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DECEMBER 2008

1ST QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS



High School High Honor Roll



High School Improvement Roll



Middle School High Honor Roll



Middle School Improvement Roll

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

It takes more than a yardstick to track a child's growth. Parents use many different kinds of measures—a bathroom scale, birthday pictures, and increasing clothing sizes. The Williamson Central School District also uses different measures to chart a child's educational progress. One of these is the Measures of Academic Progress which were developed by the Northwest Evaluation Association. Williamson students in grades 3-10 completed MAP testing in October. This is the second year that the testing has been used in the District.

Along with your child's first report card, you will receive a Parent Report of your child's performance on your child's MAP testing. This will show scores for math and reading and you can use this to compare his or her growth from last fall to this fall. Declines may occur over the summer so it is better to look at growth from the fall of one year to the fall of the next year, or spring of one year to spring of the next year. Growth targets vary by grade and by score. For example, students at Elementary School have larger growth targets than children in Middle School. At the same time, children in Middle School have larger growth targets than children at the High School. These growth target patterns are the same across all the schools that use MAP. In addition, high growth years can be followed by years with less growth and low growth years can be followed by high growth years.

If your child's test scores decline, this does not mean that your child did not learn this year. Many other indicators exist to measure learning: classroom performance, standardized tests, grades, etc. The Northwest Evaluation Association reports that in any testing season, about 10% of MAP scores do not show growth. This occurs most often in children well above average and well below average. Nonetheless, they can occur in any child. If you are concerned about your child's growth, please contact his or her teacher.

There are a number of things parents can do to help their child reach his or her growth target:

- Understand your child's growth target (goal).
- Encourage your child to complete all assignments both at home and during school.
- Check your child's assignment notebook.
- Have a family routine that encourages a time and a place for homework.
- Ask your child to explain what he or she is doing when completing homework.
- Do not do your child's homework for him or her. Children need to practice on their own to achieve mastery of a skill.
- Visit websites for math and language skill development. Your child's teacher may have some suggestions.
- Encourage your child to read at home. Use your child's lexile score to select books that are within the lexile range. (www.lexile.com).
- Keep the lines of communication open between your home and your child's teacher.

Parent-teacher conferences are an ideal time to discuss your child's MAP results with his or her teacher.

Parent Portal

The Williamson Central School District has adopted a new student information system this year. The District is pleased to offer parents and guardians of Middle and High School students access to their child's attendance record and grades in the new information system called **SchoolTool**. Research demonstrates that a strong partnership between home and school is an important piece in helping our students become successful. Parent access to student information is one part of the partnership.

Parents may access the required permission form and directions for Schooltool access on the District's website at <http://www.williamsoncentral.org/index.cfm> under the section titled "Parent Portal." Parents should complete the registration form and return it to the school's main office. Please note that it takes several days for an account to be activated.

The login ID (your email) and password (issued by Schooltool) will be the means for parents to access SchoolTool. They are to be used solely for a parent to access his or her own child's information. Necessary steps should be taken to prevent anyone from gaining knowledge of them. The use of login ID, password and access rights by anyone other than the designated parent/guardian is prohibited and should be reported to the District immediately. Questions or concerns about Parent Portal should be directed to Laurie Bischoff at 589-9661.

Message from the Superintendent . . .

There is no question that what is happening with our global economy is having an effect on families in our district in ways that they have never before experienced. Rising costs, job loss and dwindling accounts are affecting all aspects of life. As a district, we find ourselves looking at every transaction and job opening as to whether it is a necessity or if we could do without. This fall, we sent our JV and Varsity soccer teams on one bus to save costs. We will be doing the same for our basketball teams this winter. We will be closing for two weeks at Christmas break and will be turning down the heat to save both energy and money. Two recently vacated positions, have not been filled.



*Maria Ehresman
Superintendent of Schools*

The downturn in the state economy will have a tremendous effect on the District. As I sit here writing this article, I am waiting to find out if our state aid will be cut for this year. Here in Williamson, state aid makes up 52% of our revenue. Governor Paterson has projected that New York State would end this year with a \$1.6 billion deficit and projects a \$12 billion deficit for next year. He called the legislature back to Albany on November 18 to determine cuts for this year's aid. As you know, they delayed making any decision on cuts for this year until January. In mid-December, we will find out what cuts will be in store for the 2009-2010 school year. The extent of the cuts to aid that are enacted in Albany will determine our next steps here for this budget year and next year.

