



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL **WOLVERINES**

Willow Weekly: January 12, 2024

Monday, January 15



Tuesday, January 16

- Concert Band Rehearsals 7/8 Grades 740-825am
- Beginning Band Brass Percussion 320-410
- Art Club 4th Grade 313-4:13pm
- **NO Jr. High Homework Club Today**
- Girls Volleyball 315-500
- BOOST Club 3:13-4:13

Wednesday, January 17

- PFC Meeting 600pm
- Board Meeting 630pm
- Girls Volleyball 315-500

Thursday, January 18

- Theme Thursday -Color Wars
- Concert Band ALL Students 740-825am
- Beginning Band ALL Students 320-410
- Art Club 5th Grade 313-413pm
- Jr. High Homework Club 313 - 413
- Girls Volleyball 315-500
- BOOST Club 3:13-4:13

Friday, January 19

- Spirit Day- Willow Wear or Blue & Gold
- Girls Volleyball 315-500
- National Popcorn day-Free Popcorn day
- End of the 2nd Quarter

Principal's Message

Dear Willow Families,

Happy Thursday! I am writing to you one day early because tomorrow, January 12th, we will have a Snow Day. Please see the letter from Mr. Bahn in this week's edition of the Willow Weekly.

This past Tuesday we had our Pack the House night. Our student athletes (basketball and cheerleaders) did a fantastic job! .

On Monday, we will not have school as we will honor Dr. Martin Luther King. Please enjoy the time with your family and loved ones this long weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alexandra Oreluk

Upcoming Dates!

- Tues, Jan 23- 6th Grade Field Trip to the University of Chicago Museum
- Wed, Jan 24- 8th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures
- Fri, Jan 26- 2nd Quarter Report Cards go home
PFC Nacho Day
- Wed, Jan 31- Argo H.S 8th grade night 630pm
- Wed, Feb 7- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Fri, Feb 16- No School PLD day
- Mon, Feb 19- No School Presidents Day
- Sun, Feb 25- PFC Sweetheart Family Dance

Whats for Lunch?

- Monday- No School No Lunch
- Tuesday- Chicken Fajita
- Wednesday- Toasted Grilled Cheese
- Thursday- Chicken Gumbo Beef & Cheese Taki
- Friday- Pizza



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Superintendent

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Dear Willow Parents and Guardians,

January 11, 2024

With a winter storm approaching our area over the next 24 hours, we have continuously monitored the anticipated forecast and conditions. At this time, the projected snowfall along with high winds has factored into our decision to close school.

Willow Springs School will be CLOSED, Friday January 12, 2024. This will be a snow day/ non-attendance day. It will NOT be used as an e-learning day.

Willow Springs School, including the main office, will be closed tomorrow. No activities will be held at the school, including our Ivy League program. We believe having a snow day is the safest decision for our students.

Due to the upcoming holiday on Monday, January 15, our students will return to school Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Additionally, Tuesday and Wednesday the temperatures are forecasted to be extremely cold. Please help your students dress appropriately for the bus stop. Be safe during these upcoming days and we look forward to seeing your students on Tuesday, January 16th!

Sincerely,

Steve Bahn
Superintendent



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN **PRE-REGISTRATION AND SCREENING**
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Willow Springs School District # 108, 8345 Archer Ave, Willow Springs IL 60480, will hold kindergarten **pre-registration and screening** on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. 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 30-45 minutes.

If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2024, he/she is eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2024/2025 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 should attend this appointment. To register please call Ms. Flores in the school office 708-839-6828.



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Transitional Kindergarten

ASK ME...

What is new in the dramatic play area (kitchen) this week?
(a McDonalds).

What does a city look like?
What does the country look like?



This week we are working on the story entitled, "The City Mouse and the Country Mouse". We are also working on literacy skills as we read, "The Snowy Day". This week we will also work on letter Nn and make pictures of the Night. For math we are working on counting dice, one to one correspondence and ABC patterning.

Reminders

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. there is no school on Monday, January 15th.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle for school.



