

# WILLOW WEEKLY

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January 29, 2021

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

**MAKE YOUR SURE CHILD EATS A HEARTY BREAKFAST EACH MORNING**

**IN PERSON STUDENTS: WEAR A MASK, BRING DEVICES & CHARGERS EVERYDAY**

**Monday, Feb 1-** Remote Kindergarten 1:25-3:25pm/Special Tues-Fri 8:45-9:15am  
Remote XC1-Mrs. Theo 1:25-3:25pm/ Special M-F \*K & 2 8:45-9:15am\* 1<sup>st</sup> 2:55-3:25pm  
Remote 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 8:25-12:30pm/ Special M-F 2:55-3:25pm  
Remote 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 12:55-3:25pm/ Special M-F 8:45-9:15am  
Remote 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 12:55-3:25pm/ Special M-F 10:55-11:30am  
Remote 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:55-3:25pm/ Special M-F 10:55-11:30am  
Remote 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:55-3:25pm/ Special M-F 10:55-11:30am  
Remote XC2-Ms.Esposito 1:25-3:25pm / Special M-F 10:55-11:30am  
Remote 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:55pm-3:25pm  
Remote and In Person Learning XC3-Mrs.Tristano 8:25-11:30am/ Specials 12:55-3:25p  
In person Kindergarten 8:25-12:30pm/ Special Tues-Fri 2:55-3:25pm  
In Person XC1-Mrs.Theo 8:25-12:30pm/ Special 2:55-3:25pm  
In Person 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 8:25-12:30pm/ Special 2:55-3:25pm  
In Person 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 8:25-12:30pm/ Special 2:55-3:25pm  
In Person 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 8:25-11:30pm / Special 12:55-1:30pm  
In Person 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:25-11:30am/ Special 12:55-1:30pm  
In Person 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:25-11:30am/ Special 12:55-1:30pm  
In Person XC2-Ms.Esposito 8:25-12:30pm/ Special 12:55-1:30pm  
In Person 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:25-11:30am  
In person CD-Ms.Daley-8:30-12:30pm  
**Tuesday, February 2-**Schedule does not change please see schedule above  
**Wednesday, February 3-** Schedule does not change please see schedule above  
**Thursday, February 4-** Schedule does not change please see schedule above  
In Person 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student Cap and Gown Pictures  
**Friday, February 5-** Schedule does not change please see schedule above  
Third Quarter Midterm

PLEASE NOTE  
SCHEDULE DOES  
NOT CHANGE  
Same schedule all week

## **Coming up:**

Monday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> -Erin's Law Presentation

Thursday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-Remote Only-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students Cap and Gown pictures 8:40-11:00am

Friday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> -The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm reports should arrive home today

Tuesday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>-In Person Board Meeting 6:30pm

## Grab and Go Meals

ALL children under the age of 18 can get a free meal! Meals are first come first serve. In person students can take a breakfast/lunch home with them.

**YOU MUST WEAR A MASK TO PICK UP MEALS**



Monday, Feb 1- Turkey Bologna  
Tuesday, Feb 2- Corned Beef Sandwich  
Wednesday, Feb 3- Turkey Ham Sandwich  
Thursday, Feb 4 Chicken Sandwich  
Friday, Feb 5- Soy PB & J

*Please note!*

Pick up meals 10:00-10:30am ONLY at the Willow Springs School office and Sterling Estates

**EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** – The ONLY PICK UP TIME at the Sterling Estates clubhouse parking lot is at 10AM. No more afternoon pick up. **Students will only be allowed to take 1 bag lunch home with them. Families who need more than 1 lunch MUST pick up lunches during the scheduled times of 10:00-10:30am.**

A colorful poster titled "Wash YOUR HANDS!" with five steps: 1 Wet, 2 Get Soap, 3 Scrub, 4 Rinse, 5 Dry. It includes a cartoon germ character and the text "Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!". The CDC logo and website are at the bottom.

**Wash YOUR HANDS!**

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

- 1 Wet
- 2 Get Soap
- 3 Scrub
- 4 Rinse
- 5 Dry

[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing) CDC



Parents and families,

After a 10 day transition period, we have students in the building from grades early childhood to 8th grade. The classes vary in size from 4 to 16 students. The students wear their mask all day and are practicing the six foot distance at all times. I would call these past few days, "Successful".