The problems that we face are compounded by the fact that our enrollment has decreased by 200 students over the last five years. This effects not only the aid we receive from the state but also the quality of the programs we can offer, especially at the high school level. This is true especially for elective courses such as business, pre-engineering and foreign language. Since it is the Board's and my desire that students here have opportunities equal to those of students in larger districts, we have begun to have discussions with Marion Central School. The two boards met jointly in October and will meet again in January. Our goal is to look for efficiencies that would save both districts money and also to broaden and/or continue the programs that are offered.

As a community, we have a history of pulling together in a crisis. I am sure that despite what lies ahead of us, we will be able to meet the challenges presented. As we move into the budget season, I urge you to read our weekly news releases that can be found at all three of the post offices, on our website under the Board of Education tab and in the local newspapers. Also consider attending a Board meeting. Agendas for meetings are on the same Board of Education page where you will find the news releases. This is your school district and we welcome your input.



Ruth Urbanik from the Exxon Mobil Corp. presenting Gary Barno, School Business Administrator with a \$500 Mini Grant to benefit the Math and Science Programs in the High School.



August 2008 Graduates
left to right: Kaitlyn Roberts, David Pinaire, John Parker, and Jessica Bleier. Missing from photo are Ira Jones and Robert Goble.

Elementary School . . .

Elementary School Teachers Selected as Leaders in Technology Integration

Two teams of teachers from the Williamson Elementary School have been selected to present their work at the NYSCATE annual conference in November of 2008. NYSCATE (The New York State Association of Technologies in Education) will be highlighting the work of Mrs. Christie Graves, first grade teacher and Mrs. Carol Fox, third grade teacher. The Graves/Fox team will guide the conference participants in using cutting edge technology tools like podcasting and VoiceThread to enhance the reading fluency of their students. The team of Miss Cassidy Dailey, second grade teacher and Mrs. Patty Sheridan, art teacher will be using the technology tools of SMARTBoard and VoiceThread to support cross-curriculum learning. Participants will be able to watch these two teachers bring ancient cave art communication into the 21st Century classroom. We are both encouraged and honored to have these four teachers selected to present at the annual conference and represent the Williamson Central School District as a leader in technology education.



*Anne Ressler
Elementary School Principal*

Much of the success we currently are experiencing in integrating technology into the classroom can be attributed to Mrs. Jamie Sonnevile, Williamson Central School District Technology Coordinator/Integration Specialist. She has been diligently working with all teachers in the District to bring technology tools into the classroom to support and supplement instruction, introduce our students to the use of technology tools and motivate our learners.

Volunteerism is Alive and Well in Williamson, New York

Each day we see community members who are willing to share their time and talents through volunteering at the Williamson Elementary School. Volunteers help support the school through organizations like PTSA and organize family movie nights, holiday portraits, chaperone roller-skating parties and numerous other projects. Mrs. Joy Secor and Mrs. Nancy Lepel serve as the Elementary School representatives to the PTSA and their hard work and enthusiasm serve our school well. We also have senior reading volunteers who regularly come to the school and work with students to improve their literacy skills. Our High School and Middle School students offer both academic and social emotional support to their young counterparts after their school day is completed. Our annual Big Pumpkin Day celebration is by far our most well attended volunteer event. Our volunteer coordinators, Mrs. Kris Henner, Mrs. Janet Winn and Mrs. Lori Miller begin their planning a year in advance of the event. Together with their many volunteers they provide our students a fun filled day to celebrate the fall season that has become a long-standing tradition at the Elementary School and one in which we all look forward to. Thank you to each and every volunteer!!!

Big Pumpkin Day



Middle School . . .

We have successfully completed our first 10 weeks of the school year and we have witnessed a great deal of growth and development from the Middle School students. The faculty continues to encourage students to stay organized and give their best effort. Our academic and behavioral expectations remain high for all students and they have responded.



John E. Fulmer
Middle School Principal

Over 61% of the students in the Middle School are on the Achievement, Merit, Honor or High Honor rolls for the 1st quarter. Students are proud of their accomplishments and teachers are continuing to work hard to instruct and challenge the students. Students are encouraged to seek assistance if needed and be responsible for their learning. Together with families, we encourage students to put forth their best effort and engage in learning.

Activities that have occurred in the first quarter and into the second quarter of this year at the Middle School include: Volunteer Club, Student Association, Book Fair, Cinderella, Mock Election, UNICEF Collection, Immigration Day, Wayne County Youth Conference, Red Ribbon Week, Modified Athletics, and Report Card Night.

