



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Williamson Elementary School

NO PARKING

Signs have been posted around the bus circle declaring that parking is prohibited in this area. The fire code calls for a clear lane to allow fire trucks access to the building should an emergency occur. The bus circle serves as a fire lane as well as for bus loading.

We ask for your cooperation in complying with these fire regulations. We will continue to permit access to the building from the bus circle if you are simply dropping off or picking up a student at times other than bus times. In these cases, we would ask that you continue ***not*** to drive or park in the bus circle between 8:30 – 8:50 a.m. or between 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

Winter is here again with outdoor temperatures, as well as children's temperatures soaring up and down. Please make sure your child has **A WARM COAT, MITTENS, A HAT, BOOTS, AND SNOW PANTS/A SNOWMOBILE SUIT/2ND PAIR OF PANTS** when getting ready for school. We send the children outdoors when weather permits. Children not appropriately dressed will not be allowed to play outside. We are also seeking donations of any of the above-mentioned items for those students who do not have them or forget to bring them.

PICKING UP STUDENTS AT RELEASE TIME

Student safety is a primary concern at our school. We have initiated a number of procedures to control who picks up children. To continue our efforts we ask you to follow the procedure below when picking up your child at bus time:

- * arrive at least by 2:55 p.m.
- * park in parking areas (***not in the bus circle***)
- * check in at the Main Office, sign in, and pick up a Visitor's Pass
- * go to the Health Office and ask for a blue slip
- * present the blue slip to the teacher as you pick up your child
- * return to the Main Office, sign out, and return your Visitor's Pass

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have concerns, please feel free to call Miss Ressler at 589-9668.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Have you remembered that WHAM-1180 AM is our radio station for closings? Are you sure your child knows where to go if we close early? ***Does the school know?***

REPORT CARDS

Kindergarten report cards and AIS Quarterly Progress Reports go home on January 17, 2002. Report cards for Grades 1 – 4 go home on March 19, 2002.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SUPERVISING CHILDREN IN PUBLIC PLACES

1. When in a public facility, always accompany children to the restroom.
2. Caution children to avoid any adults asking for assistance or directions of any kind. Grown-ups do not ask children for help.
3. If children become separated from you while shopping, instruct them to look for people who can be sources of help within the store. For example, a security guard, store sales person, etc. They should never go to the parking lot to find the car.
4. Instruct children never to leave a store with an unknown person no matter what that adult tells them.
5. For children staying home alone on school vacations, teach them not to open the door. Teach them how to call for emergencies.
6. Instruct children how to answer the telephone and make sure they do not let anyone know they are home alone. Have the telephone number of a neighbor available for their use.
7. Children should always check first with you or a person in charge before they go any where. It is important to know who they are with, and their whereabouts at all times.
8. Children should use the Buddy System when going places. It is more fun and much safer.
9. Children should say no and then go and tell about any suspicious incidents and report them to a parent, school official, clergy member, or other trusted adult.
10. Parents should never leave children alone at movies, video arcades, skating rinks, etc., as a convenient "babysitter" while they are shopping. These are "high risk" places for abductors or molesters to find children.

FUTURE ROLLERSKATING PARTIES

Wednesday, January 16, 2002	3rd and 4th grades
Wednesday, February 6, 2002	1st and 2nd grades
Wednesday, March 6, 2002	3rd and 4th grades
Wednesday, April 3, 2002	1st and 2nd grades
Wednesday, May 1, 2002	3rd and 4th grades

Remember, you are always welcome to sign up and chaperone these rollerskating parties. Come and join in the fun!

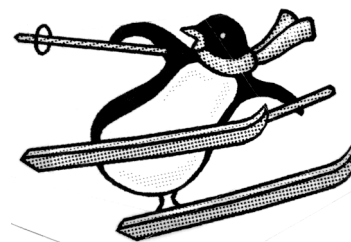
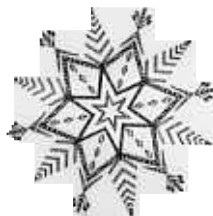
MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS!!

We welcome Miss Julia Harvey to our school! Miss Harvey is job sharing with Mrs. Christi Byron in the Music Room. Miss Harvey is here each day from 11:30—3:30 p.m.

The 2002 Elementary School Musical is "Treasure Island." The cast has been chosen and rehearsals begin this month. The show dates are Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

4th Grade Chorus also begins this month also on Thursday, January 17. Students will ride the early bus to school on chorus days.



ARTISTS VISITING OUR SCHOOL THIS WINTER

By Mary Rehor, Enrichment Teacher

Each year we plan varied experiences with visiting artists. In the past we have welcomed authors, puppeteers, musicians and many others. Two areas of the arts that we are focusing on this year are the visual arts and dance.

Elizabeth Clark is a professional dancer who owns and operates a studio in Rochester. She has done many dance workshops in public schools in the past, including visits to a number of schools in Wayne County. Ms Clark will be joining us during the week of January 7-11. Each day she and an assistant will be meeting with classes in the gym. Mr. Minier and Mr. Schoonerman will be attending each session as well. Students should wear comfortable clothing similar to the outfits they wear on gym days. The goal of this residency is to have our students meet and work with professional dancers and to experience a dance form involving free, expressive movement.

This year Mrs. Sheridan has been focusing on faces in her art classes. To enrich this instruction, we have arranged for Sharon Locke, a sculptor, to join the art classes from February 25-March 1. Ms.Locke specializes in sculpting the head and face. She will teach students basic sculpting techniques and demonstrate her craft. She will gift us a sculpture to keep on display in our building when she leaves.

