at 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- The schedule for Friday is from 8:20 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

Kindergarten Half Day Schedule

- The AM session is 8:20 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 8:20 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.
- The PM session is 12:15 p.m. until 2:55 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The schedule for Friday is 11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.