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Ciara Chelini
Megan Dildine
Jena Eaton
Anna Kostakis
Samantha Mayo
Alec McCall
Taylor McCall
Joseph Mohr
Mark Saile
Matthew Sperr
Casey Winn

7th Grade

Joshua Faulks
Thomas Ferland
Kathryn Kolyer
Anderson Luke
Victoria Mason
Joseph Montondo
Joshua Neal
Alexandra Prater
Nicholas Vitalone

8th Grade

Ariana Allman
Catherine Bonke
Karly Byron
Christine Dobie
Megan Fitzgerald
Alexis Ginther
Sydney Pfaff
Paul Sperr
Benjamin Yackel

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Reilly Carlson
Alexander Cook
Corey Cristales
Elizabeth DeFisher
Benjamin Henner
Elizabeth Kuhl
Samuel Kuhl
Amy LaVare
Leah Loveless
Morgan Manktelow
Jennifer Meyn
Liam Miller
Dennis Mowers
Ariana Palmer
James Benjamin Reid
Tessa Robinson
Thomas Saile
Jonah Sharp
Destiny Sharrow
Sarah Swingly
Devon Traas
Rayven Turner
Cody VanKouwenberg
Justin Villnave
Samantha Zimmerman

7th Grade

Christian Barrett
Shane Blauvelt
Jacqueline Bouvier
Marcella DelPlato
Jamie Dodge
Ali Henderson
Matthew Lindsay
Kira McCall
Bennett Schoonerman
Hunter Secor

8th Grade

Christopher Allard
Jamison Brooks
Tyler Bureau
Carly Catchpole
Jacob Collier
Alex DeMay
Casey DeMay
Amanda Farrington
Taylor Flanders
Yaneczka Flores
Alison Hassett
Kathryn Hodgson
Jeanette Homman
Adam Johnson
Micalah Klejment
Heather Kramberg
Holly Kramberg
Nicole LaVancha
Kimberly Marchionda
Alex Monachino
Nick Monachino
Ariana Nieto
Oona Quinn
Nicholas Smith
Kelsey Stitt
Stephen Thomson
Cheyenne Traas

UPCOMING EVENTS...

5th and 6th Grade Holiday Concert
December 10th @ 7:00 pm

7th and 8th Grade Holiday Concert
December 18th @ 7:00 pm

Merit Roll

6th Grade

Carl Ashlaw
Shane Bixby
Vincent Bortle
Jacob Brandt
Zoey Britt
Jonathan Burnett
Richard Cantwell
Schae Clark
Molly DeFisher
Joshua Dorfner
Katelyn Flanders
Daniel Kruger
Griffin Lange
Zoey Lee
Emily Piazza
William Sackett
Hannah Seniuk
Spencer Smith
Tyler Spence
Jawaan Taylor
Alea Thompson
Madison Thomson
Guadalupe Vargas
Samantha Walton

7th Grade

Paula Aguilera
Ashley Baker
Monica Brennan
Matthew Britt
Colby Desbrough
Aguilera Francisco
Katelyn Gilbert
Jacinda Henry
Courtney Hill
Daniel Inman
Axel Joram
Abby Kerr
Votie LaFave-Boughton
Emma Little
Jessica Maloney
Simone Marcirella
Devan Marsteiner
Joshua McIntosh
Katherine McKay
Makenna McKeon
Mikayla Miller
Gerard Moran
Bailey Musclow
Megan Noger
Zachary Sewilo
Jessa Shultis
Anna St.Cyr
Stephanie Zimmerman

8th Grade

Pricilla Alba
Joseph Ankrom
Kevin Bertalone
Cassidy Bishop
Zackery Bushart
Mackenzie Cuvelier
Connor Gelina
Kylie Girvin
Andrew Kruger
Taylor Kuter
Andrew Lachiusa
Kyle Ludgate
Sean Mannix
John Piazza
Joshua Raymer
Emily Strobel
Olivia Walker
Katelyn White
Kristian Wilson
Ian Youngs

High School . . .

The second marking period is already underway, and the students of Williamson High School continue to excel in a variety of areas, including academics and more...

- Our fall drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream", was a great success! The drama was directed by Ms. Warchocki and Mrs. Hout. Lead roles were played by Daniel Rehor as Bottom, Katie Swingly as Helena, Hannah Hecht as Hermia, Josh Forget as Demetrius, and David Ferland as Lysander.
- More than 25 students have earned student of the month honors so far and many students achieved one of the academic rolls during the first marking period.
- Haley Appleby, Jayelle White, Hannah Barrett, and Emma Oakes' artistic talents were recognized through the Principal's Choice Art Award program for the months of September and October.



