



JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Anyana Stokes

December 2020

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Dec. 9 7:30 am	December PTA Meeting on Zoom
Dec. 9	Title I Technology Video for Parents
Dec. 11	Festive Sweater Day
Dec. 15	Interim Progress Reports go Home
Dec. 18	Pajama Day
Dec. 18	Last day of School before Winter Break
January 4	Classes Resume
January 15	Crazy Socks Day
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20 2:45-5:45	Parent-Teacher Conference Night

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a year this has been!

As we approach the end of 2020, we reflect upon a year that was filled with unexpected and uncertain times in our history. At times, we may have felt anxious, and sometimes maybe even afraid. However, as we look forward to the year ahead we are filled with anticipation, hope, and excitement. The teachers, students, and staff here at Williams have done a **PHENOMENAL** job adjusting to what has become our new normal. Each member of our school community taking a part in our continued progress and success.

Parents your support does not go unnoticed. Students are coming to school on time, logging in on time and 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 working together.

I want to encourage you to check the school's website (www.sbac.edu/williams) for a number of 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,
Mrs. Anyana Stokes

Principal

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Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Williams Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2020-21, **Katrina Lane!!!**



Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Kind

WINTER BREAK FOOD BOX

Families, In the spirit of giving thanks, we are collecting monetary donations at our school this year to benefit the Winter Break Food Box project to give to families in need of assistance over the holiday break. Each box contains about \$50 worth of kid-friendly groceries along with some holiday items.

Donations of any size add up and are welcomed. To donate, the PayPal link is bit.ly/ACPSfoodbox. The money is housed by The Education Foundation of Alachua County. In the special instructions, list our school so we can celebrate what a difference our school is making for families in need in our community. Thanks for considering helping in this way.

DECEMBER TITLE I NEWS

Title I Parent & Family Engagement Activities:

1. [Home Access to Technology](#) video is on the website - also information on how to borrow items from our parent resource area!
2. STEM Activities with Common Household Products will be released December 10 - look for an email from the teacher and it will be on the website
3. Upcoming activities: Florida Standards in February 2021

Any questions or suggestions about Title I or to borrow items - email Lisa Rose at roselm@gm.sbac.edu.

Activities that will be in the STEM video: Amazing Math Tricks, Paper Airplane Challenge, So...You Stocked up on Toilet Paper?, Design and Build Paper Bridges, The Bouncy Egg Experiment, Scavenger Hunt, and Rainbow in a Jar.

DECEMBER PTA UPDATE

Join us at the next PTA meeting on **Wednesday, December 9 7:30 a.m.** Williams PTA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84462698579?pwd=bHJMbXhVbjZ2bVZBTnZIS0JNVitqUT09>
Meeting ID: 844 6269 8579
Passcode: 596532

If you have any questions, feedback, or want to know more about joining the Williams PTA, email us at ptawilliamselmentary@gmail.com or join our [PTA Facebook Group](#).

PBIS

Thank you to Opus Coffee Company and Target Copy for being supporters of our Williams PBIS program.



After School Food Giveaway

A Community Event Presented by:

Women WORKING WITH WOMEN, INC. **FARM SHARE**

AFTER SCHOOL FOOD GIVEAWAY

DATE/TIME: **Friday DECEMBER 4, 2020 BEGINS AT 4:00pm WHILE FOOD SUPPLIES LAST!**

LOCATION: **4191 N.E. WALDO RD GAINESVILLE FL. 32641 DRIVE THRU ONLY!**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Call now to register
VOLUNTEERS CONTACT:
Belinda M. Smith 352.872.8555
Jillian Loussaint 352-745-2871
We need: Essentials Workers!
Volunteers--CHECK in at 1:00pm
COVID -19 MANDATORY 6 FT- MASK AND GLOVES

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