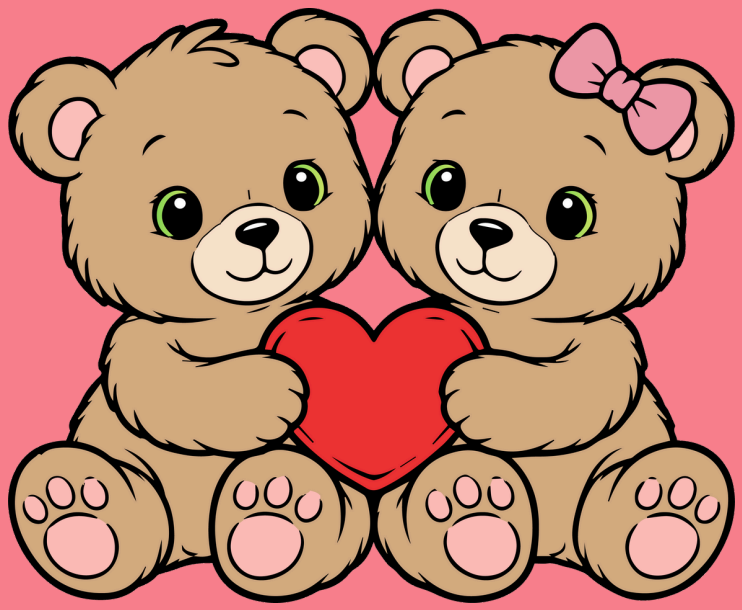
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Williamson Elementary School



Classes start at 8:55am, any late arrivals must report to the school office before entering the classroom!

Important Dates:

February 11th

BOE Meeting 6:30PM

February 13th

ES Report Cards Available

February 13th

100th day of school!

Global Day of Play

February 16-20th

No School - Hoilday Recess

February 25th

UPK - 4 Half Day

Parent Conference

Dear Williamson Families,

As we move into February, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support. January brought schedule changes, winter weather, and busy days, and our students and staff handled it all with flexibility and a continued focus on learning and growth.
Below are important updates and upcoming dates as we look ahead.

Our PRIDE focus for February and early March is Responsibility. Students will continue working on:

- Taking ownership of their learning
- Following routines and expectations
- Caring for their materials, learning spaces, and one another

Students have been earning PRIDE PALS and “I Can” Awards for many different reasons, and we continue to be incredibly Marauder Proud of the positive choices they are making each day. From showing responsibility and kindness to demonstrating perseverance and leadership, our students continue to rise to the expectations we set together.
We appreciate your continued support reinforcing these skills at home.

February Highlights & Important Dates

- Friday, February 13 – Global Day of Play
- Students will participate in our Global Day of Play, a day dedicated to creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and joyful learning through play. This experience supports social-emotional learning and student engagement. Additional classroom details will be shared as needed.

Looking Ahead

- Friday, February 25 – Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- Monday, March 3 – Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- Friday, March 13 – Superintendent’s Conference Day (No School for Students)

Additional conference information will be shared directly with families as dates approach.

Weather Reminders

As winter continues, please continue to monitor school communications for any weather-related delays or schedule changes. Safety remains our top priority, and we appreciate everyone’s flexibility.

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued support, patience, and teamwork—especially during busy winter weeks. Your partnership truly makes a difference for our students.
If you have any questions or need support, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the main office.
Sincerely,
Scott Drechsler
Building Principal



A NOTE FROM MRS. CRAFT

February 2026

Heart Health

Dear Families,
Happy February! This month brings a wonderful opportunity to focus on wellness, kindness, and staying active—especially as we celebrate American Heart Month and look ahead to February break.

Here are a few simple ways to support heart-healthy habits and keep your child engaged during the week off from school.

Hoping you have a wonderful month and enjoy the break!

Contact:
315-589-9668
jcraft@williamsoncentral.org

Heart-Healthy Tips for Kids

- Choose colorful foods. Encourage your child to add one extra fruit or vegetable to meals each day.
- Stay hydrated. Water helps keep energy levels steady and supports overall wellness.
- Move a little every day. Even 10–15 minutes of walking, dancing, or playing outside can make a big difference.
- Get plenty of sleep. A consistent bedtime routine helps children stay focused, calm, and ready to learn.

Healthy & Fun Activities for February Break

- Take a winter nature walk. Look for animal tracks, icicles, or signs of spring peeking through.
- Have a family dance party. Pick a favorite playlist and get everyone moving.
- Try a new recipe together. Cooking is a great way to practice math skills and build healthy eating habits.
- Create a kindness challenge. Encourage your child to complete small acts of kindness throughout the week.

