

#### Willow Weekly: December 1, 2023

#### Free breakfast daily 8:00-8:20am

#### Monday, December 4

- Concert Band Rehearsals 5/6 Grades 740-825am
- Jr. High Homework Club 313 413
- Yearbook Club Meeting 315-415
- Beginning Band Woodwinds 320-410
- Boys Basketball vs McClure-AWAY
- 5-8 Grade Cheerleading Practice 315-500
- 2nd Grade Mini Cheer 315-415

#### Tuesday, December 5

- Concert Band Rehearsals 7/8 Grades 710-825am
- 4th Grade Art Club 315-415
- Beginning Band Brass Percussion 320-410
- Jr. High Homework Club 313 413
- Boys Basketball vs Park Red-AWAY
- 5-8th Grade Cheerleading Practice 315-500
- 3rd Grade Mini Cheer 315-415

#### Wednesday, December 6

- Boys Basketball Practice 315-500
- 5-8 Grade Cheerleading Practice 315-500

#### Thursday, December 7

- Concert Band ALL Students 740-825am
- Student Council Meeting 315-415
- Theme Thursday- Illinois Day
- 5th Grade Art Club 315-415
- Jr. High Homework Club 313 413
- Boys Basketball vs Washington Red-AWAY
- 5-8 Grade Cheerleading Practice 315-500
- 4th Grade Mini Cheer 315–415
- Beginning Band ALL Students 320-410

#### Friday, December 8

- Spirit Day- Wear your Willow Wear or Blue & Gold
- Boys Basketball Practice 315-500
- 5-8 Grade Cheerleading Practice 315-500

#### **Principal's Message**

Dear Willow Families,

Happy December! It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of the calendar year! This past Wednesday we honored 65 Wolverines of the Month. Each student was nominated by a staff member for exhibiting the following characteristics:

- August: Welcoming
- September: Enthusiasm
- October: Responsibility

Congratulations to all of our winners!

These next three weeks are filled with exciting and festive activities. Please take a few minutes to read through the Willow Weekly for all the upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alexandra Oreluk

#### **Upcoming Dates!**

### \*Dec 11 to Dec 15th- Holiday Fair\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thurs, Dec 14- Theme Thursday-Winter Colors Fri, Dec 18- 2nd Qtr MidTerm Reports Go Home

Thurs, Dec 21- Holiday Program 600pm

Thurs, Dec 21- Theme Thursday-Holiday Clothing

Friday, Dec 22- Hot Chocolate Day

Sat, Dec 23 to Sun, Jan 7- Christmas Break

#### Whats for Lunch?

Monday-Chicken Tenders

Tuesday-Beef Tacos

Wednesday- Double Cheeseburger

Thursday-Beef Nachos

Friday- Pizza



# WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

<u>Transitional Kindergarten</u>

12/1/23

What name are you practicing when you get to school now? (my first and last)

What is the "Star Jar"? (When we are good listeners during calendar we earn a star in the jar. Once the jar is filled, we will celebrate with an ice cream party)



This week for Happily Ever After, we are reading the story, "Jingles, Poems, and Rhymes". We are working on book handling, positional words, comprehension, and identifying parts of a whole. We are also working on letter Kk and making a King's crown. We will also begin our new ABC pattern.

#### \*Reminders\*

If you have not already, turn in Gingerbread person on Monday so your child can have their Show and Tell.



## EARLY

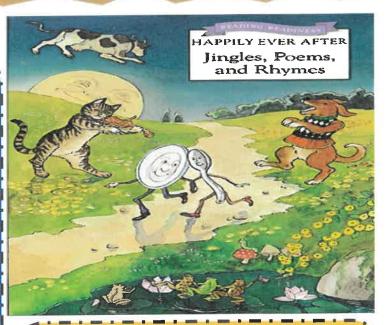
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### HILDHOOD

#### Literacy:

This week we continue Jingles, Poems, and Rhymes.

- Vocabulary: purple, square, front, back, next to, behind, between
- Letter recognition of I, i, J, j, K, k
  - Comprehension:
     Following directions oral directions
     Fine Motor Skills:
  - Trace and color in a square



#### Math:

This week, we will begin lesson two in math! We will identify the shapes triangle, square, and circle.

