THIS MONTH IN WILLIS ISD

One Team, One Purpose

Important Dates

Dyslexia Awareness Month Bullying Prevention Month Physical Therapy Month Principals' Month

10/8: Early Release

10/11: Staff & Student Holiday 10/13: School HR Appreciation 10/11-15: School Lunch Week 10/17-23: Safe Schools Week 10/18-22: School Bus Safety Wk 10/23-31: Red Ribbon Week 10/29: Early Release **Wed., 11/3, 6:30 pm:** Virtual Parent Presentation "Keeping Kids Safe in a Digital World" **Register HERE**

Revised Early Release Times Full Day Pre-K: 8:35am - 2:31pm

Elementary Schools: 8:25am - 2:21pm Middle & High Schools: 7:30am - 1:31pm

> Homecoming Week Wed., Oct. 20, 6pm: Parade Fri., Oct. 22: Varsity Football vs. Oak Ridge at Yates Stadium

Remainder of Varsity Football Schedule-Click on game for Livestream Thurs., Oct. 7 @ Woodforest vs Woodlands Friday, Oct. 15 @Woodforest vs College Pk Friday, Oct. 22 HOMECOMING vs Oak Ridge Thurs., Oct. 28 @ Woodforest vs Grand Oaks Friday, Nov. 5 @ Home vs Conroe

All CISD Game info and ticket purchasing info HERE: (scroll down page for links) October is here! This is one of the busiest celebration months all year, which makes it a lot of fun for our students! We have Homecoming, Red Ribbon Week, Fire Prevention Week - well, you get the point. Watch your child's campus announcements for any information on special events or student dress up days.

Video Update from Dr. Tim Harkrider Superintendent of Schools



Click photo or <u>HERE</u> to view video

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OCTOBER 2021









CONSTITUTION DAY - SEPT. 17

Each year, the North Shore Republican Women donate class sets of Constitutions for Willis ISD 5th grade students at all of our schools. We are grateful for this partnership that helps us teach our students about Constitution Day, Sept. 17.







For the month of October, Willis ISD's Child Nutrition department will be participating in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Farm Fresh Initiative.

Students will have access to Texas local produce, dairy, and bread. New items offered will be fresh watermelon, pears and honeycrisp apples that have all been grown in Texas.

Our goal is to help widen the variety available to students while also expanding their views of Texas agriculture.

Community Health Worker

Dena Horne, Family & Consumer Sciences teacher at Willis High School, recently completed her instructor certification as a Community Health Worker (CHW). A CHW is a liaison that provides cultural mediation between health care, social services and the community. The certification is new for WHS and is being offered through the Family and Community Services class.

Family and Community Services is a laboratory course that prepares students for employment in counseling and mental health, family and community services, personal care, and consumer services. Students will plan, develop, implement, and evaluate community and service-learning activities that benefit individuals, families, or the community. Emphasis is placed on developing organizational and leadership skills.

Mrs. Horne earned the certification through the South Texas Promotora Association. As part of her training, she conducted research on the costs of Covid to children and adolescents beyond the obvious physical effects of the virus itself. She presented at the 2021 STPA-SPI "Quiceñera Border Conference held in South Padre October 3-4, 2021.

Mrs. Horne's presentation identified the following areas of concern:

Physical Costs: lack of food support from schools, decline of physical activity, reduction of regular doctor visits and immunizations, increase in physical abuse etc.

Social/Emotional Costs: Isolation, bereavement, lack of significant life events, such as prom, graduation, etc.

Mental Costs: Increase in eating disorders, suicides, interruption in treatment of existing mental disorders, etc.

Educational Costs: Disparity of resources (hardware, software, internet), lack of training and resources for special needs students, loss of educational time during initial shutdown, as well as disconnect for online learners, etc.

Financial Costs: Additional food costs, majority of jobs lost were in the teenage age group costing them loss in wages now, as well as lack of job experience for future employment.





SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Addisyn Hunter, 5th Grade Meador Elementary



Cole Arnold, Senior Willis High School

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MONTH



Mrs. Hodgins WHS



Mrs. Good Meador Elementary



Mr. Ray Brabham Middle School



Mrs. Wilder Lagway Elementary



Mr. Burns Lucas Middle School



Dr. Moore Parmley Elementary



Mrs. Fossler Hardy Elementary



Mrs. Boswell Turner Elementary



Mr. Copley Cannan Elementary



Mrs. Maddin Stubblefield Academy



Mrs. Lewis Roark Early Education



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Thank You For All That You Do!

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Homecoming Shirts

There are still Homecoming shirts for sale don't miss out!

<u>Click HERE to order online.</u> Shirts will be available for pick up on Oct. 14.



National Instructional Coaches' Day!

Thank you to all the WISD Instructional Coaches



