

WILLOW WEEKLY

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February 28, 2020

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE/PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

03/02-Monday-No School

CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

Polish Born soldier who contributed to the United States independence
FATHER OF AMERICAN CAVALRY

03/03-Tuesday-Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am

Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm

Access Club 3:13-4:13pm

Kindergarten Screening & PreRegistration call to schedule an appointment

Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm

Tutoring Club 3:13-4:13pm

4th Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13pm

Concert Band Rehearsal 3:13-4:13pm

Girls' Volleyball vs Pleasantdale-HOME

03/04-Wednesday-Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am

Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm

Access Club 3:13-4:13pm

2nd Grade Get Your Game On 3:13-4:13pm

Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm

Junior High Choir 8:00-8:25am

Yearbook Club 3:13-4:13pm

Concert Band Rehearsal 3:13-4:13pm

Girls' Volleyball Practice 3:20-5:00pm Intersquad Game 5:00-6:00pm

03/05-Thursday- Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am

Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm

Access Club 3:13-4:13pm

2nd Grade Get Your Game On 3:13-4:13pm

Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm

Tutoring Club 3:13-4:13pm

5th Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13pm

PFC Meeting 10:30am

Beginning Band Rehearsal (Everyone) 3:13-4:13pm

LAST-Girls' Volleyball practice 3:20-5:00pm

03/06-Friday- Early Bird Band Concert Band (Everyone) 7:50am

Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am

Girls' Volleyball vs Park Blue-AWAY

Dr.Seuss birthday celebration- Dress like your favorite Dr.Seuss character

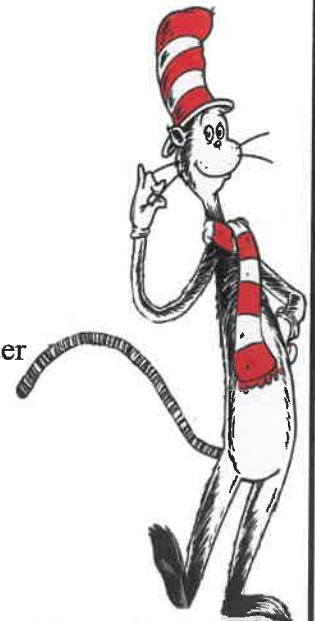
Cat in the Hat story time with Kindergarten & 1st grade 9:45-10:45am

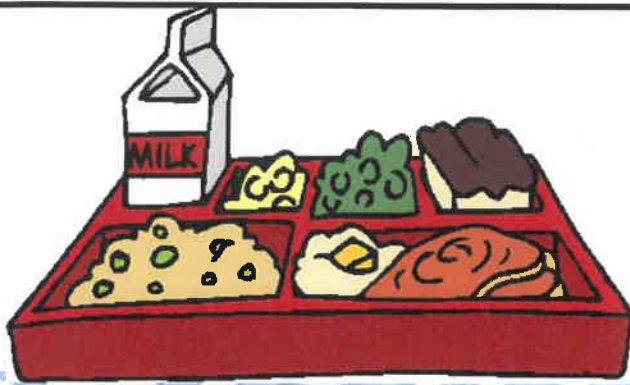
Looking Ahead:

