

The Marauder

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Clubs News
- Attention to Parents of 6th Graders
- Student of the Month
- Middle School Calendar for January

From Mr. Kissinger.....

Dear Parents,

As a parent you have probably been asked what makes the Williamson schools so great. The articles in this newsletter should help answer that question. There are great things going on involving great people. Sure we could talk about how well the students do on state tests, the sporting teams and the outstanding performances by the bands and choruses but we would be missing something. That something is the daily commitment by students, staff and parents to do their best in all endeavors. This commitment also drives us way beyond the “minimum amount required” thinking that plagues many school districts and is what truly makes this district a great district. Mrs. Bierer’s classroom activities, reading counts, food drives, poetry night, extracurricular clubs and so much more. What a great place this truly is and I personally would like to thank all of you for allowing me to be apart of it.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Kissinger
Middle School Principal

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Mrs. Bierer's Classroom



Leaving dolls were made by colonists, and later by settlers, as a means of providing at little cost that measure of little girl need for nurturing and imagination. Scraps of fabric (albeit not inexpensive in and of itself) and a piece of string were all that it took, unless you added a face with charcoal or pencil. Mrs. Wenzel volunteered an afternoon to work with groups of three to accomplish the creations of little beings by each student. Then we had 36 little angels in the classroom!

We have had candlelight stories first thing each morning to tuck us in for the day during the month of December. This was a cozy start to the busy schedule and replaced the usual 20 minutes of silent reading each child does individually. The boys and girls scamper to close the blinds, douse the lights, and sit on the floor for this short time of closeness.

As a class we read the novel, The House Without a Christmas Tree, then compared the paper version to the movie—always a contrast. We then read The Matchlock Gun to support the learning in Social Studies of the French and Indian War. Lots of reading going on here!

Mrs. Kristen Johnson returned as guest reader for the Christmas season. Her love of books is very evident, and she stirs us up to read more ourselves. She shared Chauncey and the Grand Rascal by Sid Fleischmann.

Top times for reading for the Book-It! program for November were: Ryan Buskey—1,255, Alex Cappon—1,816, Colby Forman—1,960, Nina Calabresi—3,400, and Terry Skerrett—5,800! Amazing!

Reading Counts, a reading program with Ms. Prill, really stimulates the desire to read. We have seen wonderful accomplishment in this area this year,

and are grateful to her for the considerable time she puts into this experience.

Fantastic Fifth Graders Meet the November Book - It Challenge!



Congratulations!

*from Mrs. Bierer, Ms. Brownell,
Mr. Holowka, Ms. Luke,
Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Prill*

The following students are responsible for reading a minimum of 360 minutes for the month of November.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MINUTES
Allen	Lukas	360
Alquist	Pierce	3,600
Anselmo	Kayla	480
Bowman	Autumn	618
Bowman	Roxanne	360
Buckler	Jason	1,005
Buskey	Ryan	1,255
Calabresi	Nina	3,400
Cappon	Alexandra	1,816
Collins	Michael	465
Darling	Stephanie	3,700
Denner	Damiene	360
Eaton	Tyler	450
Forman	Colby	1,960
Giuliano	Nicole	638
Gobeyn	Jonathan	360
Godsey	Tommy	360
Hoffman	Ashley	380
Imperato	Matt	610
Inman	Jack	365
Jones	Kelly	780
La Comba	Michael	1,040
Lergner	Carrie	500
Maroselli	Shelby	2,715
Skerrett	Terry	5,800
Plyter	Nicole	655
Steurrys	Christe	550
Storrs	Chelsey	1,080

Last Name	First Name	Minutes
Tobin	Joseph	400
Thompson	Brittany	1,485
Trejo	Darely	375
Wackerman	Jeremiah	825
Westfall	Amanda	545
White	Noelle	562
Williams	Cleveland	410
Wood	Jessica	936
Young	Chelsea	360

the food and counted every box and can. The top three homerooms with the most food win a special treat on us. All of the food was donated to the Com-Unity Center in Williamson. We will next have a meeting Wednesday, January 9 to discuss the January project as well as the upcoming Valentine's Day dance.