*Douglas Lauf
High School Principal*



~~ DON'T MISS...the High School Vocal and Instrumental Holiday Concert on
Monday, December 15, 2008, at 7:00p.m. in the High School Auditorium. ~~



High Honor Roll

9th Grade

Laura Allard
Christian Baker
Carly Bean
Angelle Flores
Efrosyni Kostakis
Nicole Krauth
Emily Lindsay
Rayanne Luke
Tricia Phillips
Kyle Robinson

10th Grade

Cody Chelini
Nicholas Frawley
Brian Redder

11th Grade

Mikayla Bean
Kristen DeMarree
Kyle Dobie
Jessie Evarts
David Ferland
Kayla Flanders
Gabrielle Frawley
Eric Hepler
Rowan Ketchum
Mark Montondo
ChelseaVanAcker
Aaron VanNostrand

12th Grade

Pierce Alquist
Stephanie Bowles
Caleb Burlee
Luke DeFisher
Damienne Denner
Mary Doran
Tyler Eaton
Thomas Godsey
Carrie Lergner
Shelby Maroselli
Benjamin Miller
Terrance Skerrett
William Wenzel
Noelle White

Honor Roll

9th Grade

Bradley Blauvelt
Corrin Bogart
James Buda
Neil Campbell
Haelee Catchpole
Kimberly DeFisher
Trena DeMarree
Brandon DeRue
Dannie Joram
Emily Mogray
Ashley Neal
Erik Rangel
Andrew Reid
Douglas Smith
Gregory Stitt
Richard Yackel

10th Grade

Hayley Ameele
Charity Baker
Hannah Barrett
Robert Brown
Britny Cole
Nicole Darling
Cortney Dodge
Brian Doran
Cody Garrod
Jessica Gillis
Connor Hannan
Allison Liddle
Evangeline McClure
Luke Moll
Emily Morlock
Emma Oakes
Kierstyn Palmer
Samantha Scott
Samuel Sherwin
Mary William

11th Grade

Gregory Akins
Emma Clark
Adam DeMay
Chelsea Gates
Hannah Hecht
Vann Henry
Corey Hill
Jared Kinley

Christina Kostakis
Brittany Moran
Michael Nichols
Lindsay Rynders
Elizabeth Shadduck
Meredith Shultes
Joshua Smith
Kathleen Swingly
Robert Wendler
Kyle Youngs

12th Grade

Sara Bonke
Autumn Bowman
Roxanne Bowman
Jaycee Bristol
Nina Calabresi
Alexandra Cappon
Stephanie Darling
Richard Edwards
Joshua Forget
Katlyn Gregg
Katherine Johnson
Stephanie Kingsbury
Rebecca Klejment
Kelly Marchionda
Caitlin McCann
Anthony Miralles
Joseph Moll
Chelsie Morrison
Daniel Rehor
Kera Smith
Krista Valletta
Amanda Westfall
Jayelle White
Corey York
Chelsea Young

Merit Roll

9th Grade

Melanie Cahill
Michele Cantwell
Adrienne Cook
Daphne Croop
Heidi DeCann
Ashley DeNardo
Mason Mascle
Lewis Mason
Alexander Miller
Caleb Peters

Trevor Thayer
Jeffery Timmerman
Meghan Willis
Tyler Woodhams
Matthew Wright

10th Grade

Tiffany Bloss
Natalli Bogart
Michaella Bristol
Zachary Cappon
William Denner
Paul Fillmore
Nicholas Grace
Joshua Havranek
Alexandra Intini
Jason Miller
Tyler Picotte
Caitlyn Pilc
Shannon Tozier
William Verno

11th Grade

Maria Aguilera
Cody DeMinck
Kathryn Distenfeld
Andrew Gardinier
Cody Gibson
John Johnson
Samantha McIntosh
Ryan Thayer
Danielle Vitalone

12th Grade

Lukas Allen
April Bowman
Michele Cahill
Blanca Cervantes
Bret Cole
Brandon Currier
Taylor Grebliunas
William Hollebrandt
Carleigh Hotchkiss
Jack Inman
Samantha Klein
Joshua Knataitis
Jennifer Persutte
Sergio Trejo-Acevedo
Melissa Turner
Jeremiah Wackerman

Athletic News . . .