Morning Drop-Off

- Drop-off times are 8:40-8:55am each morning
- We will be using our North Loop for drop off in the morning.
- There will be NO cars allowed in the bus circle before 8:55 in order to accommodate the buses.
- For safety reason, students will exit the car from the passenger side door and then enter the building. There will be staff members to help with the traffic flow and to direct student to a door.
- Reminder - there will be no parents entering the school with their child at this time.

Pick-Up During the School Day

To ensure safety of each child and to minimize disruptions in our education program, we ask that you follow these steps when it is necessary to remove your child from school during the day.

- Complete and return the Student/Parent/Contact Information Sheet which includes the "authorization to pick up" information. This is critical if you need someone other than a parent to pick up your child.
- Send an email to wesattendance@williamsoncentral.org with student name, teacher name, time of pick-up, and name of person picking up the student.
- At the designated pickup time, parent should pull into the bus circle (only if there are NO buses in the circle), park in front of the main entrance.

Attendance Policy

Attendance in school is critical for students to achieve. Please encourage your child to attend school unless illness prevents it. It is important that students arrive ON TIME - NO LATER THAN 8:55 AM. Morning routines start as soon as students get off the buses. Research has shown that students who establish poor attendance patterns at a young age have difficulty changing those patterns as they grow.

The district has an attendance policy in place that includes regular letters of notification to parents of students who are excessively absent from school. If there are specific issues preventing you child from attending, please contact the Main Office or Health Office to set up an appointment to discuss the concerns.

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Save the Date!!

More Important Dates!

Feb 11th - BOE Meeting 6:30pm
Feb 13th - ES Report Cards available
Feb 13th - Global Day of Play
Feb 16-20th - No School Holiday Recess
Feb. 25th - UPK - 4th Half Day - Parent Conference
March 3rd -UPK - 4th Half Day - Parent Conference
March 4th - UPK / K Info Night 6:30-7:30 @ ES
March 13th - No School - All Williamson Students
March 13th - UPK / K Registration Due
March 30-April 3rd - No School - Spring Break
April 14th & 15th - 3rd & 4th Grade ELA State Test
April 20th - Book fair week
April 30th & May 1st - 3rd & 4th Grade Math State Test

District Telephone Numbers

Elementary	315-589-9668
Middle School	315-589-9665
High School	315-589-9621
District Office	315-589-9661
Bus Garage	315-589-6901
CSE Office	315-589-8308

Change of Contact Information

Please notify the school as soon as possible if you have ANY changes in your contact information including phone number, email, work phone, physical and/or mailing address. Any other importnat docuentation regarding your student is also important for the school to have.

Who to Contact if...

- Your child is sick or has been hurt - Mrs. Musclow, School nurse @ 315-589-9668 option 4
- Your child is having problems on the school bus - Vicky Pascarella Director of Transportation @ 315-589-6901 or Mr. Drechsler, Elementary Principal @ 315-589-9668
- Your child is having problems with school work - Classroom Teacher @315-589-9668
- Your child is having problems on the playground - Classroom Teacher @ 315-589-9668
- Your child seems unhappy (over a period of time) - Classroom Teacher, School Psychologist or School Social Worker @ 315-589-9668

Goldenrod Rule

The Elementary School uses Goldenrod paper to indicate a paper that requires your response. When you see Goldenrod paper in your child's backpack, **please take time to read, sign and return it to school.**

New Afternoon Pick-Up Information

- Pick-up times are 3:17-3:30 each afternoon.
- Please fill out the everyday form if your student is going to be picked up on consistent days. https://forms.gle/Mt1dUiLAnEvoXb4T7
- If you wish to pick your student/s up at the end of the day you must email wesattendance@williamsoncentral.org AND transportation@williamsoncentral.org by 1pm with a 4 digit code.
- There will be NO cars allowed in the bus circle between 2:45-3:30 in order to accommodate for the buses.
- This year for the safety of the students, we are implementing a pin code to pick up. You may share this code if someone else is picking up. (We will not be able to give this code out to anyone) If you have multiple students in the elementary building the same code can be used for all the students. Please also note we are changing the location of pick up to our North loop. We are hopeful that this will work in your favor of doing parent pick up while the buses are loading and help get you and your students home faster. I have included a picture to reference. If you have any questions please contact Kari Hopkins 315-589-9668 ext 2505 khopkins@williamsoncentral.org



Distribution of Party Invitations at School

We ask that the distribution of invitations be handled in a careful and considerate manner. Your child's teacher will have a preferred approach to this matter and will inform you in a newsletter. Please follow the teacher's suggested approach to respect all students.

