

November 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Around Willow Canyon

There is a **lunch menu change** this Thursday, November 15th. There will be large corn dogs instead of orange chicken.

Every year a **survey** is sent to parents to give us feedback as a school. The window for this started last Saturday and extends through November 30th. The district sends these out via email. Please watch for the survey, we appreciate your feedback. The link below explains more about the survey.

<http://www.canyonsdistrict.org/district-news/item/12101-parent-survey-to-help-csd-hone-recipe-for-student-success>

We will be talking about **safety** this month. There is physical safety and emotional safety. The book we will be reading is *Words Are Not for Hurting*. The book points out that there are 26 letters in the alphabet that make up all of our words and we can use them for good and for bad. There are many kinds of words, funny, helpful, and hurtful. The book does a nice job of pointing this out and the difference in the way we feel based on the words we use to communicate. We will be teaching students that wildcats are safe and use kind words. Students will learn to behave in a way that keeps them and those around them from being harmed. They will learn not to do things that could injure someone or damage

property. We will also teach them about solving conflicts by using the rock, paper, scissors game and following through with the results. They will also learn to stay calm and say “please stop”, then talk with an adult if they need help finding a solution. The district sponsors a program called Playworks we have implemented during recess. Our P.E. technician, Peggy Schwendiman, teaches students games during P.E. that they can play during recess. Mrs. Schwendiman supervises and has trained student junior coaches to help with the games and equipment during recess. The junior coaches also set a great example for the other students by being kind, safe, and having fun playing games. We work with the students to encourage them to be safe. If you have a minute, talk to your children about being safe while they are at school and getting help from an adult if they are concerned about being safe.

Our attendance information for the past week is listed below. We have a no tardy party on November 30th so if you are on track to attend the party keep up the good work!

Data the week of November 5th through November 9th.

- Monday – 5% of classes had perfect attendance
- Tuesday - 26% of classes had perfect attendance
- Wednesday - 32% of classes had perfect attendance
- Thursday – 16% of classes had perfect attendance
- Friday – 5% of classes had perfect attendance

It would be great if every student had perfect attendance at least one month during the school year. It's a big goal, but worth trying to accomplish!

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 and on field trips. <https://foundation.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/volunteer>

PTA and SCC News

Congratulations to students who won awards this morning for participating in the **Reflections** contest. We are very proud of all of the students who participated. Check out the PTA newsletter for the names of students who are moving onto the regional competition.

It's Red Ribbon Week! The theme is *Life is your journey. Travel drug free.*

Monday, November 12

- Wear red day, the class wearing the most red wins a treat!

Tuesday, November 13

- Poster contest – make a poster at home! The size should be a half size poster board. Turn posters into your teachers Wednesday. The teachers will send them to the office.

Wednesday, November 14

- School spirit day, wear your green and gold Wildcat colors or t-shirts and/or hoodies. Posters are due. Turn posters into your teachers and then a student can bring them to the office.

Thursday, November 15

- Pledge to be drug free. During lunch come and sign a pledge to be drug free and get a free bracelet.

Friday, November 16

- CRAZY DAY!! Crazy hair, crazy socks, crazy clothes, etc.

The PTA Board

We are such a great Wildcat Team!

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Litson and Rebecca Leick
- Treasure: Racheal DeAzevedo
- Membership: Amourette Bradley
- Legislative VP: Juliette Bradley
- Secretary: Jennifer Johnson

The link to the PTA Newsletter

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

We have a fabulous School Community Council. **If you would like to serve on this 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.

- Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 11th at the Canyons District Office building at 9360 South 300 East in the Professional Development Center on the southeast side of the building.

Have a great week!

Marilyn Williams

Save the Date

- **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 on November 20th. There will be more information in November. This is one of our favorite activities!
- **Thursday, December 13** Winter Choir performance at 6:30 PM for families.

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

Saturday, November 10 through Friday, November 30

- Canyons District will be sending out a survey to get your feedback about Willow Canyon. We value this information and appreciate the time you take to complete the survey.

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Tuesday, November 20

- No choir practice this week
- Career Day, watch for requests coming home to sign up to teach the students about your profession. This is such a great morning and very fun for the students to learn about a variety of professions. Plan to be at the school from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM
- **Chick-fil-a birthday party for students with birthdays in October, November, and December at 2:30 PM**

Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Recess

Friday, November 30

- No Tardy Party! Students who were on time to school every day during the first grading period will have a party during lunch recess.

Thursday, December 13

- Winter Choir Performance for families at 6:30 PM

Friday, December 14

- Winter Choir assembly at 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 20, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- Winter break

Wednesday, January 2

- Students return to school

Daily School Schedule

First grade through Fifth Grade Schedule and Supplemental Kindergarten

- 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 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.