

Williams-Cone School Principal's Newsletter

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"Williams-Cone School is a safe and kind community that inspires every student to succeed. "
-Compassionate, Curious, Confident Learners-

Hello WCS Community!

Staff Appreciation Week 2021

On behalf of the WCS staff I would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of treats, messages and support that the WCS community has blessed us with over the past two weeks. From Wild Oats coffee and pastries to Lindt chocolates, snacks, sanitizer and sodas, to seltzers, ice cream, flower seeds and a decadent lunch and desserts sponsored by FOWC and catered by 111 Maine Catering, it has all been just amazing! Thank-you!!!



Target Store Support

Recently, employees from the Topsham Target store including WCS parent Nicole Wiers volunteered their time and energy to weed and replant flowers in the WCS playground flower beds. This truly was an act of kindness and generosity including the donation of plants, flowers and mulch. In addition Target also made an extremely generous donation of backpacks filled with journals, gel pens and a variety of school supplies. This donation totaled over \$1000.00! Many thanks to our local Target store and to Nicole Wiers for organizing the volunteers and the donation.





5th Grade Mother's Day Plant Fundraiser

WCS 5th grade students recently held a Mother's Day Plant Sale Fundraiser to benefit their upcoming end of year activities. Plants were provided by Urban Gardens, Topsham. The original goal was to sell 100 plants, however the class sold 534 plants! Pictured below from left to right are fifth grade moms, Cuyler Greene, Stephanie Sersich, Sheri Beane and Renee Colucci who

assisted with the plant pick up and distribution. Many thanks to the community members who supported this fundraiser and made it such a great success!



Thank-you again WCS community for your continued support. If the staff and I can be of any support to you as we continue to venture through the pandemic together, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Your Principal,

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Schedule for week of 5/17-5/21

5/17 & 5/18 PreK-5

5/19 2 Hour Delayed Start, PreK-5

PreK: 10:00 A.M. Arrival

K-5: 10:40-10:50 A.M. Bus Arrival, 10:50-11:05 A.M. Walkers & Car Riders

5/20 & 5/21 PreK-5

Schedule for week of 5/24-5/28

5/24 & 5/25 PreK-5

5/26 2 Hour Delayed Start, PreK-5

PreK: 10:00 A.M. Arrival

K-5: 10:40-10:50 A.M. Bus Arrival, 10:50-11:05 A.M. Walkers & Car Riders

5/27 & 5/28 PreK-5

Schedule for week of 6/1-6/4

6/1 PreK-5

6/2 2 Hour Delayed Start, PreK-5

PreK: 10:00 A.M. Arrival

K-5: 10:40-10:50 A.M. Bus Arrival, 10:50-11:05 A.M. Walkers & Car Riders

6/3 & 6/4 PreK-5

Schedule for week of 6/7-6/11

6/7 & 6/8 PreK-5

6/9 2 Hour Delayed Start, PreK-5

PreK: 10:00 A.M. Arrival

K-5: 10:40-10:50 A.M. Bus Arrival, 10:50-11:05 A.M. Walkers & Car Riders

6/10 & 6/11 PreK-5

Schedule for week of 6/14 & 6/15

6/14 PreK-5

6/15 PreK-5-Early Dismissal/Last Day of 2020-2021 School Year

PreK Dismissal: 10:45 A.M.

K-5 Dismissal: Bus Riders: 11:55-12:05, Walkers/Car Riders: 12:05-12:30 P.M.

WCS 5th Grade Families: Option #1 & Option #2

5th Grade End of the Year Celebration Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 19th, 5:00 P.M.

Please join us!

<https://meet.google.com/pzb-pmus-spg>

Other Important Dates:

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair, May 18-June 7

5th Grade End of Year Celebration Planning Meeting, May 19th, 5:00 P.M. (see link above)

2021-2022 District PreK Screening, May 20th, 8:30-2:30 P.M.

5th Grade Step Up Day, May 24th, 10:00-12:00 P.M.

5th Grade Science Maine Education Assessment, May 25-29

2021-2022 Kindergarten Parent Info. Night, May 25th, 5:00 P.M. via zoom

Memorial Day Holiday, No School, May 31

FOWC Meeting, June 1st, 5:00 P.M. via zoom

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, June 2nd, 9:30 A.M.

5th Grade Play Day/Bike Ride, June 3rd, 8:30-2:30 P.M. (Raindate: June 8th)

5th Grade Farewell Ceremony, June 10th, 1:15-2:30 P.M.

Raindate: June 14th, 1:15-2:30 P.M.

MTA Senior Visit, June 11th

***Last Day of 2020-2021 School Year, Tuesday, June 15, Early Dismissal**



Free breakfasts and lunches continue to be available. **Due to lack of demand, beginning this week, weekly meal pick ups will no longer be available at WCS.** However, weekly meals will continue to be available at Woodside Elementary, Bowdoin Central School, Bowdoinham Community School, Harpswell Elementary school and MAMS.

Please note the dates and times for meal distribution over the next few weeks:

Thursday, May 20th: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Thursday, May 27th: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 3rd: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 10th: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Welcome to Williams-Cone Elementary School!



*You are invited to join us online for Parent Info Night on
Tuesday, May 25 from 5PM to 6PM on ZOOM!*

<https://zoom.us/j/97096050003?pwd=TUZSYkQvVTh0M1VRWXhQUUFVaUd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 970 9605 0003

Passcode: 366754

You will meet:

Principal, Mrs. Randa Rineer

Kindergarten Teachers, Mrs. Sarah Dubreuil

Mrs. Dot Bowie

Ms Leah Hayes

School Counselor, Mr. Jeff Cardoza

School Social Worker, Mrs. Carin Stromgren

Please join us to learn more about the Kindergarten screening process, preparing
your child for Kindergarten and a chance to find out more about Williams-Cone!