#### \*Reminders\*

- → Please send a snack daily
- Please practice identifying your child's name and the letters in their name!

# RINGERSARIEN 12/01/23

### SUPERKIDS

Next week, we will be learning about three Superkids that are sometimes called triple trouble. These Superkids like to tumble on a trampoline, toot on a tuba and toss tangerines. The new letter we will be learning about is Tt. Please remember to have your child practice the reading list that is sent home each week to help them with blending and fluency. Reading practice should be 10 minutes everyday.

### MATH

We will be acting out joining problems and solving word problems within 10. Students will be adding within 10 and fluently adding within 5.

### SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

We will introduce the class to instruments in a band and the different sounds each instrument makes

### NEWS & REMINDERS

- Happy Birthday week to Noel!
- We have snack and water breaks everyday. Please remember to send a healthy snack amd a water bottle for snack time. The teachers do not have spare water bottles in the classroom.
- Please remember students should bring their ipads in everyday fully charged.
- December 7 Theme Thursday: National Illinois Day. Wear your favorite Illinois gear.

#### Mark your calendar:

- No School December 25-January 5 for Holiday break.
- The holiday program will be December 21 at 6:00p. The Kindergarten kids will be singing in the program.



# FIRST GRADE

12/01/23

#### Language Arts

We will finish Unit 5 in Superkids this week and take the unit assessment.

Word Work - Students will continue to practice reading and writing base words with the -ing and -ed endings.

Reading - Students will read grade-level text and then discuss problem and

solution and cause and effect.

Writing - Students will practice using descriptive details in their writing.

\*There will be a Spelling Test on Friday. Please have your student practice
spelling and reading the words below every night for homework.\*

### Spelling Words

flipping from

flipped be

stepping to

stepp<u>ed</u> we

there or

Challenge Words:

\*described

\*beginning

#### Math

We are continuing Topic 4 in Clear Math which focuses on building with tens.

This week, students will learn how to add and subtract 10 using a number line and use the number line to solve story problems.

#### **Updates & Reminders**

\*The Holiday Gift Shop is coming to our school the week of December 11th.

Students who bring money will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts.

\*Mrs. Theo's class will shop on Tuesday (12/12).

\*Mrs. Haussy's class will shop on Wednesday (12/13).

\*The Winter Concert will be on December 21 at 6:00pm. First graders are already practicing their songs and will be performing at the concert!

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Mrs. Theodoropoulos - ntheodor@willowspringsschool.org



2ND GRADE

### **Super Kids**

This week, we are beginning unit 5. We will work with au, aw, and al word. We will read a new Super Magazine We will learn about commas and similes. We will write poems

### **Spelling Words**

draw August walk yawn

called

talk

awful smallest

today

fault

chalk

away

#### Clear Math

This week, we are continuing to work with place value. We will practice usings place value blocks to add and subtract with regrouping. We will add multiples of ten.

### \*Reminders\*

- \*Please charge your Chromebook every night.
- \*Make sure your child has headphones in class.
- \*Please check gold folders every night.



# 3RD GRADE

12/01/23



A T

We started Unit 3 - The Human Body. Students will close-read and answer comprehension questions about the body's skeletal system. We will identify the correct use of prefixes dis- and mis-. Our spelling word list has both regular and irregular plurals. The spelling test will be Friday, Dec. 8th.

Jath

We will be starting topic 5 this week- unit fractions. We will partition models and use pattern blocks to represent fractions as parts and wholes.

Social

We will be looking at famous Americans

### SEAMLESS VECTOR PATTERN

Science

Students revisit the Floating Paper Clip Device and find ways to make the paper clip fall. Through class discussion and diagramming, students discover that each way of making the paper clip fall involves changing the balanced forces to unbalanced forces.



# 4TH GRADE



A J

Students will evaluate the most positive and negative actions King Henry II took while in power, using information from the text to analyze what happened and why. We will practice taking notes and organizing ideas in preparation for writing a persuasive paragraph about the Middle Ages. Our target spelling words include the prefixes en-, non-, and un-.

Math

Last week we compared decimals and ordered them. We are have been working on putting them on a number line. We also are writing decimals as mixed numbers. We will be tested on this skills this upcoming week.