It's Not Too Late... to join the Reading Counts Club!

By Ms. Prill

End-of-Year Goal

Students who meet their goal by June 15th may participate in an outrageous outdoor Pizza Party in June and...in a special day-outing in the summer.

If you read a bit below your grade level, your school year goal is 50 points or 300,001 words read.

If you read on your grade level, your school year goal is 120 points or 499,000 words read.

If you read above your grade level, your school year goal is 250 points or 799,001 words read.

7th and 8th Grade Student Association

By Mrs. Obsorn

Student Association will meet Tuesday, January 8 at 2:15 in Room 13. Students will be making plans for the Talent Show that will be held March 22.

The members would like to thank all those who supported the Jewelry Sale.



International Club

By Mrs. Osborn

There will be a meeting Thursday, January 3 at 2:15 in Room 13.

Ski Club

By Diane Osborn

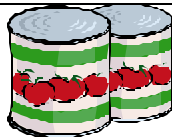
Ski Club will have trips to Brantling January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1. Buses will leave the Middle School about 3:30. Students are to bring equipment to the multi-Purpose Room before school.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Only parents, according to state law, are allowed to pick up students at Brantling after signing your child out with an advisor.



5/6 Student Association

By Miss Finkelstein & Mrs. Hoody



During the two weeks before Christmas break, the 5/6 Student Association sponsored a food drive. The students brought canned or nonperishable food into their homerooms. Our students collected all of

Art Club

By Mrs. Wilkinson



We would like to thank all the people who have bought "Proud to be American" note cards. Your support for the schools and students in NYC is greatly appreciated. To date, we have reached the half way mark of our goal to raise \$2000.

Note cards are available at the Middle School main office and the Apple Crate on Main Street in Williamson.

In honor of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** Williamson Middle School proudly presents, **Freeman Brown**. On **Friday January 18th** Mr. Brown will recite Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech for students in **Grades 5-8**. This moving performance will give pause to students on the day before the three-day weekend celebrating the legacy of Dr. King.

On the Prowl! The Williamson Middle School Newspaper, The Prowler, will be publishing Issue 2 at the end of this month. It will be available in lunch periods soon!



Enrichment News

By Mrs. McMahon

Mark your calendars....

Grade 6 Coffeehouse

with poet, **Todd Beers** and spoken word artists, "**Plumb**"

Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 PM
In the Multi-purpose Room

Open-mic performances by Grade 6 students!

Refreshments provided by the PTA

Colonial school-marm, **Jane Oakes**, will be "substitute teaching" in Mr. Bruinix's Grade 7 Social Studies classes on **Friday January 11th**. Watch out kids, this teacher from the days of the one room schoolhouse comes equipped with a willow switch!

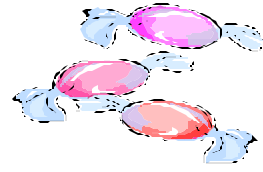
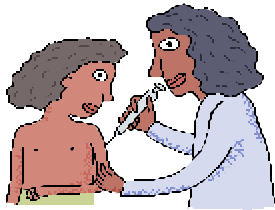


ATTENTION PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

Recent changes to Public Health law **require** that all students entering 7th grade **complete** their Hepatitis B immunization series prior to their first day of school in September. This is a three shot series with minimum time intervals between each shot. The second shot should be given no sooner than 1 month after the first shot, and the third shot should be given 6 months after the first shot. If this timetable is interrupted the series need not be restarted, but the third shot can be given no sooner than 2 months after the second. Some pediatricians are recommending a longer interval between the second and third when the series has been interrupted. The Public Health Department is requiring stricter enforcement of this law than in the first year it was implemented. Any student who does not provide written documentation from their doctor that they have **completed** this requirement will be excluded from school. To re-enter school, documentation will need to be provided **from the physician's office** of the dates of the shots that have been received, and the **date** the **next** shot is scheduled for. If for any reason documentation is not provided **the day after** the scheduled shot, confirming that it was given the student will again be excluded from school until such time as proof is provided that they have received their immunization. This will continue until the series is completed.