Our remote program continues to demonstrate success as well! Most classes are now smaller, which gives each student more time to answer questions and receive small group instruction. The technology continues to hold up, and all students are monitored by video during all classes. We have instituted a new supervision program called GoGuardian. The teachers are able to "see" which websites the students have open, and can shut down these sites during instructional periods. It helps to keep the kids on task, while also making them more responsible for their learning.

Thank you to the families for their flexibility as we changed schedules. We know it was difficult to follow all of the changes! And then, on Tuesday, the impending snow storm toppled all of our plans and sent us into full remote learning. Families are really taking the biggest hit during this pandemic!

A few other notes:

- ~School starts at **8:25am**. Please drop off your child on time.
- ~Each student receives one food bag as they leave the building
- ~More food is given out at 10:00 am at Sterling and Willow
- ~Buses are assigned; No changes can be made. We are trying to limit the amount of students on a bus for social distancing
- ~The Vinewood pick up line is starting to move faster during dismissal
- ~A new parent survey will be released in mid-March for those families interested in changing their child's program

February Parent Sessions: We have partnered with Aurora Advocate to offer FREE parent sessions all relating to COVID! They will be held each Thursday evening at 7:00 over Zoom. This week, a pediatrician will present the latest COVID information as it relates to children. Each week, I'll also raffle off a \$25 Amazon card to a WSS parent!! The Zoom link is in this Willow Weekly email. Join us!

Keep practicing the 3Ws: Wear a mask, Watch your distance, Wash your hands!

Have a good weekend,

Mrs. Lori Smuda

# ERIN'S LAW

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193 was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades K through 12.

Victor Pacini, a survivor of sexual abuse, author and motivational speaker, will be assisting our schools in implementing this mandate. Mr. Pacini's program, "Be Seen and Heard", is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. The focus of his presentation is to teach children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches and secrets
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

Mr. Pacini will be presenting to our students through Zoom during school hours on **Monday February 8, 2021**. More information regarding the exact time of the presentation will be communicated next week through your child's teacher.

For more information about this presentation, please view this short "Piece of Mind" video:

<http://www.victorpacini.com/peace-of-mind/>

**Requests to Opt-Out:** *If you prefer that your child opt-out of this prevention education session, please email Lauren Herrera, School Social Worker, at [lherrera@willowspringsschool.org](mailto:lherrera@willowspringsschool.org).*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lauren Herrera  
School Social Worker

# ONE MORE WEEK!



Attend a session and automatically get entered to win a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card

## 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.

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@willowsschool.org](mailto:mlitko@willowsschool.org) or call 708-839-6828.

# WINTER WEATHER

A friendly reminder to parents to bundle up their student(s) for school

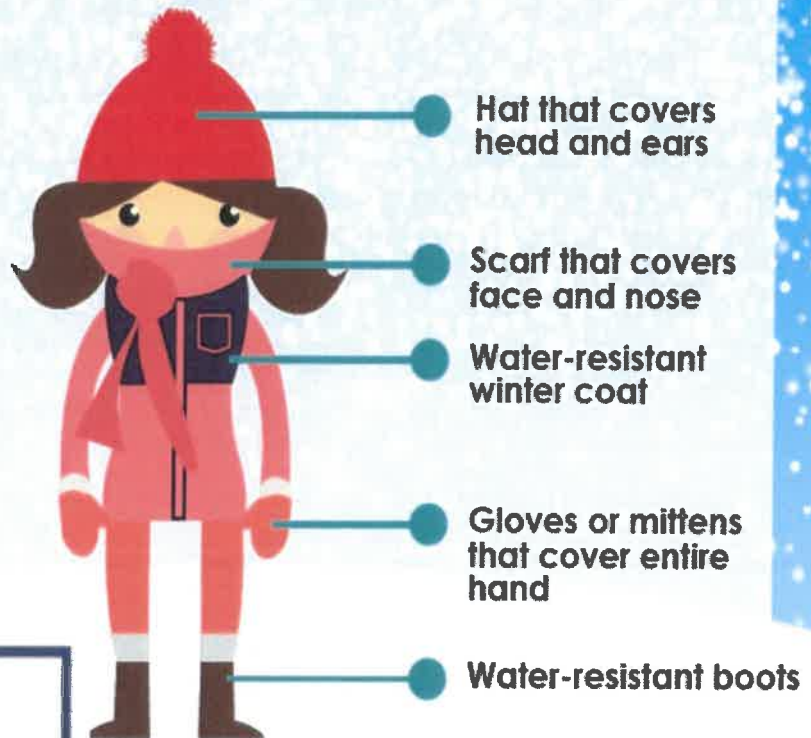
## 8:10am Morning Supervision, Is it indoor or outdoor?

