



## March Principal's Message

2017

Dear Parents,

I hope this month brings you a lot of luck and happiness. I am so proud of our students, as I go in and out of classrooms each day I see a lot of students working hard to reach their goals. They have learned a lot this year and are working hard to set goals, track their data and chart their progress. The halls are filled with outstanding writing, science, examples of great math problem-solving, and STEM. Thanks for your participation in our One Book, One School, it was so awesome to see families working together on STEM projects.

Thanks for your wonderful support at parent/teacher conferences. We make a great team! It was fun sitting in on students leading the conferences and celebrating their growth! I was very impressed. We always have amazing support. We just had the fifth and sixth grade maturation and the rooms were packed with parents. Also, thanks for talking to your students about internet and social media safety. Our wonderful community council and PTA did an amazing job with White Ribbon Week.

Grades 2-6 will be taking their final benchmark tests. The students and teachers have been teaching, learning, and preparing all year. Our SAGE testing will begin March 27 and go through May 19. The third through sixth grade students will be tested in language arts, and math. The fourth through sixth grade students will also be tested in science. I am confident that our students will do well. This is their chance to celebrate what they have learned. You can be a part of the team by helping them get enough rest, a good breakfast, and positive words of encouragement. Thanks for all of your help throughout the year with their studies. Another note will be sent soon with students in those grades to let you know the dates and time your child will be testing.

Please look for the note coming home for permission to walk to the High School for the Children's Sociable on March 16, at 9:50. Grandparents, Guests, and Goodies will be on Tuesday, March 14, at 2:30.

We will be having a Community Council meeting on March 7, to discuss the plan for next year. It is at 4PM in the library.

## March Dates to Remember from Willow Elementary

March 1	Students of the Month to Howl About
March 2	Dr. Seuss Day
March 3	Ping Pong with the Principal
March 7	Community Council 4PM
March 14	School Board 7PM
March 6-16	Math Benchmark grades 3-6
March 13-15	Book Fair
March 15	<b>Grandparents, Guests, and Goodies 2:30</b>
March 16	Children's Sociable 9:50-10:50
March 16	End of term
March 16	Yearbook orders due
<b>March 17</b>	<b>No School for students- teacher work day</b>
<b>March 20-24</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>
March 27-May 19	SAGE testing
March 27	Lunch reward-Strengthen the Pack-strengthen the mind
March 29	Picnic with the Principal
April 19	Artists' and Authors' Night

**Thanks for all that you do!!**

Sincerely,

Angie Gillette

Principal