**Message from Mr. Cardoza &
Ms. Carin
WCS School Counselor &
Social Worker**

Now presenting....

Mr. Cardoza and Ms. Carin's Virtual Counseling Office! Please use the link or find it on our schools website to access our virtual office with many different resources for you and your child. Students can watch calming videos, play fun games and fill out an on-line form to say hi or meet virtually with Ms. Carin or me! Use the left and

right arrows on your keyboard to switch between rooms. Almost everything in our 4 "rooms" is clickable. Enjoy, click on and stay calm

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WCS Help for Families 2021

The pandemic has created many needs for many families. We are thinking about all of you and want to offer support and assistance as we continue to live through this difficult time. If you are in need of assistance for your family we hope you will feel comfortable being in touch with us or accessing community resources.

Jeff Cardoza, our School Counselor, and Carin Stromgren, our Social Worker are familiar with resources in our community that help families meet their basic needs for food, shelter and heat, and other needs related to holidays, divorce, job loss, moving, etc.

Easy Steps for Getting Help:

Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program offers our students and families snacks at school and bags of extra food to help over the weekend. Snacks can be accessed through the classroom teacher, and weekend bags of food can be requested on Wednesdays at the lunch pick up at Williams-Cone School. Please call Mr. C or Carin if you are interested in some food help.

United Way and Other Community Groups are organizations committed to offering help of many kinds, for things such as housing, heat, and food. Calling the number **211** will connect you with a friendly person at United Way who can hear what you need and steer you to the best place. Particularly due to changes in the ways community groups are operating right now, calling **211** is an excellent starting place.

Linda Dumont at the Topsham Town Office at: 725-1725, ldumont@topshammaine.com, can help families access general help for basic needs, heating help and can be a general resource for Topsham families.

Mental Health Supports: A reminder that if you, your student, or someone close to you needs mental health support, here are some resources to help:

NAMI Maine HELPLINE: 1-800-464-5767 (press 1)

Crisis Assistance: 1-888-568-1112

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741-741

Trevor Text Line: Text START to 678-678

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EMBRACE THE JOY OF PARENTING YOUR 5-12 YEAR OLD



Active Parenting will give you skills to achieve a fuller, more satisfying family life, and to help your children achieve greater happiness and success. This workshop is geared towards **parents with children from 5-12 years old** and will show you effective ways to:

- Use discipline that really works
- Open up lines of communication—before they get clogged
- Defuse power struggles with your children
- Family fun and bonding - building closer relationships

This is a FREE program offered to Sagadahoc, Knox & Waldo County families through ZOOM

3 week program
Wednesdays, May 19, 26 & June 2
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

**For more information or to register, contact Missy at 442-7963 ex. 286
or register online with the QR code**



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Message from Mrs. Chamberland WCS Nurse



Here are some reminders to help keep our school community safe and healthy:

***Conduct the daily Covid-19 screener before sending your student to school and report all student absence to the office. If you have questions about whether or not your student is well enough for school, please contact the health office to discuss.**

- Let the health office know if your student is sick with Covid-19 symptoms, or has tested positive for the virus.
- Stay home and quarantine immediately if identified as a close contact to someone testing positive to Covid-19.
- Follow Governor Mills' executive order for testing/quarantining if your family travels out of Maine to non exempt states.
- Continue to wear face coverings, wash hands, maintain social distance, and stay home when sick.

Tick Season is here!

Ticks found in Maine and other nearby states carry germs that can transmit disease and make people sick. Maine has high rates of tick borne diseases across the state. Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis are the most reported tickborne diseases in Maine.



Year-round tick bite prevention is still the best defense:

- Wear light colored clothing—it makes it easier to see the ticks that attach to your clothing.
- Perform a daily tick check. Look closely—ticks can be as small as the period at the end of this sentence.
 - Pay special attention to: head, hairline, neck, armpits, waist, between legs, backs of knees
- Remove a tick right away. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. (Don't twist or turn the tick.) Then be sure to clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, or soap and water.
- De-tick clothes by throwing everything into a hot dryer for 10 minutes, even before washing. Simply washing clothes won't kill a tick.

It is recommended that you call your child's doctor if you notice any signs or symptoms of illness, such as a skin rash ("bulls-eye" rash) , fever, or flu-like symptoms for up to one month following the tick bite.

For more information about ticks and how to prevent bites visit the Maine CDC website:

- <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/index.shtml>
- <https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Tick-Take-Home-Facts.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding your child's health, call your child's healthcare provider.

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You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from **May 17- May 30**. All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our WCS Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/williamscone>

Happy reading!

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.



Friends of Williams-Cone

Next FOWC Meeting, Tuesday, June 1st, 5:00 P.M.

<https://zoom.us/j/95797530647?pwd=ZXVUOUZHafdzQnILZ1d1cHhiTIRyZz09>

Meeting	ID:	957	9753	0647
Passcode:				441751



Box Tops For Education Has Gone Digital!

The box tops clippings are becoming more few and far between as they transition the program to be fully digital.

Download the app to your phone and scan your grocery receipts to earn easy money for WCS! The app will find participating products that you purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our WCS account.

Scan the receipts within 14 days of purchase.

There are special bonus offers on top of your Box Tops earnings too!