Snacks

Many of our classes have a snack during the course of the day. Students are encourage to bring in nutritional snacks such as apples, bananas, raisins and carrots. Snacks will also be provided if needed.







Health Office Notes

~ Elementary Health Office Update: Staying Healthy During the Holiday Season

With the holiday season approaching, we often see an increase in common illnesses such as colds, flu, stomach bugs, and other respiratory infections. As families gather and routines become busier, it's especially important to take steps that help keep everyone healthy.

Here are some simple healthy habits to support your child during this time of year:

~ Practice Good Hand Washing

Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently—especially before eating, after using the restroom, and after coughing or sneezing. Handwashing remains one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness.

~ Keep Children Home When Sick

If your child has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, or is simply not feeling well enough to participate in school activities, please keep them home until their symptoms improve. This helps protect both your child and their classmates. Students must remain home for 24 hours after vomiting and must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications to return to school.

~ Encourage Respiratory Etiquette

Teach children to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow and to avoid touching their face.

~ Stay Nourished and Hydrated

Busy holiday schedules can make it challenging to maintain routines. Make sure children are getting balanced meals, enough water, and plenty of rest to support their immune systems.

~ Get Plenty of Sleep

A consistent sleep schedule helps children stay healthy and focused during the school day.

~ Consider Recommended Vaccinations

Consult with your child's healthcare provider regarding seasonal vaccines, such as the flu shot, to help reduce the risk of illness.

We hope these reminders help keep our school community healthy and able to enjoy the holiday season. Please reach out to the Health Office with any questions or concerns.

Wishing all our families a safe and healthy holiday season!
Hayley Musclow, RN



ParentSquare

Parent Square Reminder

We will be continuing our implementation of Parent Square as a primary source of communication with our families. We will be expanding the use of Parent Square to all extracurricular activities as well including athletics. Be sure to download the app or sign into the school website to get all school communication related to your child(ren). If you currently do not have a Parent Square account, keep an eye out for a registration email/ text message from Parent Square. You can find help on our website or contact your child's building for more information. Please take some time to review the 'Home/School Communication' page in this newsletter to make sure you are receiving important information from school.

You will receive an email to register your account. All you need to do is register and pick your preference (follow prompts to do this). Please keep your phone contacts and email addresses updated to ensure that you receive all important messages.



Home/School Communication

Williamson Central School District strives to ensure clear and frequent communication with students and families. We have several platforms that we use.
This guide explains the main purpose of each platform.

Parent Square

- Building Updates and Highlights
- Grade Level Events/Reminders
- Sharing Pictures
- Parent Conference Sign Ups
- Special Events
- Translated Communication
- Communication for Athletics, Clubs and Extracurricular Activities
- Marauder Care Communication

Schoology

- Assignment Related
- Individual Student Concerns
- Assignment Clarifications
- Upcoming due dates or reminders related to Academics

SchoolTool

- Attendance
- Quarterly and Final Grades
- View/Print Report Cards
- Student Schedules

Each of these tools is available as an App for your phone or via a website if you prefer. We will also continue to use email and phone calls as appropriate to communicate with our families.

IMPORTANT!

To be sure you receive all communication from your child's school and teachers, please check that you have access to each of these tools. You can find helpful resources on the "For Parents" page on our website: www.williamsoncentral.org.

You can also set your preferences to receive the communication in ways that are best for you!

Communication is KEY! Help us make this school year great by making sure you are connected to these tools!
Please reach out to your building administrators with any questions or if you need additional support.