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E A R L Y

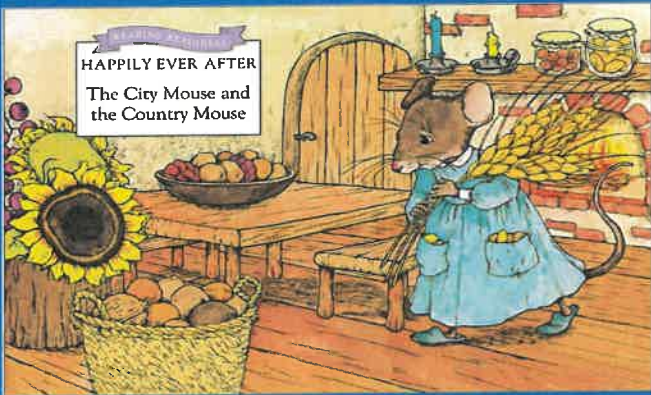
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C H I L D H O O D

Literacy:

This week we begin *The City Mouse and Country Mouse*

- Letter recognition of L, l, M, m, N, n O, o , P, p , Q, q



Craft of the week:
A MOUSE

Math:

We will learn to write the number 1 and number 2.
We will learn to identify curvy and straight shapes.

Reminders

- Practice identifying your child's name and the letters in their name!
- We are practicing tracing and writing our first names, please practice this at home
- Send a small snack daily
- Dress warm for the weather!!!

KINDERGARTEN



1/12/24

SUPERKIDS

Hopefully, your child is starting to pick up speed as they decode words on their reading homework. This week we will meet our last Superkid. This Superkid wants to be a race car driver and drive a car called the Fast Cat. We will learn the letter Hh and read words like *hill*, *hot*, and *hat*. We will also learn a new sight word: *the*

MATH

We will be taking a part away from a whole to determine the other part and using symbols to represent subtraction. We will also count to 50 by ones- and use objects and pictures to show addition and subtraction.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

We will learn about how people invented wheels and how the wheels kept changing to become faster.

We will learn about what it is like to live in the Arctic.

NEWS & REMINDERS

- Happy birthday week to **Johnny!**
- January 18 Theme Thursday: Color Wars:
- We have snack and water breaks everyday. Please remember to send a healthy snack and 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.

Mark your calendar:

- **No School January 15** for Dr. Martin Luther King day.
- **No School February 7:** for Parent Teacher Conferences
- **No School February 16-19** for Teacher Professional Development and President's Day.



FIRST GRADE

1/12/24

Language Arts

We will continue and finish Unit 7 in Superkids this week.

Word Work - Students will read and spell long vowel words that end with -ing and -ed. Students will also read and spell this week's Memory Words.

Reading - Students will read grade-level texts, make predictions, and discuss sequence of events in a story (beginning, middle and end).

Writing - Students will discuss, write, and edit a friendly letter. Then, they will address an envelope and draw a stamp to complete their friendly letter.

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

baking

any

baked

day

smiling

good

smiled

very

oh

want

Challenge Words:

*racing

*communicated

Math

Students will use color rods and input/output tables to develop fluency with sums and differences within 10. Using color rods as a mathematical tool allows students to engage in composing and decomposing numbers using physical manipulatives and builds their understanding of algebraic thinking and reasoning. Input/Output Tables help students think about mathematical relationships.

Updates & Reminders

* No school January 15 for Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

* **No School February 7 for Parent Teacher Conferences.**

* No School February 16-19 for Teacher Professional Development and President's Day.

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2ND GRADE

1/12/2024

Super Kids

This week, we are working on unit 6. We will continue with our spelling words from last week. Our test will be on Friday, 1/19. We will learn about quotation marks and dialogue. We will work on creating a character for narrative writing.

Spelling Words

cook	foot	too	boot
blew	threw	took	stood
tool	soon	chew	grew

Clear Math

This week, we are continuing our module on measurement. We are working on inches, feet, and yards. We are estimating lengths and checking our work by measuring.

Reminders

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

Third Grade

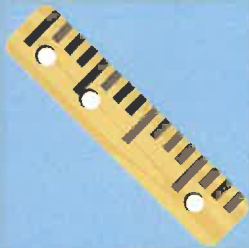
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ELA

Unit 3 | The Human Body

As we wrap up Unit 3 and prepare for an assessment, students will describe the relationship between parts of the eyes and ears, and understand what it means to overcome a disability. Spelling words are irregular plurals (changing f to v). The test is Friday, January 19th.

Math



Last week we started using fraction benchmarks(halves & fourths)to measure time. This week will carry over fractions to number lines and rulers.