Social

We will be studying the Southeast region of the U.S.

Science

Students are introduced to their first hands-on design challenge: to design and build a wind turbine. In this lesson, students engage in a student-driven learning sequence in which they design their wind turbines.



ELA

Students will identify and explain similarities and differences between Maya, Aztec, and Inca myths. Students will finish a Codex Project about a chosen cultural aspect of the civilizations studied.

We will have our end of unit assessment and spelling test this week.

Math

We have been working on decimals to the thousandths place. We are placing decimals on a number line and writing decimals as a mixed number. We will be moving towards rounding and comparing decimals.

Social Studies We will start to study the American Revolution.

Science

Students begin a student-driven learning sequence in which they plan and conduct investigations using the Patterns of Earth and Sky Simulation.

**December** 01, 2023



### WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL 6th 7th 8th

### WOLVERINES



Ms. Babcock, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Gilchrist, Ms. Haseltine, Ms. Kustak

**6th Grade Unit 3: The Recipe for Success** 

At the start of this week Students began working on their new unit, The Recipe for Success, by looking at key terms associated with being successful. Students determined the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text and are beginning to look at their essential question for the unit, What does it take to achieve success?. Students are applying this question to new informational texts and success stories that we analyze and study in class as they learn and determine the steps they need to take to find achieve success.



ELA



7th Grade Unit 3: Social Media/Informational Texts

This week, students demonstrated their understanding of informational texts by finding relevant evidence and writing logical reasoning to support their claim about how social media impacts adolescents. Students also learned new academic vocabulary and were assessed on them today.





#### 8th Grade **Conveying Courage**

Students began their new unit this week, Conveying Courage. This week students worked through some new vocabulary words that help them learn about courage. They also read and worked through a Letter from Frederick Douglass about Harriet Tubman. Through this students learned about imagery and how author's use this figurative language to help convey their message within a text. Next week students will begin studying poetry. We will learn about imagery and other forms of figurative language as well as rhyme scheme.

What we're learning

12/01/2023

Ratios: Students will use tables to represent equivalent ratios. They will graph ratios and represent ratios in various forms.

Adding and Subtracting Rational Numbers Test on Tuesday, December 5:

- Demonstrating addition and subtraction on a horizontal or vertical number line diagram.
- Explaining how a number and its opposite have a sum of 0 and are additive inverses
- Explaining the distance between two rational numbers on a number line in terms of the absolute value of their difference
- Solving real-world and mathematical problems by adding and subtracting rational numbers.

Linear Relationships: Students will study linear equations in contexts. They will graphs to model and analyze linear relationships. Students will write, graph and use linear equations.

Reminders

Please encourage your student to complete daily homework assignments and MATHia online workspaces at home to support their growth as a math learner.



# WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

12/01/23

6-8 Science with Amplify Science

### 6th Grade

We have been working on understanding what cells need in order to survive. We will continue to try to identify cells need in order to thrive. We will focus on what illness that Elisa has, and continue to understand the molecules that are needed to survive.

### 7th Grade

This week we focused on learning about tsunamis and how Earth's crust is able to cause a tsunami. Next week we will focus on creating a Tsunami detection system.

### 8th Grade

This week we discussed how force affects the motion of objects and opposing forces and built egg drop containers to simulate an egg drop. We will continue to work on designing a supply drop container as we finish up this unit.

### \*Reminders\*

Charge Chromebooks Nightly!!

Supplies needed for class: Folder and Notebook Writing Utensil Coloring Utensils Workbook



6-8 Social Studies with Savvas

12/01/23

### 6th Grade

This week, students started their quest to become pharaohs in training! Next week, students will continue researching for their quests.

#### 7th Grade

This week, students learned about the Battles of Lexington,
Concord, and Bunker Hill. Next week, students will start a
quest where they must decide whether to become a
patriot, become a loyalist, or stay neutral in the
Revolutionary War!

### 8th Grade

This week, students learned about the progressive presidents and the Women's Suffrage Movement. Next week, students will start a quest where they write a research paper about immigration in the 1900s!

