

March 19, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! This is my favorite week because it focuses on our amazing teachers. They are very dedicated and professional. They work long hours to ensure that their instruction meets the needs of their students. They are positive and caring. Teaching is one of the hardest jobs. It requires constant change and adjustment to meet the changing needs of students. Society relies on teachers every time something is identified as a need for children to know - everything from changing academic requirements to social norms and emergencies. They wear several hats during the school day as well as trying to meet accountability requirements for changing academic content standards. It's hard to understand this fully unless you have walked in their shoes. I am always in awe of what they are able to accomplish every day during the school year. I view it as a privilege to be at Willow Canyon with them and serve as their principal.

The PTA has planned the week's activities. Something as simple as a thank you note goes a long way for feeling appreciated. We want to thank our incredible PTA for organizing the week and celebrating with us. Their message is below.

This year we will be celebrating our "STAR" Teachers the week of March 26th - 30th. The PTA has been working hard to make sure that our teachers will have celebrity status school-wide. *Please note that it is not necessary to send any additional gifts to school.* Each day the students will have an opportunity to join the PTA in spoiling our awesome teachers. On Friday, March 30th, our students can wear their best Wildcat attire to school and be ready to walk the "Red Carpet". It will be a great week! The daily themes are listed below.

- Monday, March 26th Fan Mail Day
- Tuesday, March 27th VIP Treats

- Wednesday, March 28th Green Room
- Thursday, March 29th Admit 1
- Friday, March 30th The Red Carpet Celebration Walk of Fame

Battle of the Books! We had the fourth and fifth grade competition today. It's a lot of fun for the students and acknowledges all of the reading they have done through this school year. To participate, students read a list of books as a team then compete answering questions during the competition. The teams pick a name for themselves and a cheer. They have a lot of fun and even more exciting, they read a lot of great books! Delese Bettinson is our Enrichment Specialist and Jen Jolley our Media Specialist do a great job of pulling this together for the students. **We want to thank everyone who has been involved, it takes work throughout the school year to coach the teams and prepare them.** We appreciate this support for the students so they can participate in the competition. We really can't do this without you!

Third Grade top teams.

- First place team was The Wizard Readers: Tommy Griffith, Nathan Barrus, and Addyson Boren
- Second place team was The Burning Bomb Dragon Readers on Unicycles: Carter DeAzevedo, Sawyer Glauser, Tyler Dixon, Aidan Taintor,
- Third place team The Imperial Reading Troopers: John Halladay, Landon Wray, Christian Merkley, William Stone

Fourth and fifth grade top teams.

- First place team was the Bookitos: Cadence Bettinson, Hannah Jolley, Lilli Smith, Chloe Glauser, Natalie Mulloy.
- Second place team was The Books: Loan Slaughter, Wes Halladay, Olivia Berger, Jake Young, and Billy Stewart.
- Third place team was the Book Worms: Johanna Miller, Emma Harmon, Evan Wray, James Hallam, Aaliyah Ramos

To all the Battle of the Books teams, great job! You made it all the way to the end of a huge task that required a lot of persistence! You set your goal and met it!

It's time for **fifth grade families** to attend the **Maturation Programs** the District offers. The dates and times are listed on the District's website. The dates are also

in the important dates section below. The link to the District site is below.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/11895-growing-up-fifth-grade-students-and-their-parents-invited-to-maturation-program>

Our focus for the month is **being empowered and feeling confident**. The students have worked hard through the school year. We want them to feel great about their learning and feel confident. With end of year testing coming in April and May, we want the students to feel ready to participate and show what they know!

PTA and SCC News

PTA newsletter

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

Meeting dates for School Community Council (SCC) are below, all meetings are in the conference room.

- October 5th at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- November 9th at 6:00 PM- the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- January 11th at 6:00 PM- this meeting has been canceled, we plan to meet on Feb. 8th
- February 8th at 6:00 PM – the minutes are attached to the SCC page on our website.
- March 15th at 4:00 PM – this is a date and time change!
- April 12th at 6:00 PM

Web address for Internet safety information. We have scheduled a Netsmartz assembly to learn more about Internet safety.

<https://www.common sense media.org/video/advice/digital-citizenship>

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Important Dates

- Our annual Festival of the Arts will be on Thursday, May 31st more information to come!

March is perfect attendance month.

Please register to be a volunteer before helping with a field trip or in classrooms. Approval of the application may take up to three days. We are unable to allow anyone who hasn't completed this process to help with student activities.

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

Monday, March 19

- Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th grade students

Wednesday, March 21

- Classic Skating skate night sponsored by Dr. Silcox

Thursday, March 22

- 4th grade weather school with the news team

Monday, March 26

- Spring pictures

Tuesday, March 27

- 3rd grade field trip to Living Planet Aquarium
- Boy's Maturation Program at Indian Hills Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 29

- Girl's Maturation Program at Indian Hills Middle from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, April 2 through Friday, April 6

- Spring Break, school is not in session

Wednesday, April 11

- 4th grade fieldtrip to The Natural History Museum
- Girl's Maturation Program at Butler Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, April 12

- School Community Council Meeting at 6:00 PM in the conference room
- Boy's Maturation Program at Butler Middle School from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Daily School Schedule

First grade through Fifth Grade 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.
- **Supplemental Kindergarten** follows the school's schedule for first grade through fifth grade.

Kindergarten 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.