FEBRUARY

WILLIAMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 F #1 Cheeseburger on Bun #2 Hamburger on Bun SIDES Baked Fries Broccoli + Cheese Soup Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	3 A #1 Mandarin Chicken w/Rice #2 Hot Dog on Bun SIDES Steamed Broccoli Fresh Carrot Sticks Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	4 B French Toast Sticks + Sausage Links SIDES Hash Brown Fruited Yogurt Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	5 C #1 Meatball Sub #2 Fish Sticks w/Roll SIDES Cheeseburger Mac Fresh Side Salad Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	6 D Quesadilla w/Rice: #1 Chicken Quesadilla #2 Cheese Quesadilla SIDES Tomato Soup + Crackers Fresh Vegetable Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety
9 E Chicken Nuggets +Pretzel Bites SIDES Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cut Vegetables Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	10 F #1 Bosco Sticks w/Marinara #2 Hot Dog on Bun SIDES Cheeseburger Mac Tomato Soup + Crackers Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	11 A Chicken Patty on Bun #1 Regular #2 Spicy SIDES Tater Tots Fresh Side Salad Assorted Fruit /Milk Variety	12 B #1 Pepperoni #2 Cheese SIDES Tomato Soup + Crackers Fresh Carrot Sticks Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	13 C GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY Garlic Noodles+ Popcorn Chicken Smackers w/Choice of Dipping Sauce SIDES (DIY) Ants on a Log Cookie Treat Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety
PRESIDENTS WEEK RECESS NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 16-20				
23 D Chicken + Waffles SIDES Hash Brown Potato Fruited Yogurt Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	24 E Pasta w/Breadstick: #1 Red Sauce + Meatballs #2 Alfredo Sauce + Chicken SIDES Fresh Side Salad Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	25 F PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE UPK-4 Half Day: Dismissal Take Home Bagged Lunch Choices: #1 Ham + Cheese Sandwich or Smucker's Uncrustables Lunch	26 A Pancake B-Fast Sandwich #1 w/Sausage, Egg + Cheese #2 w/Sausage Only (No egg or Cheese) SIDES Hash Brown Baby Carrots w/Dip Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety	27 B #1 Taco in a Bag w/Rice # Soft Taco w/Rice SIDES Fresh Veggie Toppings Shred. Cheese, Sour Cream Assorted Fruit/Milk Variety

Additional Lunch Choices (Available Daily): YOGURT PARFAIT LUNCH ALL-AMERICAN SUB LUNCH Smucker's Uncrustables Lunch

For the 2025-26 School Year: All Students can receive 1 Breakfast and 1 lunch each school day at no charge.
Contact Tina VanStrien, Food Service Director 315-589-9621 or tvanstrien@williamsoncentral.org regarding any food/nutrition related questions or concerns.
If your child has a food allergy, please notify us. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menu subject to change. 2026

FEBRERO

ESCUELA PRIMARIA WILLIAMSON MENÚ DEL ALMUERZO ESCOLAR

LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES
2 F #1 Hamburguesa con queso #2 Hamburguesa en pan LADOS Papas fritas al horno Brócoli + Sopa de queso Variedad de frutas y leche	3 A #1 Pollo Mandarin con arroz #2 Perro caliente en pan LADOS Brócoli al vapor Palitos de zanahoria frescos Variedad de frutas y leche	4 B Palitos de tostada Francesa+ Salchichas LADOS Hash Brown Yogur de frutas Variedad de frutas y leche	5 C #1 Submarino de albondigas #2 Palitos de pescado LADOS Macarrones con queso y hamburguesa Ensalada fresca Variedad de frutas y leche	6 D #1 Quesadilla de pollo #2 Quesadilla de queso LADOS Sopa de tomate + Galletas Verduras frescas Variedad de frutas y leche
9 E Nuggets de pollo + Bocados de pretzel LADOS Brócoli al vapor Verduras recién cortadas Variedad de frutas y leche	10 F #1 Palitos Bosco #2 Hot dog en pan LADOS Macarrones con queso y hamburguesa Sopa de tomate + galletas Variedad de frutas y leche	11 A Hamburguesa de pollo #1 Regular #2 Picante LADOS Tater Tots Ensalada fresca Variedad de frutas y leche	12 B #1 Pepperoni #2 Queso LADOS Sopa de tomate + Galletas Palitos de zanahoria frescos Variedad de frutas y leche	13 C DIA MUNDIAL DEL JUEGO ESCOLAR Fideos de ajo+ Smackers de pollo con palomitas de maiz con opcion de salsa para mojar LADOS (DIY) Hormigas en un tronco Galleta de regalo Variedad de frutas y leche
RECESO DE SEMANA DE LOS PRESIDENTES NO HAY CLASES DEL 16 AL 20 DE FEBRERO				
23 D Pollo + Waffles LADOS Papas hash brown Yogur de frutas Variedad de frutas y leche	24 E Pasta con palitos de pan: #1 Salsa roja + Albondigas #2 Salsa Alfredo + Pollo LADOS Ensalada fresca de acompañamiento Variedad de frutas y leche	25 F CONFERENCIA DE PADRES Y MAESTROS UPK-4 Medio día: Salida Opciones de almuerzo para llevar a casa: #1 Sandwich de jamon y queso o Smucker's Uncrustables Lunch	26 A Panqueque Sandwich rapido #1 con salchicha,huevo y queso #2 con salchicha Solo LADOS Hash Brown Zanahorias baby con salsa Variedad de frutas y leche	27 B #1 Taco en bolsa con arroz #2 Taco suave con arroz LADOS Queso rallado y crema agria. Variedad de frutas y leche

Opciones adicionales de almuerzo (disponibles diariamente): ALMUERZO DE PARFAIT DE YOGUR — ALL-AMERICAN SUB LUNCH — Smucker's Uncrustables Lunch

Para el año escolar 2025-26: Todos los estudiantes pueden recibir 1 desayuno y 1 almuerzo cada día escolar sin cargo.

