

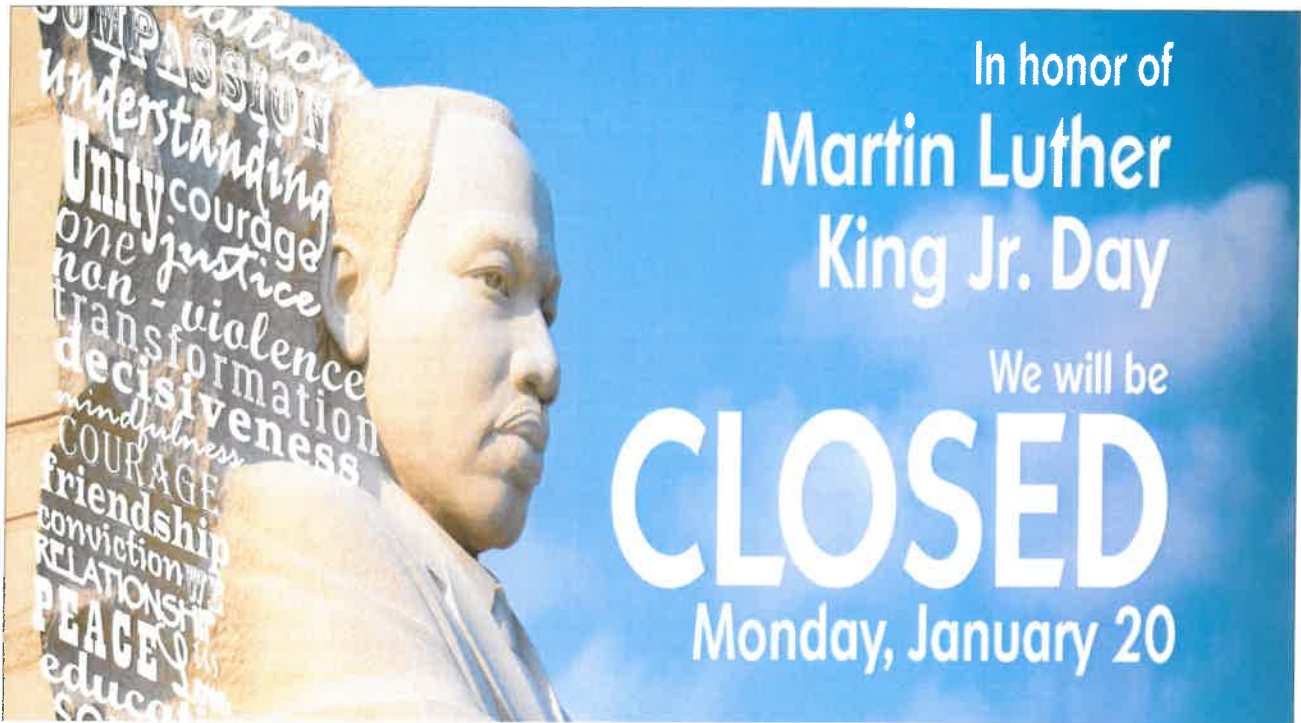
WILLOW WEEKLY

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NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE/ PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, January 18-No School



Tuesday, January 19- Teacher Institute Day-No School* Meals are available

Wednesday, January 20- In Person Learning First day of school for
Grades: EC 9:00am-11:30am

Grades: K, 1st, 2nd, XC1, XC2 and XC3 8:25am-12:30pm

Remote Learning continues for Grades 3rd-8th and Total Remote Learning
9:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, January 21-Remote Learning continues for Grades 3rd-8th and
Total Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Friday, January 22- Remote Learning continues for Grades 3rd-8th and
Total Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Coming up:

Monday, January 25th – In Person Learning First day of school for Grades 3rd-5th 8:25-11:30am

Total Remote Learning Grades K-2nd 1:25pm-3:25pm

Total Remote Learning Grades 3rd-8th Grade 12:55pm-3:25pm

Wednesday, January 27th-In Person Learning First day of school for Grades 6th -8th 8:25-11:30a