Kindergarten classes will not meet with the sculptor. Instead, they enjoyed a production of Peter and the Wolf, presented by Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in November.

We are all looking forward to having these special artists with us. We are also grateful to these special class teachers for giving us this valuable time from their busy programs.



WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL

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December 12, 2001

Dear Parents:

In January, the students in our elementary school (K-4) will have an opportunity to participate in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon program.

Math-A-Thon is a nationwide program that has been conducted in more than 53,000 schools and has benefited nearly ten million students since it first began in 1979.

Students, who have their parents' permission, work at home in a free math workbook appropriate to their grade level. The math workbook is filled with fun math problems students and parents can easily work on together. Your child can also work independently and you can correct the answers. Answer keys are provided. All work is done and corrected at home. Students receive pledges from family and friends for each math workbook problem completed. All money collected is returned to school and sent directly to St. Jude's for research in fighting childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

Besides being a children's research hospital, St. Jude, which is non-sectarian, has approximately 4,000 patients. St. Jude pays all costs associated with treatment beyond those covered by insurance. Families who have no insurance are never asked to pay. There are currently 34 families from the state of New York with children hospitalized at St. Jude.

All students will bring home a permission slip on January 7th. If you would like your child to participate, sign and return the permission slip. On January 31st, your child will bring home his/her booklet. Pledges will be due back by Thursday, February 14th.

Our school was contacted by St. Jude and asked to participate in this program. We will commit to it for one year. After the completion of the Math-A-Thon, we will then ask parents, teachers, and students for feedback.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the Elementary School (589-9668).

Sincerely,

Joan Miller
K-4 Math Coordinator



**St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital**

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FINGER LAKES**
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Memorandum

Districts Participating in *RIPPLES*

From: R.J. Rapoza – Enrichment Coordinator

Date: December 12, 2001

Are you ready to send your students' work in to *RIPPLES*?

Don't miss the chance to have your kids' work published! Submitting to *RIPPLES* could not be easier; the guidelines for submission and sample cover sheets are enclosed.

For more than 14 years, *RIPPLES* has played a vital role in the publication of student work in our region. We are looking forward to celebrating another banner year with a wide variety of pieces from kids of all ages and even more opportunities for public exhibition of the students' work!

If you have any questions regarding the *RIPPLES* magazine, feel free to contact my office through the information on the letterhead.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a student that is interested in submitting their own

ORIGINAL material, please request a cover sheet

from his/her teacher.

Thank you!

DON'T FORGET THE



START GETTING YOUR STUDENTS AND
STAFF EXCITED NOW FOR OUR

2002 Edition

RIPPLES IS A GREAT WAY TO MOTIVATE
CREATIVE WRITING AND VISUAL ARTS . . .

RIPPLES IS THE PERFECT "AUTHENTIC
HOOK" FOR YOUR POETRY AND CREATIVE
WRITING UNITS . . .

RIPPLES IS A UNIQUE WAY TO HIGHLIGHT
EXEMPLARY PIECES FROM A WRITING OR
VISUAL ART PORTFOLIO . . .

Deadline for Written Work - February 1st
Deadline for Art Work - March 31st

Questions?

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RIPPLES

Guidelines for Submitting Work

For All Submissions:

- All work **must** be original and unpublished. Only material created by the submitter can be accepted. (Traced artwork, copied stories, etc. will not be considered.)
- A statement signed and dated by the writer/artist and a legal guardian or teacher attesting to the originality of each piece **must** accompany all work. (The cover sheet on the reverse side may be used.)
- A cover sheet that is stapled, clipped or otherwise attached to it **must** accompany each piece of work. (You may use the cover sheet provided.) If you choose to create your own cover sheet, it must include all the information on the one provided (name, title, address, school district and building, age, grade, teacher, signature of artist and signature of teacher). PLEASE make sure the student's name is written on the work as well.
- Each person may submit as many pieces as desired
- Written material will not be returned. Artwork can be returned if a suitably sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided.
- If your material is accepted for publication, you will receive a free copy of the issue containing your work.
- Mail all entries to: Bobbi Clifford - Ripples Co-Editor
 Kelley School – 701 Pierson Avenue
 Newark, NY 14513

Specific Guidelines for Written Submissions:

- ***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – FEBRUARY 1ST***
- We accept short stories (up to 2,000 words), poems, essays, short plays, commentaries, etc.
- Your work must be typed or word-processed, one-sided, and formatted, as you would see it printed. Proofread carefully!
- FOR SHORT STORIES ONLY – Along with a printed copy, you must submit a disk containing your work in Microsoft Word format.

Specific Guidelines for Art Submissions:

- ***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – MARCH 30TH***
- Only work selected for the cover will be printed in color.
- We accept photographs, drawings, cartoons, watercolor, block prints, computer generated art, etc.
- If your artwork is chosen for a public exhibit to promote *Ripples* it will be mounted for display.
- You may consider submitting good quality COLOR copies of your work if your art will be needed for portfolio or competition



January 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	2 ABLE Mtg. 7:50 a.m.	3	4	5
6	7 Math-a-thon Kick Off Assembly K-4	8	9 BOE Meeting	10	11 Math-a-thon Permissions Due	12
13	14	15	16 ABLE Mtg. 7:50 a.m. Gr. 3 & 4 Skating Party	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- NO SCHOOL	22	23 BOE Meeting	24	25	26
27	28 Reading Incentive Program Be- gins	29	30 ABLE Mtg. 7:50 a.m.	31		
			Grade 4 ELA Test—a.m.			