### \*Reminders\*

- Check teacherease.com for any missing work
- The textbook and all assignments are posted on google classroom!
- Assignments can be completed in the fillable active journal



### WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL

## WOLVERINES

### **Physical Education**

12/01/23

### Kindergarten-2nd Grade

K-though 2nd will be participating in cardio based warm-ups and fun fall themed tagging games to enhance cardio endurance, team work, and following directions..

### 3rd-8th Grade

For these two days, Willow students will do, cardio based warm-ups then main focus will be fall themed group games.

Health Education Grades 5-8 After Thanksgiving Break, health education will begin on Wednesdays for grades 5-8.

Enjoy the long break with family and friends! We look forward to seeing your students when we come back.



#### K-5 Music

<u>Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade</u> are refining their Winter Concert Program songs. These include holiday favorites and songs to push their musical boundaries! In between rehearsals we are also practicing counting different rhythms using familiar words.

3rd and 4th grade are learning about different voice types and how to classify idiophones as instruments.

#### **Junior High Music**

Junior high students have learned three strings (6th grade) and are beginning to use chord structures to accompany songs (7th grade).

### BAND HAS ITS OWN PAGE IN THE WILLOW WEEKLY NOW SEE NEXT PAGE

### **Willow Springs Winter Concert**

Date: Thursday, December 21st

Time: 6PM Start, Students need to be in their classrooms by 5:30

This concert will feature Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, and students in

our Band Program

Dress: Holiday Colors (Red, White, Green).



#### **Beginning Band**

This week in beginning band, students refined their breathing and note changing abilities while learning how to play those pitches with a new rhythm: half notes. Students should practice writing in counts for exercises #1-14 in their red books and page 2 Exercise 1 in their white "Winning Rhythms" books and practice clapping/counting those exercises with AND without their instruments.

If your student needs help, you can read along with them in pages 2-6 of their Red "Standard of Excellence" book to help them. There are also youtube videos on setup and posture in the band google classroom students can access from their chromebooks.

#### **Concert Band**

#### **Concert Band Practice Material:**

Practice Charts are due 11/16 (60 minutes of practice)
Standard of Excellence #58-68 for 5th/6th Grade Students
Standard of Excellence #112-122 for 7th/8th Grade Students
New Practice Tests: #60 for Grade 5/6, #122 for Grade 7/8

#### \*Reminders\*

The morning band bus picks up around 7:15 in Sterling

#### Rehearsal Schedules

Beginning Band:

Beginning Band Rehearsals are as follows (subject to change):

Mondays: Woodwinds (3:20-4:10pm)

Tuesdays: Brass and Percussion (3:20-4:10pm)

Thursdays: All students (3:20-4:10pm)

Concert Band:

Concert Band Rehearsals are as follows (subject to change):

Mondays: Grade 5/6 (7:40-8:25 am) Tuesdays: Grade 7/8 (7:40-8:25 am) Thursdays: All students (7:40-8:25 am)



### WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOO WOLVERIN

10/27/23

### K-5 Art

Kindergarten: KL students are making Winter Cardinals! They created a sky paper by printing marker coloring off of aluminum foil! We then will make paper cardinals using basic shapes.

1st Grade: Students in 1T are working on a "Happy Penguin" project. We learned about how to show movement in art by drawing spiral lines and painting a cold background. We then will make penguins out of paper and add details like scarves and hats!

2nd Grade: Students in 2M are working on a project called "Under the Leaves". We made a forest scene and cut and glued leaves that you can 'peek" under to see who is hiding on the forest floor!

3rd Grade: Students in 3C are working on a project called "Over and Under the Snow". We read a book and learned about what different animals do in winter. We are making a layered painting showing underground hibernating animals, and animals that stay awake and brave the cold and snowy winter!

4th Grade: Students in 4B started a paper project called "Cozy Animals". We talked about symmetry and cut our animals out on folded paper to make them symmetrical. We will add "pop-out" hands and add paper details to make our animals look cozy and warm!

5th grade: Students do not have art for this quarter rotation.











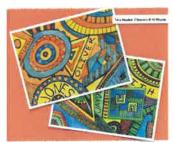
#### 6-8th Art

6th Grade: 6K students are working on a Line Painting inspired by artist Joseph Amedokpo. We will also be starting to glaze, or paint, our ceramic pinch pot monsters!

