



JOSEPH WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal: Mrs. Anyana Stokes

February & March 2019 Issue



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a great time to be a WILDCAT!! We have many exciting things going on around our campus this spring. We are looking forward to student performances, parent nights, and reward parties. We hope that you are able to come out and engage with us as we continue to celebrate our 80 year legacy and excel towards our future.

School safety is on the minds of everyone and it is our top priority. We continue to conduct safety and weather drills to insure that our students are prepared for any type of emergency. Our school resource officer, Officer Smith is a knowledgeable and valued member of our school community. He has many years of experience and deeply cares for our students, staff, and families.

As always we appreciate your continued support and involvement. We know that our partnership with parents is one of the greatest influences on student success. We look forward to seeing you in the coming months as we continue to strive higher and push our students toward success.

Mrs. Anyana Stokes
Principal

PTA UPDATE BY WILLIAMS PTA MEMBERS

The Williams Spring Carnival is scheduled for March 21. This is the biggest PTA event of the year, and was a big success last year in terms of attendance and involvement by the community.

We can use your time, your ideas, and donations to make the event a success. Look for emails from your teacher with details on the night and how you can help.

You don't have to wait until the carnival to get involved. The parents of students in the classrooms of Ms. Dardas and Mr. Taksier didn't! The two classrooms enjoyed a PTA-sponsored pizza party for having the most parents join during the fall membership drive.

The PTA will next meet on Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m. All members of the Williams community are encouraged to attend. If you can help the PTA or if you need help from the PTA, please contact us at ptawilliamselementary@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/11 PTA Mtg. (5:30 pm)
- 2/12 FSA Academy Night - Introduction
- 2/14 Progress Reports go Home
- 2/18 No School
- 2/21 Black History Program (6:00 pm)
- 2/26 FSA Academy Night - ELA
- 3/6 David's BBQ Spirit Night
- 3/12 FSA Academy Night - Math & Science
- 3/15 Class Picture Day
- 3/20 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 3/21 Williams Spring Carnival
- 3/22 No School
- 3/29 FSA Pep Rally
- 3/29 Report Cards go Home

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Mrs. Brigette Hart-Sams



Martial Arts Classes
 at Williams Elementary

Lessons provided by
PRO TAEKWONDO

2 WEEK CHARACTER EDUCATION COURSE:
 Tuesday, January 28, 2019
 Thursday, January 31, 2019
 Tuesday, February 5, 2019
 Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME: 2:00-2:45pm
LOCATION: Music Room
OPEN TO ALL K-5 STUDENTS (See 4 line)
COST: \$25.00 Cash & checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to Williams.
 100% of proceeds go directly to Williams!
SIGN UP TODAY - CLASS SIZE LIMITED

100% of all proceeds go to Williams!

If you have any questions, please call
 (352) 792-6512

MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

Four courses at Williams after school (2:00-3:00).
Contact: Dr. Chris Beland for more information.
Cost: \$25
 January 29, 31
 February 5, 7
 All proceeds benefit school projects for students.



STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING

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

- Meet regularly with your child’s teacher and discuss student progress;
- Practice at home (homework, Istation, Reflex Math, etc.);
- Make sure your child is on time and ready for school each day;
- Review test-taking strategies (UNRAVEL, CUBES, etc.).

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

Per state statute (*section 1008.25.5 of the Florida Statutes*), third grade students have to receive a level 2 achievement score or higher on the FSA reading test in April to be promoted to 4th grade; any student with a level 1 or no score will be retained in 3rd grade.

However, third grade students can also be promoted to 4th grade using the Istation ISIP test with a score of 247 or higher. The Istation program can be practiced at school and home, and the monthly ISIP test is given at the beginning of each calendar month.



Istation: Contact your teacher on how to do Istation reading and math practice at home or to receive student reports/data.

FSA ACADEMY BY KAREN MELVIN

We have the FSA Academy coming up February 12 and 26, and March 12. Our targeted students for this academy are grades 2-5. Sessions start at 5:00 pm.

The first FSA Academy on February 12 will be an informational night about the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), how promotion/retention is determined in 3rd grade, and what parents and the school can do to support students. Students will be working with teachers on FSA-type activities, while parents are participating in this session. To end the night, we will have a quiz show called “Are You Smarter Than...” to help parents and students recall the important things about prepping for the FSA.

The FSA Academy on February 26 will focus on English language arts (ELA) and the FSA Academy on March 12 will focus on math and science. If you cannot attend all three, please join us on whichever night you are available.