

# WILLOW WEEKLY

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March 6, 2020

## NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE/PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**03/09-Monday-** Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Field Museum 9:00am-2:00pm  
Junior High Choir 8:00-8:25am  
Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Access Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Beginning Band Rehearsal (Everyone)3:13-4:13pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Get Your Game On  
Yearbook Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Girls' Volleyball vs Park Red-HOME\***PACK THE HOUSE**

**03/10-Tuesday-**Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am  
Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Access Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Concert Band Rehearsal 3:13-4:13pm  
Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm  
Tutoring Club 3:13-4:13pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Girls' Volleyball vs Gurrie-AWAY

**03/11-Wednesday-**Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am  
Junior High Choir 8:00-8:25am  
Student Council Meeting 3:13-4:13pm  
IAR Testing begins today  
Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Access Club 3:13-4:13pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Get Your Game On  
Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm  
Yearbook Club 3:13-4:13pm

**03/12-Thursday-** Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am  
Homework Club 3:13-4:13pm  
Access Club 3:13-4:13pm



*3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert 6:00pm\**

*\*Band students must arrive at 5:30pm*

Study Stars 3:13-4:13pm  
Tutoring Club 3:13-4:13pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13pm

**LAST GAME-**Girls' Volleyball vs Pleasantdale-AWAY

**03/13-Friday-** Early Bird Band Concert Band (Everyone) 7:50am  
Math Lab/Study Hall 7:50-8:20am  
End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour  
before bed on Saturday

### Looking Ahead:

03/16-School Improvement Day 11:30am Dismissal  
03/23-03/27-Spring Break  
05/18-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00pm

03/09-Monday-Chicken Tenders  
03/10-Tuesday-Turkey Sandwich  
03/11-Wednesday-Corn Dogs  
03/12-Thursday-Mac and Cheese  
03/13-Friday-Cheese Pizza



## 2020/2021 School Calendar Important dates announced please mark your calendars

At its February meeting, the Board of Education approved the calendar for next school year. The calendar dates are posted on our website, but here are some important dates:

**New and returning student registration:**  
Tuesday, July 7 & Wednesday, July 8 from  
1:00-4:00pm and 5:30-8:00pm

**First day of school for students,**  
Wed. 8/19/2020, 8:25 - 3:13

**Thanksgiving Break:** No school Wed.  
11/25- F 11/27/2020. School Resumes  
Mon. 11/30/2020.

**Winter Break:** No school Mon. 12/21/2020 - F 1/1/2021. School Resumes Mon. 1/4/2021.

**Spring Break:** No school Mon. 3/29/2021 - Mon 4/5/2021. School Resumes Tues. 4/6/2021.

**Tentative Last Day of School for Students:** Wed. 5/28/2021\*. \*This date may change depending upon the use of Weather Emergency Days.



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WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL  
3rd - 5th Grade Spring Concert

*We Are  
the  
World*



THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020  
6:00 PM



**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



Starting on March 12, 2020, the US Census will begin. This count of every person living in the United States happens every 10 years. Getting an accurate count is important -- just not to know how many people live in the United States. Federal funding for schools and local

government are based upon the census count. The number of representatives to Congress is also based upon an accurate count.

Be on the lookout for the Census information to arrive starting next week in your home. You can complete the census online! Watch for more details here if you need online assistance.

For more information go to: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

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## Kindergarten - 6th Grade Families



**There is still time for your child to register to earn  
a FREE Six Flags ticket for reading 6 hours!**

Parents can register for Read to Succeed using the details below:

- Register child at [sixflags.com/books](https://sixflags.com/books) using code D3PUH
- By April 17, complete the online reading log for your child.
- Expect a Six Flags Great America ticket for your child in May!

Once your child is registered, you will have access to your online account.

[Parent Portal](#)

**The online reading log is due April 17th!**



## 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](http://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](http://DPH.ILLINOIS.GOV) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



# Dr. Seuss





