



# JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/1:** First Day of Black History Month and Chinese New Year
- 2/2:** Virtual PTA Meeting 7PM
- 2/7:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 2/14:** Valentine's Day
- 2/15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Camp Crystal, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to JA Biztown
- 2/16-2/18:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Camp Crystal
- 2/21:** NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 3/1:** First Day of Women's History Month
- 3/2:** Virtual PTA Meeting 8:15am
- 3/13:** Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set Clocks ahead 1 hour
- 3/17:** St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18:** Spring Carnival (more info. shared as we get closer)
- 3/21-3/25:** SPRING BREAK
- 3/28:** NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hard to believe we are already mid-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the school year. I want to thank you for your untiring support of our teachers, staff, and of your students. Everyone is working EXTREMELY hard to make this year as rewarding as possible. We know that it takes all of us working together to provide the best educational experience possible for our students.

Although we saw an increase in COVID-19 cases in January, we are beginning to see those numbers drop dramatically. Thank you all for keeping your sick children at home and following up with teachers to stay on top of assignments. It takes all of us doing our part to maintain a healthy Williams.

Before the end of the year, we hope to be able to allow our students more opportunities for field trips and more opportunities for our families to engage with us in person. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Partnership,  
Anyana Stokes, Principal

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



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***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

### Positive Behavior Intervention Support at Home Guide

1. **Expectations:** Create a list of 3 -5 POSITIVELY worded expectations for the whole house.
2. **Examples:** Create a few examples of what each of those expectations looks like for the house.
3. **Celebrate It:** When your child does one of these things, CELEBRATE IT!
4. **Set Goals:** Come up with a "big picture" goal.  
Example: go to YOUTUBE (type in S.M.A.R.T goals)
5. **Patience**

### COMBATING SICKNESS

Families – THANK YOU for your diligent efforts in letting members of our school staff know that your child has symptoms of COVID-19, has been a close contact of a friend or family member outside of school who has COVID-19, or when your child has tested positive for COVID-19. We appreciate this open communication so we are able to do our best to keep everyone as safe as we can on campus.

Please stay safe and healthy as we hope to come down from the most recent spike in cases very soon.  
Thanks again for your support!

### 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.

## PTA

### Please Join Us!

Upcoming PTA meetings  
(virtual): Wednesday,  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm  
and Wednesday, March  
2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15am.

### 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

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