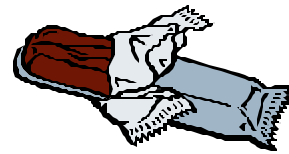
The best way to avoid this is to be sure that your child has received all three Hepatitis B shots **before**

next September, and that documentation verifying this has been sent to the Middle School health office. Please contact your pediatrician's office this month and arrange to have this series of immunizations started or completed as the case may be. Be sure that documentation is forwarded to the health office. If finances are a problem, the Public Health Department has free immunization clinics the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3 – 5 p.m. They can be reached at 1-800-724-1170 for more information.



PTSA Candy Sale

Look for Brochures to come home at the end of January!



Student of the Month for December

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Breanna Bigelow	5	J. Luke	Work and Effort Has Improved
Autumn Bowman	5	G. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Alex Cappon	5	I. Bierer	Constructive Attitude
Michael Collins	5	G. Holowka	Constructive Attitude
Ashley Hoffman	5	J. Luke	Improved Homework and Effort
Danielle Morris	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Nicole Plyter	5	J. Luke	Improved Effort, Especially In Creative Writing
John Predmore	5	G. Marshall	Constructive Attitude
Darely Trejo	5	H. Brownell	Relationships with Others
Jeremiah Wackerman	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Jayelle White	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
William Wenzel	5	I. Bierer	Positive, Loyal Friend to Peers

Student of the Month for December

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Max Barber	6	B. Mitchell	Exceptional Effort
Jake Coomber	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Amber Foehner	6	S. Nellany	Very Helpful
Diana Hunn	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Alex Schuhart	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Jeff Sherwin	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Nichole Thebert	6	6th Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Jamie Bruce	7	M. Wilkinson	Dependable Worker in Class and As A Volunteer
Chad Burlee	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude, Behavioral, Improvement, Citizenship
Clayton DeFisher	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude, Behavioral, Improvement, Citizenship
Danielle DiSalvo	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude, Behavioral, Improvement, Citizenship
Cassie Haak	7	J. Murnane	Excellent Worker; Helpful, and Very Conscientious Student
Vanessa Haskins	7	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort, Class Participation
Kevin Jones	7	S. Nellany	Excellent Grades
Kelly Kolyer	7	7th Grade Team	Effort, Attitude, Behavioral, Improvement, Citizenship
Alicia Schaeffer	7	D. Osborn	Positive Participation, Excellent Attitude, Well Prepared
Chris Volpe	7	D. Greco/P. Gebhard	Exceptional Effort
Ronald Acciari	8	D. Brown	Constructive Attitude
Brandon Barnes	8	P. Wackenhut (L. Marshall)	Demonstrates Exceptional Effort, Attitude, Participation in Math
Danielle Grace	8	8th Grade Team	Effort
Beatrice Jones	8	K. Nail	Being a Positive Role Model
Linda Ketchum	8	P. Wackenhut (L. Marshall)	Demonstrates Exceptional Effort, Attitude, Participation in Math
Chris Koudelka	8	P. Perez	Relationships with Others, Constructive Attitude
Jean Laurent	8	D. Greco	Exceptional Effort
Alexandra Maroselli	8	M. Freischlag	Exceptional Helper, Great Role Model
Kyle Odell	8	8th Grade Team	Citizenship
Roberta Pellett	8	D. Brown	Exceptional Effort
David Pike	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Leela Shields	8	M. Wilkinson	Positive Attitude and Always Willing to Help
Kendall Shultes	8	D. Osborn	Well Prepared, Excellent Attitude, Positive Participation