



# JOSEPH WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal: Mrs. Anyana Stokes

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Spring is definitely in full bloom. Thank you to every family who was able to participate and support our PTA sponsored Spring Carnival. What a wonderful time we had. If you were not able to attend, no worries, we have several other events remaining this year in which we would love to see you there.

As we look towards the last 9 weeks of the 2018 – 2019 school term, I would like to encourage our students and families to stay focused. We still have 2 months in which to learn as much as we can and prepare ourselves as best we can for the adventures that lie ahead. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are putting the final touches on preparing for the Florida State Assessments and our K, 1st, and 2nd graders are laser focused on fine tuning their fundamental skills.

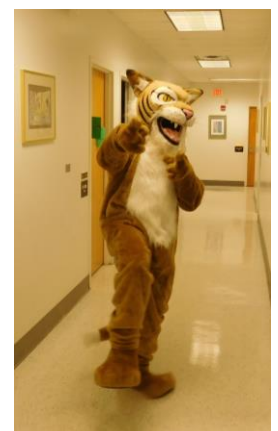
As we continue to celebrate our 80th year, we invite all parents, guardians, supporters, and community members to join us in celebration on Saturday, April 13th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel from 7 – 10 pm. for our 80th Year Legacy Gala: Honoring Our Past, Preparing for Our Future. This is a formal gala to include dinner and a live band. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased here at the school or you may register online at <http://bit.ly/williams80th>. We look forward to celebrating the rich legacy of Williams with each of you.

Continue to check our website and school marquee for upcoming events and important dates.

Mrs. Anyana Stokes  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/9 FSA Assessment Begins, Grades 3-5
- 4/13 80<sup>th</sup> Legacy Gala Celebration
- 4/16 GRU Science Night
- 4/22 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- 4/23 Career Day
- 4/29 PTA Mtg. and Board Elections (6:00 pm)
- 4/30 Interim Report Cards go Home
- 5/15 Kindergarten Roundup
- 5/17 Character Trait Celebration
- 5/29- Early Dismissal Release (12:37)
- 5/31 Kindergarten Ceremony



## SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS

Welcome to our newest Business Partner, Shannette Duncan with Farmers Insurance.

We look forward to building a lasting partnership with Ms. Duncan and Farmers Insurance.



Thank you to Gainesville Regional Utilities for your continued support and business partnership with Williams Elementary!



## PTA UPDATE BY GUNGEET JOSHI, PTA PRESIDENT

On the behalf of Williams PTA board, please accept our deepest thanks to make our Carnival a big success. You all helped things run smoothly, and we appreciate your flexibility and willingness to help wherever needed. All the hours of hard work have really paid off. PTA greatly appreciates the enthusiasm and support, and look forward to continued assistance for future events. Again, thank you so much!

PTA is now accepting nominations for upcoming school year board members including President, Vice-president, Treasurer, secretary, and more. Please email your nominations to [ptawilliamselementary@gmail.com](mailto:ptawilliamselementary@gmail.com) before April 26. Elections will be held on April 29 at 6:00 pm during the monthly board meeting.

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP BY BRITTANY MCEWEN

We will be having our annual Kindergarten Roundup in the Williams cafeteria on Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. Incoming kindergarten students, parents, and families are welcome to attend.

Parents will receive information about the school and what to expect when entering kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. Forms to be completed and documents needed include:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Student Information</li> <li>• Parent Notification</li> <li>• Emergency Contact Form</li> <li>• Health Form</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Survey</li> <li>• Home Language Survey</li> <li>• Birth Certificate/Passport</li> <li>• Address Verification (2)</li> </ul> |
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## STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING

After spring break, we will begin state standardized testing (paper-based) for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents can prepare students in a number of ways, such as:

DATES	ASSESSMENT	TIME	GRADES
April 9	FSA Writing	120 minutes	4, 5
April 9	FSA Reading Session 1	80 minutes	3
April 10	FSA Reading Session 2	80 minutes	3
May 1	FSA Reading Session 1	80 minutes	4, 5
May 2	FSA Reading Session 2	80 minutes	4, 5
May 7	FSA Math Session 1	80 minutes	3, 4, 5
May 8	FSA Math Session 2	80 minutes	3, 4, 5
May 9	SSA Science Session 1	80 minutes	5
May 10	SSA Science Session 2	80 minutes	5