



Williams Elementary  
February Newsletter

**Dear Williams Elementary Parents,**

**We are deeply involved and focused on our studies at Williams Elementary. This semester is an important learning time for all of our students. Our teachers are ensuring that each child is on grade level and is prepared to show that learning through his/her grades and performance on the TAKS tests.**

**If a student is not progressing at the rate at which they are expected, we are offering extra opportunities for assistance. Our 7:15 a.m. tutorials continue and our Title, as well as homeroom teachers, are working extra with students before school as well as during any available time during the school day. I am so proud of our students and staff for putting in these extra efforts. They will pay off in the form of higher level learning and successful performance.**

**I greatly appreciate the partnership that has developed between our school and our parents. Overwhelmingly, Williams Elementary parents are eager and willing to do whatever is necessary for our children to succeed at the high level expected in Texas. Please continue to read with your child, ask about school, help them**

**with learning their math facts and check the EAGLE folder each Thursday. We so greatly appreciate this support and partnership! Parents are the most influential persons in a child's life.**

**Congratulations to all our students who participated in the UIL events this year. Special thanks to our teachers who coached students in the Ready Writing, Oral Reading, Number Sense and Spelling events.**

**Lots of activities are planned for this spring semester. Please remember to put these events on your home calendar. We are 100% committed at Williams Elementary to ensuring that we have a positive, safe, caring and loving school climate that children can successfully live, learn and participate in.**

**Again, thanks for sharing your child with us. We are working towards our goals together! Please call us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.**

**With PRIDE,**

**Natasha Drumgoole  
Principal**

## Nurse's Nook

Williamson County continues to experience an increase in cases of pertussis also known as "whooping cough".

### **What is whooping cough?**

Whooping cough, also known by the medical name "pertussis," is a serious disease. It starts out like a cold but may become much worse. It causes severe coughing fits and can last an average, 106 days.

Whooping cough spreads easily.

### **What are the symptoms of whooping cough?**

At first, symptoms are like the common cold—mild fever, runny nose, and a cough. Then the cough becomes more severe, causing coughing fits that may be followed by vomiting. Over 1 million people in the US get whooping cough every year.

### **Are my children at risk?**

Simply put, the answer is yes. While most babies and young children get whooping cough shots, this protection begins to wear off after 5 to 10 years.

### **How do you catch whooping cough?**

Whooping cough is spread by airborne droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Whooping cough is very contagious.

### **How can I prevent whooping cough?**

The best way to prevent whooping cough is to get vaccinated. Experts working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that adolescents between 11 and 18 years old receive a single dose of booster vaccine known as a "Tdap" (TEE-dap) for tetanus, diphtheria,

and whooping cough. This shot replaces the tetanus shot (Td) that is usually given to preteens and teens. The preferred age for children to get the vaccine is 11 to 12 years.

Nurse Johns 943-5161

## Counselor's Corner

**Join Bridges to Growth for the class "Keeping Your Cool When Behaviors Heat Up" scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. The class will be held at The Children's Courtyard, 3310 Williams Drive in Georgetown. Space is limited, so please call 512-863-7036 to reserve your spot.**

**Cost: FREE**

### **Breakfast will be served**

February is Black History Month. We celebrate diversity at Williams and encourage all to embrace their uniqueness!

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.  
Booker T. Washington,  
Educator

## TAKS Testing Schedule

March 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade WRITING TAKS test

April 6<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade MATH TAKS test\*\*\*

April 7<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade READING TAKS test

April 27<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade MATH TAKS\*\*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade MATH TAKS test

April 28<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade READING TAKS test

4<sup>th</sup> Grade READING TAKS test

April 29<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> day bundle

5<sup>th</sup> Grade SCIENCE TAKS test

\*\*\*Any 5<sup>th</sup> grader who does not pass the TAKS Math will take a retest on

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Any 5<sup>th</sup> grader who does not pass the TAKS Reading will take a retest on

May 19<sup>th</sup>

Any 5<sup>th</sup> grader not passing the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Administration TAKS tests must attend summer school and take the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Administration and pass to move to the next grade level

It is important for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to pass their TAKS tests also to be promoted to the next grade. ALL students must pass all of their classes with 70% or higher grade average to be promoted

All students who are in the Special Education program and take TAKS M or TAKS ALT (alternative tests to TAKS) will test on these same days and must also pass their tests to be promoted!

Love



## CALENDAR DATES

Feb 2-Science Fair projects due

Choir performance

Feb 4-Spring pictures

Cici's Pizza Night

Feb 6-Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Feb 9-5<sup>th</sup> grade READING benchmark

Feb 10 – Breakfast with Dads

7:15-7:50 in the cafeteria

Feb 12 – Mobile dentist

Valentine's Parties 3<sup>rd</sup>-12:30

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>-2:00

Feb 15-INSERVICE DAY

Feb 18- Bilingual Night-6:00 pm

Feb 20-GISD Honor Concert-3:00

Feb 23-Muffins with Moms

Feb 27-Get GT Fit Run/Walk-8:00 am

Austin Science Fair

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4

Cici's Pizza Night

March 15-19

SPRING BREAK

April 1

Cici's Pizza Night

April 24

Williams Choir at Red Poppy Festival

May 3-6

Scholastic Book Fair

May 6

Cici's Pizza Night

May 7

School Holiday

May 31

School Holiday

**Last day of school is June**

**1st!**