03/12-We are the World 3rd-5th Grade Spring Concert 6:00pm

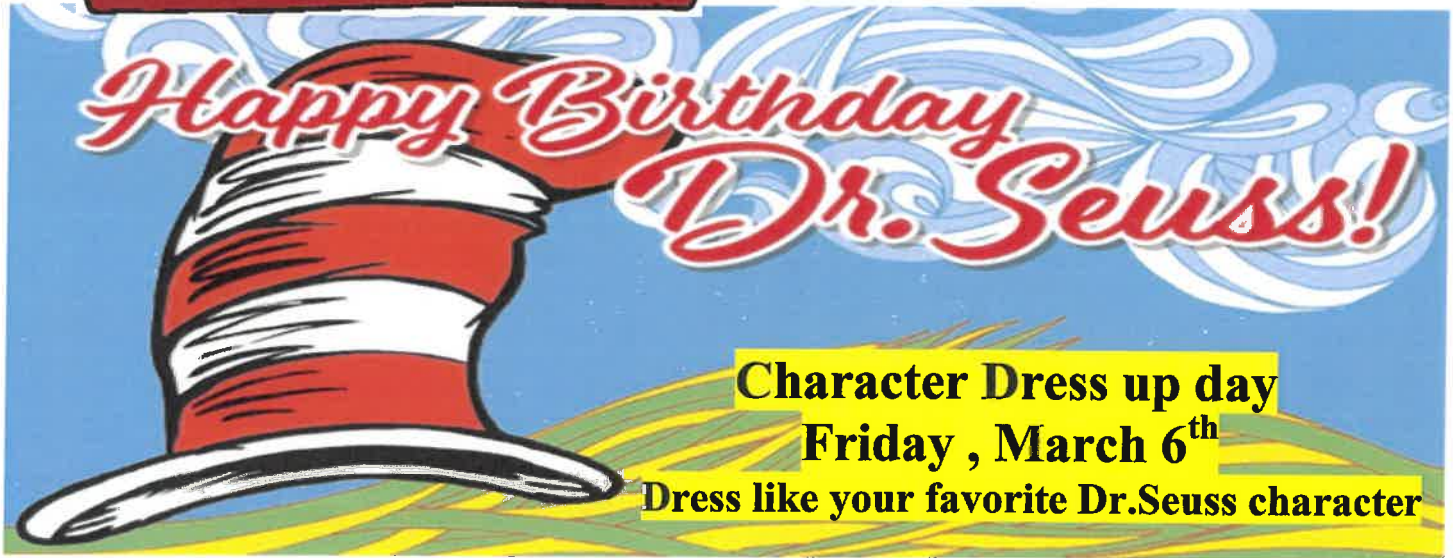
03/23-03/27-Spring Break

05/18-8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm





03/02-Monday-No Lunch *No School
03/03-Tuesday-Cheeseburger
03/04-Wednesday-Chicken Nuggets
03/05-Thursday-Taco
03/06-Friday-Cheese Bosco Sticks



PFC NEWS

SPIRIT WEAR

Limited Sizes Available \$10.00 each
Sizes range from Youth S-Adult XL

If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt please visit the office or send a \$10.00 cash or check payment with your child and the size needed. Thank you for supporting the PFC!
Please make any checks payable to: Willow Springs School

Mobile Food Pantry: The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations. Mobile food pantries will be at the following locations at 3:30 pm- 5:30pm. Open to the public. It is recommended that you bring your own grocery bags.

Justice Village Hall 7800 Archer Rd, Justice, IL
3/17/2020, 6/16/2020



Time for Kindergarten screenings



Tuesday, March 3, 2020

WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION AND SCREENING

Willow Springs School District # 108, 8345 Archer, Willow Springs, will hold kindergarten **pre-registration and screening** on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The screening of your child is very important and will take approximately 45 minutes.

If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2020, he/she is eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2020/2021 school year.

In order to **pre-register** your child, you must bring with you **three** proofs of residency. One must be a **current** lease, mortgage bill, or property tax bill. The other proofs must be two **current** utility bills in the parent name. Additionally, a copy of your child's **original** Birth Certificate is also required. All parents will also be required to sign an affidavit to ensure proof of residency. Any medical information (shot records) you have on your child will also be helpful. Please call Mrs. Flores at the Willow Springs School office at (708) 839-6828 to make an appointment.



Information for Illinois K-12 Schools Regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus

What is 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new respiratory virus identified in December 2019 as the cause of an outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. People who get sick with COVID-19 develop mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Illness can begin 2 to 14 days after an exposure. Although this virus likely emerged from an animal source, it can also spread from person-to-person. Spread from one person to another is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Typically, with most respiratory viruses, people are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic.

The latest national situation summary updates, including the number of cases identified in the United States, are available on CDC's web page [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). State situation updates can be found at [DPH.ILLINOIS.GOV](#).

What is the health risk from COVID-19 in Illinois?

Currently, the health risk to the general public from COVID-19 remains low, both in the U.S. and in Illinois. The goal of the ongoing U.S. public health response is to detect new cases quickly and prevent community spread of COVID-19. The coming days and weeks are likely to bring more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and globally, but strong public health measures now may blunt the impact of the virus.

What special precautions do schools in Illinois need to take?