7th Grade: 7P students are finishing their Pop Art projects. We will also start making 3D animals out of clay next week!

8th Grade: 8th grade does not have art class for this rotation.











### SOCIAL WORK

### **After-School Conversation Topics**

Reflect on the following questions with your student to expand thoughts and feelings related to their school experience:

- 1. What are you most proud of this week in school?
- 2. What was most difficult in school this week?
- 3. How did you deal with this difficulty?
- 4. What brought you most satisfaction this week?

The School Social Work Team for the 2023-24 academic school year:

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions

or concerns regarding your students social and emotional growth within the school environment.



# WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

Mrs. Strauch's Classes

12/01/23

S.I. K-2 ELA with Superkids

### KINDERGARTEN

We will finish learning about Sal and the letter Ss. Our next Superkid loves lion dolls. This week we will begin learning about the letter LI and we will continue learning to blend words.

### FIRST GRADE

We will begin Unit 4 in Superkids this week. We will learn to read and write words with -er and -ed spelling patterns. We will learn how sequence words tell the order of events in a story.

Spelling Words: after never better winter summer

### **SECOND GRADE**

This week we will begin Unit 5 in Superkids. We will learn about words with -aw and -ay sounds. We will begin to research and write about an animal.

Spelling Words: draw yawn walk talk today away

#### Reminders:

- When homework is assigned, please return it the next day.
  - Please return Spelling Packets on their due date.



## WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL

# WOLVERINES

12/01/23

# Ms. Baricovich S.I. K-2 & 4th Grade Classes with ClearMath

Kindergarten-We started Topic 4-Sorting objects according to their attributes. We are learning to count objects in groups, then compare and order each group.

**1st Grade**-We are starting Topic 4-Exploring grouping by tens and ones through the use of connecting cubes, working with 2 digit numbers on the number line and locating multiples of 10, and adding and subtracting multiples of 10 with 2 digit numbers.

**2nd Grade**-We are continuing Topic 2, which focuses on place value through 999. We are using place value cubes to model numbers through 999 and beginning regrouping.

4th Grade-We are continuing Topic 3, which focuses on fraction equivalence and comparisons.

### S.I. Math Reminders

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me via email at <a href="mailto:lbaricov@willowspringsschool.org">lbaricov@willowspringsschool.org</a> or via Remind.

Thank you!



**VOLVERINES** 

Mrs. Brockob, Mrs. Nieves & Mrs. Babcock

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: SPOTLIGHT SERBIA

For many Serbs, the real Christmas celebration starts on Christmas Eve, 6th January. Christmas Eve practically combines Christmas Eve and Christmas.

On Christmas Eve (called Badnji dan during the day and Badnje vece after sunset), families gather and many people fast and don't eat food that comes from animals. It is the last day of the Christmas fast. Christmas is a very religious holiday and most people go to the Christmas Services. There are a lot of old Serbian traditions that associate with the countryside, which have now lost their meaning because more people live in towns and cities. On the morning of Christmas Eve, the father of the family used to go to the forest to cut a young oak called the Badnjak (Christmas Eve tree) but today people just buy one. The oak tree is a crucial component of a proper Serbian Christmas and on the morning of Christmas Eve.





### Message trom Nurse Drogosz

#### \*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER

#### **Common Illness & School Attendance Reminder**

Students are expected to attend school every day. However, illnesses can be lengthy and sometimes difficult deciding whether or not to send your child to school. The following information may be helpful in making your decision. Please be sure and provide your current phone number and the available emergency contact information. If your child is going to be absent, please call our attendance line-(708)-467-3650. You must leave your child's name, the reason for the absence, the date of the absence and your name to verify that it was a parent/guardian that is verifying the absence.

#### Fever:

Any temperature greater than 100 degrees F is considered a fever. Child must be fever free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications (such as Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, etc.) in order to return to school. This applies even if the underlying cause of the fever is non-infectious, such as middle ear infections, bronchitis, urinary tract infections, etc. Children with a fever do not usually feel well enough to participate and attend school activities. It is recommended that they be given 24 hours to recover from the fever before returning to school. Please note that a child who exhibits symptoms of illness without a fever may be sent home if the nurse feels this is in the best interest of the child or the child's classmates (with compromised immune systems).

