



JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/1: 7:00pm PTA Meeting
- 12/2: 2:45-5:45pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12/8: 11am-7:30pm Spirit Night at Leonardo's Pizza of Millhopper to support our PTA
- 12/9: COVID Vaccine Clinic, First Dose
- 12/10: 5th Grade Spelling Bee
- 12/20-1/3: Winter Holidays
- 1/3: HOLIDAY – Flex Day #2
- 1/4: Classes Resume
- 1/6: COVID Vaccine Clinic, Second Dose
- 1/14: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
- 1/17: HOLIDAY – MLK Jr. Day
- 1/20: Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/25: 5:30pm Title 1 Family Game Night

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a GREAT year so far!

As we approach the end of 2021, we reflect upon a year that was filled with lots of uncertainty. Many issues were in the news and seemed to be in the forefront. However, our Williams community has kept our eye on what is MOST important, student progress and student success. As we look forward to 2022 we are filled with anticipation, hope, and excitement. The teachers, students, and staff here at Williams have done an amazing job lifting up and supporting each other. Each member of our school community is dedicated to **BUILDING TOGETHER!**

Parents, your support does not go unnoticed. Students are coming to school on time ready to learn. You set the tone each morning for the day ahead. We know that we cannot do this work alone, that it takes all of us **BUILDING TOGETHER!**

I want to encourage you to check the school's website (www.sbac.edu/williams) for videos, photos, and updates we plan to post of all the great things that are happening in our Wildcat community.

Our Williams family wishes you a safe and healthy holiday and start to the New Year.

Yours in Partnership,
Anyana Stokes, Principal

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TITLE I NEWS

The district is hosting a virtual UFLI Family Webinar for parents of students in grades K-2 on December 6th at 7:00 PM. Register at <https://bit.ly/3FuGL9P> or scan the QR Code to the right.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Parent and Family Engagement Nights that will be held IN PERSON on campus:

January 25th: Family Game Night at 5:30
February 24th: STEAM Night @ 5:30

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Kind

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT (PBIS) NEWS

from our BRT's, Dr. Carthon (formerly Farnell)

and Mrs. Sherri Brown-Peoples

BEHAVIOR IS A CHILD'S ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE

Support Positive Behavior before there is a problem.

PBIS is set up with three layers called tiers of support. The parent-child relationship is strengthened by loving and positive interactions at each tier.

Tier 1 support is about getting busy before there is a problem. Much like learning to wash hands to prevent getting sick, expected behavior is taught and modeled to prevent unexpected behaviors. Parents can look at their own actions and choices and consider what children will see as examples of being respectful, responsible, and safe.

Tiers 2 and 3 are where adults provide more support for specific behaviors that are getting in the way of relationships or how the child functions. In a school setting, Tier 2 is for students who need a social group or extra teaching, practice, and reinforcement.

Tier 3 supports include a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) to find out why the behavior is occurring, and an individualized Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). When a student needs these supports, it is provided through the local school system.

COAT CHECK

Parents, as the temperatures continue to dip and your child is wearing a coat or any cold-weather accessories to school, please help us by **labeling these items** with your child's name.

If they are left on the playground or anywhere on campus, this makes it easy for us to return these items to your child. We have MANY coats without names in the cafeteria if your child is missing one.

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS



Parents, please continue to check Skyward Family Access regularly to access your child's gradebook information. Please also update any contact information if needed.

We will continue to print progress and report cards as a courtesy, but the district is moving to a more paperless system and next year, report cards will only be printed upon request.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



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PTA

Thank you, Williams PTA Members!

This holiday season the Williams PTA is sponsoring a Holiday lunch and providing gift cards for our amazing teachers and staff. We hope they feel our appreciation for all they do.

Please Join Us!

The next PTA Meeting is Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82418121048?pwd=SVZhTmJZckg2TjdXalpvNHNhZTlCUT09>

Have you joined the PTA?

Join online here:

<https://bit.ly/JoinWilliamsPTA>

Memberships are \$5. All are welcome.

Questions about PTA?

Email us at

ptawilliamselementary@gmail.com

Please support our upcoming SPIRIT NIGHT PTA Fundraiser:



Where: Leonardo's Pizza of Millhopper, 4131 NW 16th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32605
352-376-2001

When: 11:00am-7:30pm Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

What: Pizza, Pasta, Desserts, Take-Out, or Delivery

10% of all sales will benefit the PTA!