Due to recent acceleration of COVID-19 transmission across China and in accordance with current federal guidance, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends the following:

- **Any student returning from mainland China should not attend school for 14 days after the return date.**
- Absences for this purpose should be excused.
- Family members of these students should not attend work if they also traveled to mainland China.

If a student who returned from mainland China within the past 14 days develops respiratory symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, **report immediately** to your Local Health Department. **Please keep in mind there are other respiratory viruses like influenza currently circulating in Illinois.** Call ahead before taking the student to a doctor's office or emergency department to prevent any potential spread.

The situation is rapidly changing, and we are monitoring it closely. Guidance will be updated as needed.



What are the latest public health measures?

As airport screening procedures have changed, starting February 3, 2020, IDPH began receiving information on incoming travelers from all of China who may be at risk, and when appropriate instructing them to stay home from school and work, and monitoring them remotely. IDPH will be in communication with school administration about individual situations as needed.

If we have a student who has been ill at school and is now a person under investigation (PUI), what do we tell parents?

In general, continue to follow your usual procedures for notification of parents/guardians whose students are ill at school. IDPH will follow up with schools who need more specific guidance.

Should we be concerned about classroom pets or other animals and COVID-19?

CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.

One of our students is an exchange student from China. Can they return home?

IDPH recommends students **avoid travel to China**. The latest travel updates are available on CDC's web page [Traveler's Health](#).

How can schools prevent infections with COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. As with any respiratory virus, students and school personnel can protect themselves and others by taking every day common sense actions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

IDPH **does NOT** recommend:

- the use of masks or gloves
- cancelling mass gatherings
- cancelling classes

Are any special cleaning procedures needed?

*This has been adapted from the Chicago Department of Public Health.
Updated 2/19/20.*



At this time, no special sanitizing processes beyond routine cleaning are necessary or recommended to slow the spread of respiratory illness. Schools should follow standard processes for routine cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA-registered product. General infection control guidance is available at www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol.

What should school-based health centers do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

If a student calls ahead with travel to China within the last 14 days and concerning symptoms, collect detailed history over the phone prior to deciding the location for triage. School-based health centers (SBHCs) should contact their Local Health Department immediately.

For more information, please visit DPH.ILLINOIS.GOV or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL
3rd - 5th Grade Spring Concert

*We Are
the
World*



THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020
6:00 PM



Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading.



Read together every day

You can read the morning news at breakfast, share a story after supper, or cuddle up for a book at bedtime. A daily reading routine is something everyone can look forward to.

Talk and build vocabulary

Interesting conversations build vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world. Talk is a child's best source of exposure to new words and ideas.

Model reading

Kids want to do what the grownups do. Make sure your kids get to see you reading and hear you talk about it.

Point out print

Read and talk about the words you see in the world around you. There's lots to read—signs, recipes, cereal boxes, instruction manuals, bus schedules, news, maps, and menus.

Visit the library

Take advantage of all the books, materials, story times, programs, and resources your local library has to offer.

Create a reading-rich home

Find books at the bookstore or yard sales. Provide a special shelf or basket for kids to keep their own books and one for library books. Make sure there are quiet, comfortable places to read.

Encourage your child's reading

Praise the efforts of a soon-to-be or beginning reader. Make sure schedules of older readers include time for reading for pleasure.



Keep books handy

Stash books in your bag to read aloud when you travel or have to wait at restaurants or for appointments. Or keep eBooks on your phone.

Start reading traditions

Beyond bedtime stories, consider a special birthday book, holiday favorites, or a regular family read aloud night.

Let kids choose books

Offer titles that explore your child's interests, expand horizons, and offer exposure to different kinds of writing. Show them there are books where they can see themselves and books where they can see the worlds of others.

Make everyone comfortable

Find a spot to read together where you are both comfortable. Sometimes kids have to move around to be comfortable.

Be an active reader

Use expressive voices for characters, make sound effects, and point things out in the text and illustrations when you read aloud.

Discuss what you read

Give your child enough time to absorb the story and look at the pictures as you read. Think aloud about what you are reading and looking at and encourage your child to do the same.

Ask questions when you read

Ask your child to guess what comes next. Ask open-ended questions that help them relate to characters or events in the book. Let your child get involved and ask questions too—interruptions are okay!