**Indoors:** The temperature is 19 degrees or lower or its raining. K-8 Students will walk directly to their class starting at 8:10am

**Outdoors:** The temperature is 20 degrees and above. All K-8 students will remain outside until the bell rings

When the weather is very cold, stay indoors or dress in layers to prevent serious health problems.

KEEP WARM  
PROTECT  
& COVER



Don't forget  
your mask!



Staff supervision begins at 8:10am. Do not leave your child unattended prior to that time.



**ATTENTION!!  
SCHEDULE  
CHANGE**

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## CLASS OF 2021

Pictures are Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Remote Learning Group only -Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 8:40am-11:00am

### What to expect:

- All 8<sup>th</sup> 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](https://mylifetouch.com)

# Kindergarten Screenings

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL

## KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION AND SCREENING

Willow Springs School District # 108, 8345 Archer Ave, Willow Springs IL 60480, will hold kindergarten **pre-registration and screening** on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The screening of your child is very important and will take approximately 30-45minutes.

If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2021, he/she is eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2021/2022 school year.

In order to pre-register your child, you must bring with you **ONE** proof of residency. This must be a current State ID, Driver's License, lease, mortgage bill, or property tax bill. A copy of your child's original Birth Certificate is also required. **ONLY** the parent and the child will be allowed to enter the building for this appointment. Temperatures will be taken. Masks must be worn at all times. To register please call Ms. Flores in the school office 708-839-6828.



# Willow Springs School District 108

## FEBRUARY 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Turkey Bologna Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Baked Chips Milk	<b>2</b> Corned Beef Sandwich w/Swiss Cheese Vegetable Fruit Milk	<b>3</b> Turkey Ham Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Pudding Cup Baked Chips Milk	<b>4</b> Chicken Sandwich on a Bun Vegetable, Fruit, String Cheese Baked Chips Milk	<b>5</b> Soy Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Baked Chips Milk
<b>8</b> Roast Beef Sandwich with Cheese Vegetable Fruit Milk	<b>9</b> Turkey Sandwich Vegetable Fruit, Jell-O Baked Chips Milk	<b>10</b> Corned Beef Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Goldfish Crackers Milk	<b>11</b> Turkey Bologna Sandwich Vegetable Fruit String Cheese Milk	<b>12</b> Lunch-able Vegetable Fruit Chips Milk
<b>15</b> Lunch-able Vegetable Fruit Chips Milk	<b>16</b> Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Pudding Milk	<b>17</b> Cheese Pizza Lunch-able Vegetable Fruit Milk	<b>18</b> Turkey Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Baked Chips Milk	<b>19</b> Soy Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Milk
<b>22</b> Roast Beef Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Baked Chips Milk	<b>23</b> Corned Beef Sandwich Cheese Vegetable Fruit Milk	<b>24</b> Turkey Bologna Sandwich Vegetable Fruit String Cheese Milk	<b>25</b> Turkey Ham Sandwich Cheese Vegetable Fruit Pudding Milk	<b>26</b> Lunch-able Vegetable Fruit Chips Milk

## Student Lunch Menu











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ALL LUNCHESES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.....

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  	3	4 8th Grade Graduation Picture Day  In-Person Students Only COVID Parent Meeting "COVID Concerns" 7pm - 8pm	5 3rd Quarter Mid-Term	6
7	8	9	10	11 8th Grade Graduation Picture Day  Remote 8th Grade Students come between 8:40 - 11:00 COVID Parent Meeting "Parenting During Uncertain Times" 7pm - 8pm	12 3rd Quarter Mid-Term Reports Home  Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 	15  Presidents Day	16	17	18 COVID Parent Meeting "Managing Fear" 7pm - 8pm	19	20
21	22  Washington's Birthday	23 School Board Meeting 6:30pm	24	25 COVID Parent Meeting "Wellbeing for Families" 7pm - 8pm	26	27
28 Parenting During the Age of COVID Meetings - Zoom Link will be in the Willow Weekly each week If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Litko - <a href="mailto:mlitko@willowspringsschool.org">mlitko@willowspringsschool.org</a> or 708-467-3554					