Comuníquese con Tina VanStrien, directora de servicios de alimentos, al 315-589-9621 o a tvanstrien@williamsoncentral.org con respecto a cualquier pregunta o inquietud relacionada con alimentación/nutrición. Si su hijo tiene alguna alergia alimentaria, por favor, infórmenos. Esta institución ofrece igualdad de oportunidades. El menú está sujeto a cambios. 2026

Williamson Central PTSA News

Visit us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/WilliamsonCSDPTSA
OR click " **PTSA** " in the Community dropdown at **www.williamsoncentral.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 – WCMEASolofest @ Newark
February 11 – BoE Meeting @ MS
February 16-20 – Holiday Recess – **NO SCHOOL**
February 25 – UPK-4 Half Day

NEXT MEETING

Attend ournext meeting on **February 10, 2026** at 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary School Library.



Williamson PTSA is Recognized by NYS PTA with Two Awards!

Your continued support has brought us recognition yet again!

The Trailblazer Award – Awarded to PTAs/PTSAs who have achieved 75% of their annual membership goal by October 31
The Students Rock Award – Awarded to PTAs/PTSAs who have at least 20% of their membership filled by students



Be Prepared for the Next Snow Day– With a Snow Day Hug!

Snow days = fun and a little chaos. When you're braving a winter storm, here's a big Snow Day Hug to warm you up!

- 2 cups milk
- 2 TBSP cocoa powder
- 3 TBSP maple syrup
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla

Combine all ingredients and cook on low for about ten minutes.
Top with marshmallows, whip cream, sprinkles and your favorite crushed cookies!

BOX TOPS

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops' mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

To get started, download the Box Tops for Education app onto your mobile device. It's a free app! Create a new account or sign into your existing account. The app will guide through each step from there. Just scan your receipts!

The Box Tops for Education app is now equipped to manage digital receipts such as Instacart with ease! Follow simple instructions for submission to give your schools credit for purchases and enter sweepstakes!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are interested in keeping up on PTSA happenings and volunteer opportunities but can't always attend meetings, please get in touch with us on our Facebook page or by e-mailing any of our officers (contact info below). Join us in continuing the tradition of commitment and service our PTSA has provided to our district's students!

DISTRICT APPROVAL for VOLUNTEERING

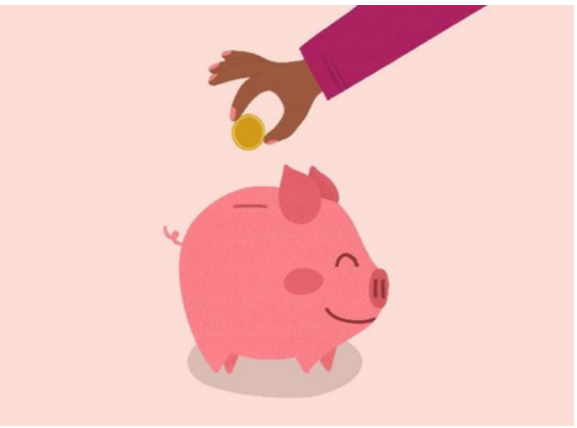
Interested in helping withan event during the school year? Just complete an application to become a district-approved volunteer (unless you have been approved during a previous school year - then you're all set!). There is a notary at the District Office who can assist you with finalizing your application - just call ahead (315-589-9661) to make sure the notary will be on-site when you plan to stop in! And don't forget to bring your ID!

By the Numbers!

Your support of the Box Tops Program is helping to bring funding to our PTSA!

For the 2025-2026 School year, scanning or uploading your receipts has already raised over $240!

THANK YOU!!



MEMBERSHIP

We arecollecting PTSA membership renewals and new memberships! Stop at a meeting, turn it in to any officer, drop it in the mail OR you can now register your membership online! Becoming a member is a very simple and quick way to support programming for our students! Download the Membership Brochure form from the PTSA page on the district website or online HERE.

REACH OUT TO US:

President: Veronica Weber
Vice President: Lucia Copeland
Treasurer: Alysha Peets
Secretary: Jenn Juby
Email: williamsoncsd.ptsa@gmail.com
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