Encourage re-reading

Repetition helps kids learn. Re-reading favorite books and poems helps kids make meaningful connections between themselves and books.

Connect reading and writing

Write your own reading material, like a story about your life, a story featuring your kids, or a story kids make up.

Make media matter

Connect kids with appropriate technology—videos, apps, or games that help them learn new words and interesting things about the world.

Make reading an experience

Link life experiences with books, like a trip to the zoo and books about animals, or planting a garden and reading *The Ugly Vegetables* by Grace Lin.

Have fun







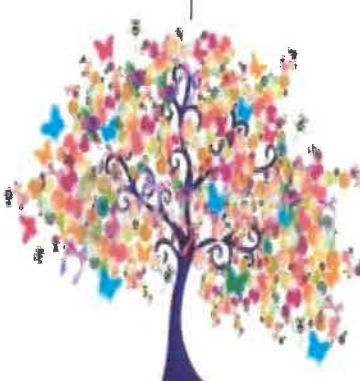
Your idea of fun may differ from your child's, so appreciate your child's special joy for learning new things. Try different approaches, such as having them read to you or acting out a favorite story. Even something as simple as a story time outside can make reading together livelier and more memorable for you and your child.



Menus subject to change without notice.

BREAKFAST MARCH 2020

Full Breakfast \$1.60
Extra Entrée \$0.75
Milk \$0.30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 No School Pulaski Day	3 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Apple Delight	4 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit Egg Cheese Omelet	5 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Poptart	6 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Fruit & Grain Bar	7 
8	9 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit Yogurt	10 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Mini Pancakes	11 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Granola Bar	12 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Bagel	13 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit String Cheese	14
15 	16 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Granola Bar	17 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit Egg Cheese Omelet	18 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Poptart	19 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Muffin 	20 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Fruit & Grain Bar	21 
22	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break 	26 Spring Break 	27 Spring Break	28
29	30 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Apple Delight	31 *Cereal Milk Juice Fruit *Mini Pancakes				

Breakfast starts promptly at 8:00 am. and ends at 8:20 am.

Please DO NOT send students early as we do not have supervision before 8:00 am.

*** All Bread Items Are Whole Grain or Multi Grain**

WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 108

MARCH 2020



STUDENT LUNCH MENU

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

2	3	4	5	6
CASMIR PULASKI DAY NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	CHEESEBURGER ON A BUN KETCHUP VEGETABLE FRUIT BAKED CHIPS MILK	CHICKEN NUGGETS HONEY MUSTARD VEGETABLE FRUIT 1 SLICE BREAD MILK	TACO ON A SOFT SHELL CHEESE SALSA CORN FRUIT MILK	CHEESE BOSCO STICKS MARNARA SAUCE VEGETABLE FRUIT MILK
9 CHICKEN TENDERS HONEY MUSTARD VEGETABLE FRUIT 1 SLICE BREAD MILK	10 TURKEY SANDWICH 2 SLICES BREAD AND MAYO PACKETTE FRESH CARROTS RANCH CUP FRESH APPLES BAKED CHIPS MILK	11 CORN DOGS HONEY MUSTARD VEGETABLE FRUIT YOGURT MILK	12 MAC AND CHEESE GARDEN SALAD WITH DRESSING 1 SLICE BREAD FRUIT MILK	13 CHEESE PIZZA VEGETABLE FRUIT MILK
16 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY EARLY STUDENT DISMISSAL	17 BEEF HOT DOG ON A BUN KETCHUP VEGETRIAN BEANS FRUIT BAKED CHIPS MILK	18 CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS IN A SOFT SHELL CHEESE SALSA CORN FRUIT MILK	19 SLOPPY JOE ON A BUN VEGETABLE FRUIT BAKED CHIPS MILK	20 FRENCH BREAD CHEESE PIZZA VEGETABLE FRUIT MILK
23	24	25	26	27
<h1>SPRING BREAK</h1>				
	NO	STUDENT	ATTENDANCE	
30 CHICKEN PATTIE RICE GRAVY VEGETABLE FRUIT 2 SLICE OF BREAD MILK	31 BEEF RIBETTE ON A BUN BARBECUE SAUCE VEGETABLE FRUIT BAKED CHIPS MILK		ALL LUNCHES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.....	