Social Studies

We will be studying communities and how they are alike and different across the United States



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

01/12/24

ELA

Unit 5 | Geology

We will explore characteristics of Earth's layers, learning how tectonic plates move and understand how these forces interact to change Earth's surface, including the seafloor. Grammar skills include using commas in dates, addresses, city, state, and items in a series. We'll also review how to use similes in our writing. No spelling words will be given this week.

Math

Last week we started topic 6 which is adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. We added fractions on a open number line. This week we will move onto subtracting models and number lines.

Social Studies

We will be studying Native American culture.



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.

5th Grade

01/12/24

ELA

Unit 3 | Poetry

We conclude our reading of The Last Holiday Concert and begin the next unit, Poetry. We will begin by identifying and defining the basic elements of a poem's structure and discuss specific poetic devices. Poems this week include "To the Snake" by Denise Levertov and William Carlos Williams' "This Is Just to Say" and "Variations on a Theme".

Math

Last week we started added and subtracted decimal quantities using open number lines. This week we will continue to add and subtract whole numbers and decimals using various strategies.

Social Studies

We will be studying American Government.



Science

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

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2024



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6th 7th 8th

ELA



English Language Arts

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



6th Grade

The Forces That Shape Us

This past week students were introduced to their new unit, **The Forces That Shape Us**. In this unit students are reading about adolescents and how internal and external forces shape their identity. New vocabulary was introduced and students have been practicing those words and will have a vocabulary test on Friday. Students are reading a short memoir next week, "Fish Cheeks", and working on the skill of character development.



7th Grade

Unit 4: Community and Belonging

This week students began their new unit "Community and Belonging" and are focused on identifying what it means to be part of a community. Students are reading several informational texts and gathering evidence to define what it means to be part of a community. Students are also learning key terms and vocabulary that they will encounter in this unit and will be summatively assessed on these terms next week.

8th Grade

Not That Different

Students started a new unit this week, "Not That Different". In this unit, students will analyze how an author develops mood, explain how a speaker's diction develops tone, and analyze the impact of character interactions and point of view on a text's meaning. This week they read "The Star Beast" by Nicholas Stuart Gray (a short story) and "What is Othering?" by Kendra Cherry (non-fiction). They were also introduced to new academic vocabulary, and they will be assessed on the vocabulary words next week.



6-8

MATH

Date

1/12/2024

What we're learning

6TH

Students will write fraction, decimal and percent equivalents to see different ways to represent percents. They will use estimation, benchmark percents and ratio strategies to solve percent problems, including determining the whole given the part and percent and determining the part of a whole.

7TH

Students will use inverse operations to fluently and efficiently solve two-step equations. They will use tables, graphs, verbal descriptions and scenarios to write and analyze two-step linear equations.

8TH

Students will analyze and solve systems of linear equations by graphing, through substitution and by inspection of the equations in the systems.

Reminders

Grades 6, 7, 8

Math Quiz on Wednesday, January 17



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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 identify the difference between an athlete's cells vs. a normal person's cells need in order to thrive. Unit test will be January 18, 2024

7th Grade

This week we began to introduce rock formations. Next week we will begin to talk about how rocks form and change, while focusing on the unit question: How did the rocks of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains form?

8th Grade

This week we introduced Magnetic Fields. Next week, we will be evaluating magnetic forces and explaining how a magnet works.

Reminders

Charge Chromebooks Nightly!!

Supplies needed for class:

Folder and Notebook

Writing Utensil

Coloring Utensils

Workbook



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6-8 Social Studies with Savvas

6th Grade

This week, students learned about Hinduism and the origins of ancient India. Next week, we will learn about Buddhism and the Maurya Empire!

7th Grade

This week, students learned about the Articles of Confederation and the Constitutional Convention. Next week, we will learn about the ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights!

8th Grade

This week, students started a unit on imperialism and World War I by learning about the Spanish-American War. Next week, we will learn about US involvement in Latin America and the beginning of WWI!

Reminders

- Check [teacherease.com](https://www.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



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Physical Education

1/12/24

Kindergarten–8th Grade

Winter themed games will be played on Monday. Tuesday–Friday the gym will not be available due to the stage being set up for the winter concert rehearsal and performance on Thursday. Weather permitting, we will try to get the students outside for fresh air and activities. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be in the classroom for classroom PE. Please make sure your student brings what they would need to be outside for a 30–40 minute PE period.

Health Education for 5th–8th grade is still meeting every Wednesday. Please remind your student to complete their class work as this is an academic grade requirement and will be on report cards.