HONORS - FALL 2008

Girls Soccer	WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONS! WAYNE COUNTY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS! NYSPHSAA- SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM	
Katlyn Gregg	Wayne County All-Star Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team All Greater Rochester Team	First Team Honorable Mention
Chelsea Young	Wayne County All-Star Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team All-Greater Rochester Team	First Team Honorable Mention
Mikayla Bean	Wayne County All-Star All-Greater Rochester	First Team Honorable Mention
Gabrielle Frawley	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Makayla Boisvert	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Macenzie Peters	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Taylor Shoemaker	Wayne County All-Star	Third Team
Rebecca Klejment	Wayne County All Star Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team	Third Team
Danielle Vitalone	Wayne County All-Star	Third Team
Michele Cahill	Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team	
Tyler Shove	Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team	

Boys Soccer	NYSPHSAA-SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM	
Ryan Thayer	Wayne County All-Star All Greater Rochester Team	First Team Honorable Mention
Greg Akins	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Tyler Eaton	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Bill Hollebrandt	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Bobby Wendler	Wayne County All-Star	Honorable Mention

Cross Country	BOYS: WAYNE COUNTY & FINGER LAKES CENTRAL CHAMPIONS! GIRLS: WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPS!	
Cassidy Bishop	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star Section V Champion NYS Championships	
Haley Appleby	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star Section V Champion	
Rayanne Luke	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star	
Cody Garrod	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star	
Lukas Allen	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star	
Nick Frawley	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star	
Cody DeMinck	Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star	

Volleyball		
Britney Cole	Wayne County All-Star Clyde-Savannah Tournament Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team All Greater Rochester Team	First Team All Tournament Team Honorable mention
Stephanie Kingsbury	Wayne County All-Star Wayne County Exceptional Senior Team South Seneca Tournament	Second Team Honorable Mention
Jayelle White	Wayne County All-Star	Second Team
Melissa Turner	Wayne County All-Star	Third Team

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON CHANNEL 12 THIS YEAR:

12/11 Girl's Basketball – NRW
 12/16 Girl's Basketball – Clyde
 12/18 Wrestling
 1/14 Girl's Basketball – Sodus
 1/20 Boy's Basketball – Marion
 2/7 Wrestling Tournament
 2/12 Girl's Basketball – Lyons (Sr. Night)
 2/18 Boy's Basketball – E. Rochester (Sr. Night)

Fall 2008

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS SUMMARY

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>League Participants</u>	<u>Over-All Record</u>	<u>League Record</u>
<u>Cross Country</u>				
Boys	Kate Taylor/Dan Sackett	22	37-5	37-5
Girls	Kate Taylor/Dan Sackett	13	30-8	30-8
<u>Soccer (Boys)</u>				
Varsity	Jim Newby	22	5-7	6-11-1
JV	Jeff VanHoover	24	6-4-2	8-6-2
<u>Soccer (Girls)</u>				
Varsity	Jessica Craft	19	12-2	15-5-1
JV	Joanna Alexander	24	8-2-1	9-3-1
<u>Volleyball</u>				
Varsity	Theresa Gnage	11	7-7	22-24
JV	Jeff White	8	13-4	13-4

Message from the BOE President...

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

-- Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

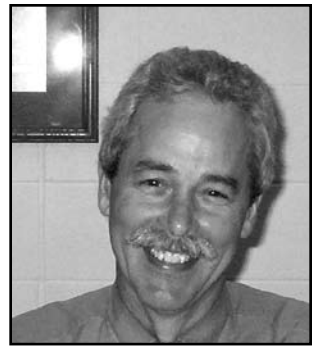
There is no doubt that we face challenging times. There is also no doubt that we will meet those challenges head-on and undoubtedly, the experience will change us. The district is already making adjustments that will help mitigate the anticipated loss of funding. But it goes deeper than financial issues. As a community we are being challenged to think differently about who we are, and more importantly what we want to become. Our recent conversations with the Marion Central School Board and administrators highlighted the similarities and concerns we share as rural districts. It's important to stress that we are simply in the discovery stage to explore our options. The philosophic foundation we have in common is to provide a solid, responsible and relevant education for our students while promoting a vital and vibrant community of life-long learners. Each one of us has an important role to play as we move into uncharted territory. We welcome ideas from the community. We encourage civil engagement in any way that makes sense for you based on your personal commitments. Get involved.

We have just been through one of the most interesting and historic general elections in a lifetime. The outcome reinforced the premise that while a certain amount of skepticism is healthy, constant negativity is counterproductive. We will need to work together to ensure that our community is prepared for change. We can either be proactive and facilitate change on our own terms or let change roll over us. The Board is committed to a course of action that will provide maneuverability in changing conditions and resiliency in uncertain times.

We will keep the community informed throughout the upcoming budget process through news releases in print and on the WCS website. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your support and we look forward to serving the community as we move ahead.

"One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."

-- André Gide (1869 - 1951)



Michael Collins
Board of Education President



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