Total Remote Learning Grades K-2nd 1:25pm-3:25pm

Total Remote Learning Grades 3rd-8th Grade 12:55pm-3:25pm



IN PERSON LEARNING

Great News: The letter from the superintendent that went out on Tuesday explained there is no need for blue or gold groups. All families who opted for in person learning will attend school everyday. Please check the grade level and the hours your child will be in school

MY CHILD IS IN GRADE:

Early Childhood – Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 9:00am-11:30am

Kindergarten- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-12:30pm

1st Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-12:30pm

2nd Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-12:30pm

XC1-Mrs.Theodoropoulos- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-12:30pm

3rd Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

4th Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

5th Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

XC2-Ms.Esposito- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-12:30pm

6th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

7th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

8th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

XC3-Tristano- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25am-11:30am

Specials (Art, Music, PE, Speech, Social Work, etc..) Students might have to login from home to attend a special in the afternoon. Please follow your teacher's instructions.

Walkers/Students transported to and from school: School drop-off begins at **8:10am** (w/supervision)

Dismissal is at 11:30am for grades 3rd-8th and XC3. Dismissal is at 12:30 for grades K-2, XC1 and XC2

Bus Riders: Please follow your assigned bus route. Letters are attached to your report cards.

Bus stop pickup 7:53-7:55am in Willow Springs (Willow Creek Lane, Forest Trails Condos etc..)

Bus stop pickup 8:10am in Sterling Estates

Dismissal bus leaves at 11:35am for grades 3rd-8th and XC3. Dismissal bus leaves at 12:35 for grades K-2, XC1 and XC2.

What should my child bring to school?

Mask, Fully Charged Electronic Device, Charger, Water bottle and any supplies the teacher requested.

Willow Springs School will be providing each child with basic school supplies (pencils, crayons, markers etc...)



REMOTE LEARNING

A new schedule will begin soon. Please look at your child's grade level for an important start date and time.

MY CHILD IS IN GRADE:

Kindergarten- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 1:25-3:25pm
Students will be taught by the Kindergarten team: Ms.L.Baricovich, Mrs.Overzet and Ms.Lehmann

1st Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25-1230pm
Teacher:Mrs.Haussy

2nd Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm
Students will be taught by the 2nd Grade Team: Mrs.Haussy, Ms.Musto and Mrs. VonBank

XC1-Mrs.Theodoropoulos- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 1:25-3:25pm

3rd Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

4th Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

5th Grade- Begins Monday, Jan 25th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

XC2-Ms.Esposito- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

6th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

7th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

8th Grade- Begins Wednesday, Jan 27th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 12:55-3:25pm

XC3-Tristano- Begins Wednesday, Jan 20th. Classes are everyday Mon-Fri 8:25-11:30am

Specials (Art, Music, PE, Speech, Social Work, etc..) Students might have to login from home to attend a special in the morning or afternoon. Please follow your child's schedule that was mailed with report cards.

Grab and Go Meals

ALL children under the age of 18 can get a free meal! Meals are first come first serve. We will continue to distribute meals from 2:15-2:45pm at both Willow Springs School office and the Sterling Estates Clubhouse parking lot.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK TO PICK UP MEALS



Monday, Jan 18-No lunch-No School
Tuesday, Jan 19- No School Turkey Bologna- 215-245
Wednesday, Jan 20- Turkey Ham
Thursday, Jan 21- Turkey Sandwich
Friday, Jan 22-Lunchable

PFC NEWS: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 location:

Justice Village Hall 7800 Archer Rd, Justice, IL 60458 from 3:30 pm- 5:30pm. Open to the public. It is recommended that you bring your own grocery bags. The service dates are: **1/19/2021**, 3/16/2021, 6/15/2021



Khloe Bryerton 3A, her picture was picked by Channel 7 News to air on Wednesday, January 20th at approximately 6:40am.
Congrats Khloe!

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

For this academic year, change seems to be a constant. Next week, we are embarking on another big change. There's lots of information to sift through, different schedules to understand, and new routines/procedures to teach the students. Again, we **thank the families** for your patience and flexibility as we reconfigure our schedules to best meet the needs of the students.