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Music

1/12/24

K-5 Music

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are reviewing fundamentals of music and starting to learn about pitch placement on the staff and how they can use hand signs to sign those pitches

3rd and 4th grade are reviewing music literacy skills. 3rd grade is completing the quarter with an ASMR unit and preparing to create their own ASMR experience for their classmates

Junior High Music

Junior high students are learning to use Soundtrap to produce music and create their own songs using MIDI instruments and loops.

BAND HAS ITS OWN PAGE IN THE WILLOW WEEKLY NOW

SEE NEXT PAGE



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Band

1/12/24

Beginning Band

Beginning band was given their new concert music this week. Have students check the Google Classroom starting 1/12 to access reference recordings to learn how their music will sound at the final stage.

Students should review #11-29 in their Red Books and all exercises we practiced in the White Books (Page 3)

Concert Band

Concert Band Practice Material:

Practice Charts are due 1/18 (60 minutes)

Students were given their Spring concert music today. They should check the Google Classroom for reference recordings and start to work through clapping counts/looking up unfamiliar notes in their Red Books

Reminders

- 1) 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)



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Art

K-5 Art

Kindergarten: KL students are making Owl Babies! We read the book "Owl Babies" and used paint to "stamp" soft and fuzzy owls to show texture!

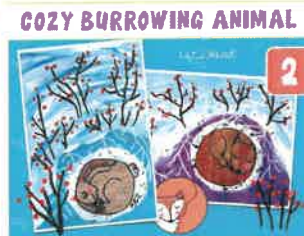
1st Grade: Students in 1T are working on a "Smart Cookie" project. We read the book "Smart Cookie", and painted paper plates to look like a cookie. We will collage paper to add frosting, sprinkles, and a face!

2nd Grade: Students in 2M are working on a project called "Cozy Burrowing Animals". We learned about animals that hibernate in winter. We painted snow and a cozy underground burrow. Next week we will make curled up animals to add to the burrow.

3rd Grade: Students in 3C are working on a project called "Color Wheel Lion". We drew a lion with a mane that will be a color wheel! Students will paint their color wheel, learning about primary colors and mixing their own secondary colors.

4th Grade: Students in 4B started a paper project inspired by contemporary artist Heather Galler. We drew a still life of flowers, will trace with thick lines, and will paint with neon colors!

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



6-8th Art

6th Grade: 6K students will begin working on a Whimsical Landscape painting inspired by contemporary artist Justin Vining.

7th Grade: 7P students started glazing, or painting, their clay animals!

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





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SOCIAL WORK

Explain to your student that it is okay to talk about feelings and emotions. This will help your child have a better concept of why they feel the way they do in different situations. When they can identify what they are feeling, your child will be able to better manage their emotions and pick up on social cues from peers. Continue to guide your child as they independently develop ways to demonstrate understanding of this skill.

**Taken from Fly Five SEL*

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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.



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Mrs. Strauch's Classes

1/12/24

S.I. K-2 ELA with Superkids

KINDERGARTEN

This week we are working on our li book with our new friend Icky. We will learn how to print upper and lowercase li. We will continue to practice printing and blending words.

FIRST GRADE

We will finish Unit 4 in Superkids this week and take the Unit assessment. Students will learn to read and write words with the -ed ending that can stand for the sound /d/ or /t/.

Spelling Words: **look the was are for**

SECOND GRADE

This week we will be working with words that have soft c and g. We will learn about synonyms and antonyms.

We will continue to practice our reading fluency.

Spelling Words: **city nice pencil age page large**

Reminders:

- Please have students read 10-15 minutes every night.
- When homework is assigned, please return it the next day.



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1/12/24

Ms. Baricovich

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

Kindergarten—We are continuing Topic 5— Continuing our introduction to the addition and equal symbol, learning that stories can be told with numbers, taking away is subtraction, as well as learning the subtraction symbol.

1st Grade—We are finishing 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 3—Understanding the base-10 system to add and subtract 2- and 3-digit numbers. Students are developing multiple strategies for adding and subtracting, including adding and subtracting multiples of 10.

4th Grade—We are finishing Topic 4—Modeling decimal quantities using base-10 blocks and 10-by-10 grids and recognizing the connection between decimals and fractions. We will begin Module 2 Topic 5 —Formulazing whole number addition and subtraction. Students extend their understanding of regrouping and place value to add multi-digit whole numbers.



