

April 2002



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2	Kindergarten/AIS Report Cards
April 15 – 19	No School – Spring Recess
May 2	5:30 p.m. – Kindergarten Registration 7:00 p.m. – Information Meeting for Kindergarten Parents
May 6	Grade 1 – 4 Interim Reports Sent Home
May 7–9	4th Grade State Mathematic Exam
May 27	No School – Memorial Day

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be entering into Kindergarten this Fall, it is important to register the child during registration week.

Please bring the following items with you:

- ⇒ medical record of immunizations (**without these records you will be unable to register**)
- ⇒ a completed Student Information Sheet
- ⇒ your child's birth certificate
- ⇒ your child's Social Security card
- ⇒ after school daycare information (if confirmed)

All incoming kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2002. The Information Meeting and Registration Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2002.

If incoming kindergarten parents have concerns about your child's placement in a specific classroom, you may submit these concerns **in writing to Miss Ressler no later than May 30, 2002** that request that your child not be placed in that **one** classroom.

DISTRICT BUDGET – VOTE

Voting on the school budget will occur on Tuesday, May 21 from 1:00 until 9:00 p.m. The voting machines will be located in the Middle School.

CHILD SUPERVISION

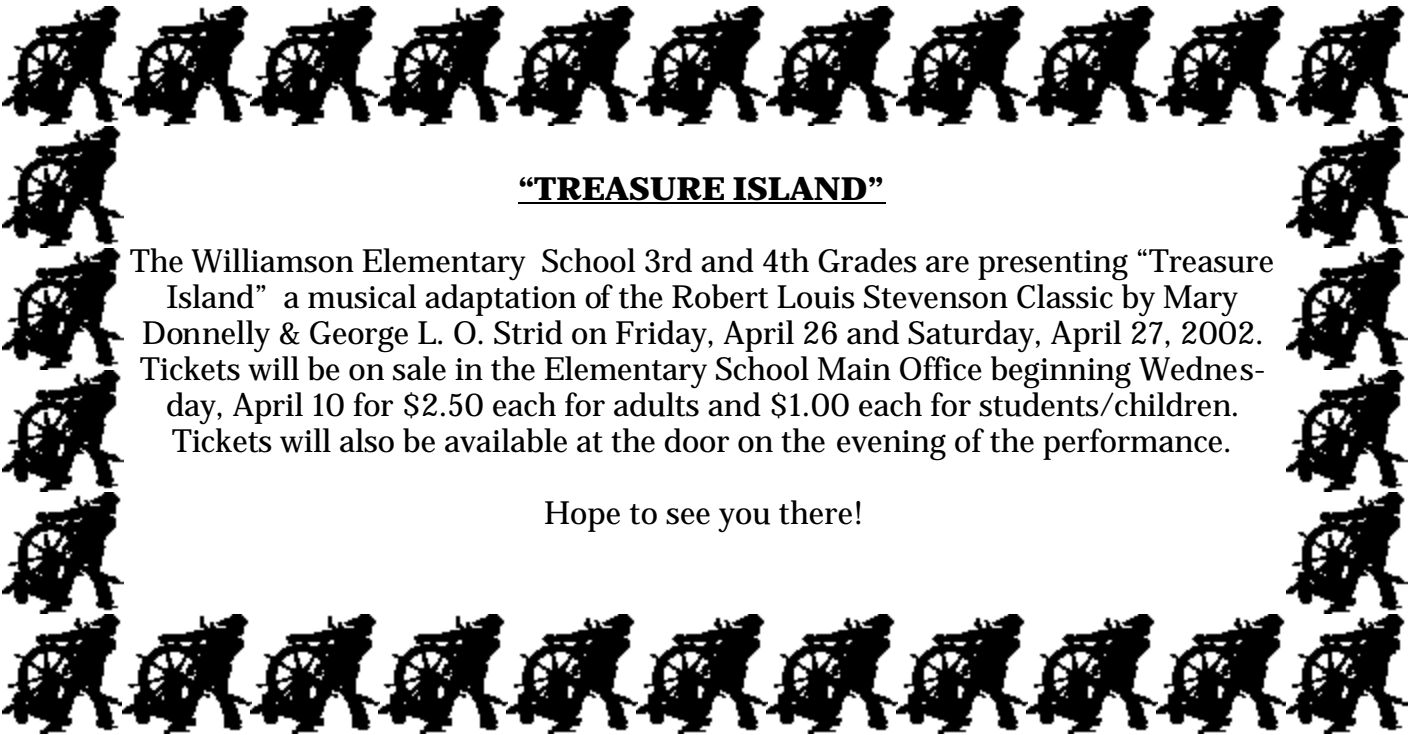
An ongoing concern felt and expressed by staff and parents has been the issue of “latch key kids.” In an age where one parent homes and two parent employment is common, more and more children are being left alone for varying periods of time. It is our concern that many children return home after school to an empty house. It is understandable that parents who need to work find it difficult to find or fund child care providers. It is not, however, recommended to leave your children (ages 1 – 12) home without supervision. While they may not experience physical harm, the emotional impact can be very great.