#### Colds:

Children with an upper respiratory infection without a fever may attend school if they feel well enough to do so. It is helpful in preventing the spread of illness if children learn to use tissues to cover sneezes and coughs, and wash hands after contact with the secretions.

#### Infections:

Any child who has been on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours is no longer considered infectious and may return to school. This includes infections of the eye, nose(green discharge), skin and strep infections. (Exception is pink eye, not all doctors treat this, so the doctor or nurse will decide if exclusion is necessary to protect others from being contaminated).

#### Diarrhea:

Children with diarrhea should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. The only exception is if diarrhea is the result of a chronic condition, then a note from the doctor is needed indicating the diarrhea is not infectious.

#### **Vomiting**

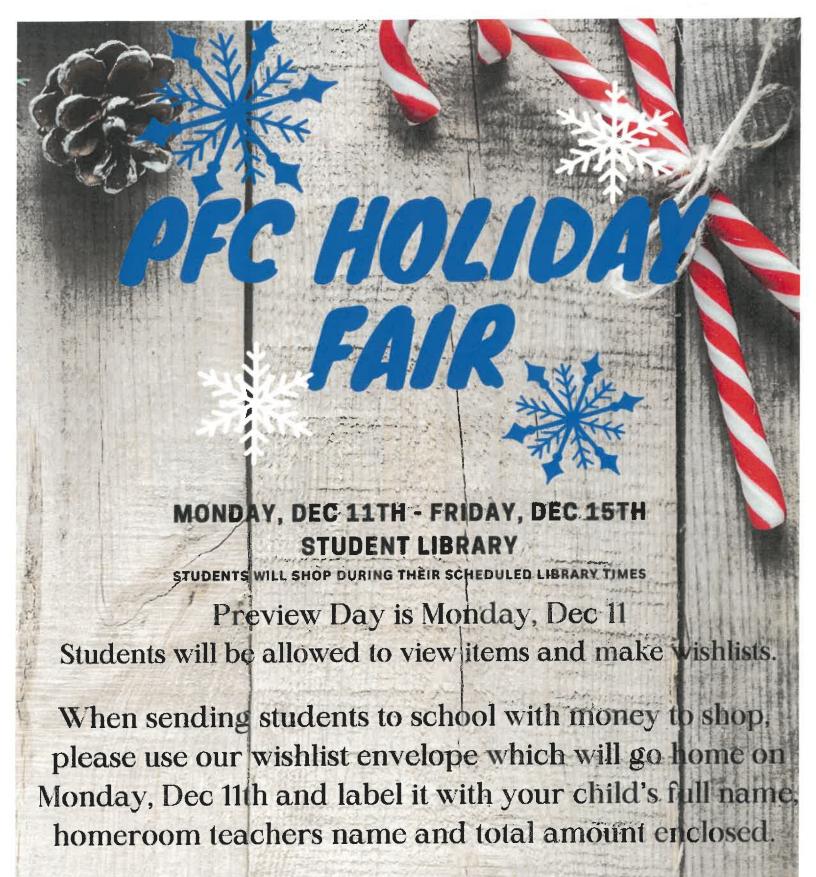
A child who has vomited the evening before or in the morning before school should remain home for the day.

#### Rash:

If your child has a rash all over his body (bright red, raised, or itchy) or a rash in one or more areas that is draining fluid. The nurse will determine the next action to be taken.

#### **Common Childhood Diseases**

If a child has chicken pox, measles, or any other known treatable contagious disease, they must be kept home until they are no longer contagious. For most common childhood diseases, the period of contagion is known. Consult Nurse Drogosz.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

OFFICE TO REQUEST A VOLUNTEER FORM. IF YOU ARE AN APPROVED VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL :pfcgroup@willowspringsschool.org







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Attend 4 DAYS	\$76.00	\$87.00	\$119.00
Attend 3 DAYS	\$56.00	\$69.00	\$99.00
Attend 2 DAYS	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$65.00
Attend 1 DAY	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$38.00
Drop Off	\$29.00	\$32.00	\$43.00
Half Day Up-charge	\$10.00 Child must bring a sack lunch.		

6:30am until school starts. After school until 6:00pm.

Sports & Recreation
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Homework

K-8TH

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