We are happy we were able to provide an option to every family to choose either in-person or remote learning! Figuring out this "puzzle" was difficult because Willow is so small. There were 58% of our families choosing to return, while 42% are remaining in the remote setting. Many of the staff members will be teaching both models within the same school day! Switching back and forth can be challenging, and I credit our great staff with their problem solving skills!

I end this letter with "Happy First Day of School" again!

Mrs. Lori Smuda



BUS ROUTES

**All students have assigned buses. Please follow your assigned bus schedule.*

Morning Bus Routes

- Willow Creek Lane 7:53am
- Willows Edge Townhomes 7:55am
- Forest Trail Condos 8:00am
- Sterling Estates Playground 8:10am
- Sterling Estates Clubhouse 8:10am
- Sterling Estates Park & Oak 8:10am (2 Buses)
- Maintenance Building on Testa 8:10am



Afternoon Bus Routes Dismissal

BUS #1: Leaves at 11:35am. Drop off at Forest Trails Condos, Sterling Estates Playground, Park then West Archer

BUS #2: Leaves at 11:35am. Drop off at Sterling Estates clubhouse, Testa Maintenance Building

BUS #3: Leaves at 11:35am. Drop off at Park and Oak

BUS #4: Leaves at 12:35pm. Drop off at Sterling Estates clubhouse, Sterling Estates playground then Testa Maintenance building

BUS #5: Leaves at 12:35pm. Forest Trails, Park and Oak and West Archer



***TIMES MAY VARY DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES EX: TRAFFIC, WEATHER, BUT EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE. PLEASE MONITOR ARRIVAL TIMES FOR YOUR CHILD (REN) AND IF YOUR CHILD (REN). IS/ARE VERY LATE PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL (708)839-6828 ***

**ATTENTION!!
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

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CLASS OF 2021

Pictures are Thursday, February 4th
Remote Learning Group only -Feb 11th 8:40am-11:00am

What to expect:

- All 8th grade students will be photographed on picture day
- Two portraits will be taken. One in dress clothing and one cap and gown
- A couple of weeks later, picture proofs are sent home with your child if they are in person learning / full remote students can pick up proofs in the office
- Review the picture proofs and purchase pictures on mylifetouch.com



COMING SOON

Parenting During the Age of COVID

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We know that COVID has presented many parenting challenges, big and small. At Willow Springs School we have looked for new ways to provide support to the parents of our students. Through a partnership with Advocate Aurora Health, we are pleased to offer a series of 4 virtual support group discussions in February focusing on Parenting During the Age of COVID. These sessions will be **FREE** and conducted online, allowing you to conveniently participate from home. A pediatrician and licensed counselors on staff at Advocate Aurora Health will serve as session moderators.

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS!

You are invited to attend any or all the sessions below. Advance registration is NOT required and participants may choose to remain anonymous if they prefer.

The topics for each of the sessions are outlined below:

- **February 4** - *COVID Concerns – Hear from a pediatrician on the latest COVID information, including immunizations and mitigation strategies.*
- **February 11** - *Parenting During Uncertain Times – Learn ways to effectively parent even when all the information isn't clear*
- **February 18** - *Managing Fear – Learn strategies and tactics to reduce COVID-related fear*
- **February 25** - *Wellbeing for Families – Understand how to make a whole family health and wellbeing plan*


Each session is one hour in length and will begin at **7:00 pm**.

We'll include a reminder in the Willow Weekly and a link to the Zoom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Litko – mlitko@willowspringsschool.org or 708-839-6828.

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January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Winter Break No School	2
3	4 School Resumes	5	6	7	8 End of 2nd Quarter/ First Semester	9
10	11 School Board Special Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14	15 2nd Quarter Report Card Home	16
17	18 School Closed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Teacher In-Service No Student Attendance	20 In-Person Learning Begins for K - 2, XC	21	22	23
24	25 In-Person Learning 3 - 5 In-Person Blended Begins	26 School Board Meeting 6:30pm	27 In-Person Learning 6 - 8 In-Person Blended Begins	28	29	30
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