ELL & Bilingual Newsletter

10 New Year's Eve Traditions Around the World

10 Tradiciones del Año Viejo alrededor del mundo

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| 1. Spain - Eat 12 Grapes at Midnight | 1. España - Come 12 uvas a medianoche |
| 2. Colombia - Carrying Empty Suitcases | 2. Colombia - Llevan maletas vacías |
| 3. Denmark - Smashing Plates & Jumping off Chairs | 3. Dinamarca - Rompen platos y saltan desde las sillas |
| 4. Finland - Interpreting Shapes of Metal | 4. Finlandia - Interpreta las formas del metal |
| 5. Panama - Burning Effigies | 5. Panamá - Enciende Efigies |
| 6. South Africa - Throwing Out the Old | 6. Sudáfrica - Desechan lo viejo |
| 7. Philippines - Look for round shape objects | 7. Filipinas - Buscan objetos con formas redondas |
| 8. Brazil - Wearing Special Underwear | 8. Brasil - Usa ropa interior especial |
| 9. Greece - Hanging Onions | 9. Grecia - Cuelga Cebollas |
| 10. Estonia - Eating Lots | 10. Estonia - Come mucho |

Let's take a detailed look at these traditions at / Encuentra mas detalles sobre estas tradiciones en:
<https://oxfordsummercourses.com/articles/new-years-eve-traditions-around-the-world>

Happy New Year 2024!



JANUARY 13 : HAPPY KOREAN AMERICAN DAY!

In 2003, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants. It also honors the Korean-Americans culture and heritage.

Notable Korean Americans:

- Moon Bloodgood, actress
- Frank Cho, comic book artist (Spider-Man, The New Avengers), writer, and creator (Liberty Meadows)
- Judge Herbert Choy, first Asian American appointed to the federal bench
- Philip Jaisohn, first Korean to become an American citizen; first Korean American to receive an American medical degree
- Ken Jeong, comedian, actor
- Derek Kirk Kim, cartoonist and author of critically acclaimed graphic novel "Same Difference and Other Stories"
- Sammy Lee, diver, first American-born male Asian Olympic gold medalist
- Young Lee, co-founder of Pinkberry

2003년 조지 W. 부시 대통령은 제1차 한국 이민자들의 도착 100주년을 기념하기 위해 선포문을 발표했습니다. 또한 한국계 미국인들의 문화와 유산을 존경합니다.

주목할만한 한국계 미국인들:

- 문 블러드굿, 여배우
- 프랭크 초, 만화 작가 (스파이더맨, 뉴 어벤저스), 작가 및 창조자 (리버티 메도우스)
- 허버트 초이 판사, 연방 벤치에 임명된 최초의 아시아계 미국인
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- 켄 정, 코미디언, 배우
- 데릭 커크 김, 만화가 및 평가평가 받은 만화 소설 'Same Difference and Other Stories'의 저자
- 샘미 리, 다이버, 최초의 미국 출생 남성 아시아계 올림픽 금메달리스트
- 영 리, 핑크베리 공동창업자



Upcoming Dates

ACCESS for English Language Learners Testing Window January 17th - March 5th.

Próximas Fechas

ACCESS para estudiantes que aprenden el idioma inglés
Periodo de evaluación del 17 de enero al 5 de marzo.

Message from 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.

ARGO 8th Grade

Family Night

January 31, 2024

6:30 PM

**All Families Arrive in the
Performing Arts Center**

6:35 PM

**Registration Process
Explanation**

7:10 PM

**Visit Classrooms and the
Extracurricular Fair**

**Please enter through the
Portillo's Performing Arts
Center, in the back lot.**

**We look forward to meeting
our Jr. High families!**



Cell Phone / Smart Watch Policy



Student cell phones/smart watches should be turned off and out of sight during the regular school day from 8:30-3:13. This means that a student may carry a phone/smart watch during the school day, but it should not be seen by staff or other students. However, I strongly encourage students to leave their cell phones/smart watches in their locker and or backpack. Please see the cell phone/smart watch expectations/procedures listed below.

- **Cell Phone/Smart Watch Violation 1:**

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use.

A staff member will confiscate the phone/watch and turn it into the front office.

The student will report to the front office at the end of the day to get their phone/watch.

Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone/smart watch violation.

- **Cell Phone/ Smart Watch Violation 2:**

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use.

A staff member will confiscate the phone/watch and turn it into the front office.

Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone/smart watch violation.

Cell phone/Smart Watch will remain in the front office until it is picked up by the Guardian(s). The cell phone/smart watch will not go home with the student.

- **Cell Phone/ Smart Watch Violation 3:**

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use.

A staff member will confiscate the phone and turn it into the front office.

Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone violation.

Cell phone/smart watch will remain in the front office until it is picked up by the Guardian(s). The cell phone/smart watch will not go home with the student.

Administration will work with the student and guardian to create an individualized plan regarding the cell phone/smart watch being present in school.

I thank you for your support as we make a more consistent effort to refocus on academics and limit the distractions of cell phones. Violations will start over every quarter. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dr. Alexandra Oreluk

Only students signed up with IVY LEAGUE may be dropped off prior to 8:00am. To sign up please call 815-464-1265

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Willow Springs School District 108
Willow Springs School



Available Half Days

We are at your school for half days!



Fun with Friends

A rewarding program that balances each child's physical, intellectual, and social needs.



Flexible Scheduling

Pick & choose your schedule that works for YOU!

ACTIVITIES

Sports & Recreation
Arts & Crafts
STEM Education
Snack
Homework

K-8TH

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$50			
Fee Schedule	AM Only	PM Only	AM & PM
Attend 5 DAYS	\$87.00	\$99.00	\$151.00
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 <small>Child must bring a sack lunch.</small>		

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

REGISTER NOW
at ivyleaguekids.org

815-464-1265

Accepts Illinois Action for
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Program





PFC SWEETHEART FAMILY DANCE

SAVE THE DATE

**Current Willow Springs Students and their families.
All students must be accompanied by a
parent/guardian.**

02.25.24

**12:00-3:00pm
Location and cost per
person will be
announced soon**



August 2023 (7 attendance days) (7)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 (X)	22 (X)	23 (A)	24	25 (H)	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023 (20 attendance days) (27)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 (H)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023 (20 attendance days) (47)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6 (X)	7
8	9 (H)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 (H)	28
29	30	31				

November 2023 (18 attendance days) (65)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 (A)	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023 (16 attendance days) (81)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January 2024 (17 attendance days) (98)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 (H)	16	17	18	19 (H)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

OPENING/CLOSING DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 23	First Day of School	(A)
August 25	First Day of Kinder	(K)
May 31	Last Day of School (11:45 Dismissal)	(Ω)

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

August 21	PLD	(X)
August 22	PLD	(X)
September 4	Labor Day	(H)
October 6	PLD	(X)
October 9	Columbus/Indigenous	(H)
November 1	Parent/Teacher	(▲)
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break	(H)
Dec 23 -Jan 7	Winter Break	(H)
January 15	MLK Day	(H)
February 7	Parent/Teacher	(▲)
February 16	PLD	(X)
February 19	Presidents' Day	(H)
March 23-31	Spring Break	(H)
May 27	Memorial Day	(H)
June 19	Juneteenth	(H)
July 4	Independence Day	(H)

EARLY-RELEASE DAYS

Every Wednesday	- 2:13
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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 1	12:00 - 7:00	(▲)
February 7	12:00 - 7:00	(▲)

GRADING PERIODS

1st	October 27 (45)	①
2nd	January 19 (45)	②
3rd	March 22 (42)	③
4th	May 26 (44)	(Ω)

GRADUATION

May 28	(★)
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EMERGENCY DAYS

Emergency Days may be used as school days if school closes unexpectedly during the regular school year.

June 3	(⊙)
June 4	(⊙)
June 5	(⊙)
June 6	(⊙)
June 7	(⊙)

February 2024 (18 attendance days) (116)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 (A)	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 (H)	17
18	19 (H)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 2024 (16 attendance days) (132)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 (H)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2024 (22 attendance days) (154)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2024 (22 attendance days) (176)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 (H)	28 (★)	29	30	31 (Ω)	

June 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3 (⊙)	4 (⊙)	5 (⊙)	6 (⊙)	7 (⊙)	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 (H)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 (H)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Parents for Children

WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL **WOLVERINES**



PFC will be hosting a Nacho day on Fri, January 26. Nachos are \$3.00

Please complete the order form below and return it with your student by **Wed, January 24 at 9am.**

All late orders will need to wait for the first come first serve announcement at the end of the event

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Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade Level: _____

How many nachos: _____

Amount enclosed: _____