PARENT PLACEMENT PROCESS

Parents received a placement preference form.
This form needs to be returned on or before April 12,
2002.

GOOD STUDY SKILLS: BEGIN WITH LEARNING TO TAKE HOME AND RETURN ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

The Elementary School staff has spent time to develop a homework policy. This policy is very specific about the responsibility of students to take important papers home and then return them. It is our belief that this kind of training is the first building block of good study skills. We seek your cooperation in carrying out this policy.



“TREASURE ISLAND”

The Williamson Elementary School 3rd and 4th Grades are presenting “Treasure Island” a musical adaptation of the Robert Louis Stevenson Classic by Mary Donnelly & George L. O. Strid on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, 2002. Tickets will be on sale in the Elementary School Main Office beginning Wednesday, April 10 for \$2.50 each for adults and \$1.00 each for students/children. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the performance.

Hope to see you there!



SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS

Education Law requires schools to provide scoliosis screening at least once in each school year to each child between the ages of 8 and 16.

Students are screened by the school nurse in a private setting during physical education classes. Receiving a referral does not mean that your child has scoliosis, but that further evaluation by your health care provider is recommended.

What is Scoliosis?

- ◆ Scoliosis is a sideways (lateral) curving of the spine.
- ◆ One in ten persons will have scoliosis. Two to three persons in every 1000 will need active treatment for a progressive condition. In one out of every 1000 cases surgery may be necessary.
- ◆ Frequent signs are a prominent shoulder blade, uneven hip and shoulder levels, unequal distance between arms and body, and clothes that do not "hang right."
- ◆ Eighty percent of scoliosis cases are idiopathic (cause unknown). Scoliosis tends to run in families and affects more girls than boys.
- ◆ Spinal curvature is best dealt with when a young person's body is still growing and can respond to one or a combination of treatments (body brace, electro-stimulation, etc.). You, your physician and/or your school screening program (now required in many schools) can perform a 30-second annual screen during these growing years. Mild cases may not need treatment, but must be monitored.
- ◆ Kyphosis (round back) may occur in developing adolescents. It should be screened for and may need to be treated.
- ◆ An annual 30-second screening for scoliosis and kyphosis during the bone-growing years can make the difference between a preventable condition and a disability in adult years.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

We are getting ready for the grandparents to return. Friday, June 7, 2002 is the day we are planning for grandparents to visit. More information will be sent home.

BRINGING ITEMS TO SCHOOL

When bringing items to school for your child during the day, clearly mark your child's name and classroom teacher on the outside. Please leave the item in the Main Office rather than take it to your child's classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please do not send carbonated beverages to school in a thermos bottle. As the liquid warms, expanding occurs, causing leakage.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR:

- ⇒ TEACHING
- ⇒ NURSES
- ⇒ AIDES
- ⇒ MONITORS


**Please apply at the
Business Office**

WEAPONS . . . A NO-NO @ SCHOOL

One of our objectives is to provide a safe and secure environment at school. To accomplish this, we have established the rule that **no weapons (either real or play)** should be brought to school. Please remind your child about this rule.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Kindergarten Report Cards</i> <i>Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>	3 <i>ABLE Meeting 7:50 a.m.</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Grade 1 & 2 Skating Party</i> <i>BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>NO SCHOOL—SPRING RECESS</p>						
21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 	23	24 <i>ABLE Meeting 7:50 a.m.</i> <i>K-4 students preview "Treasure Island"</i> <i>BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	25	26 <i>Elementary Musical "Treasure Island" MS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Elementary Musical "Treasure Island" MS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.</i>
28	29	30				