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Congrats HONOR Students

High School High Honor Roll (95% to 100% Average)

Middle School High Honor Roll (95% to 100% Average)
As we approach winter, work continues on the three building additions. The exterior walls and brick facade at the Elementary and High School are nearly complete. The roofing and windows will be in place by the end of November enclosing the additions from the elements of Mother Nature.

The Middle School cafeteria addition lags slightly behind due to soil contamination from a previously installed No. 2 fuel oil storage tank. With direction from the Department of Environmental Conservation, the State Education Department and the Health Department, corrective procedures are being implemented. The addition should still be completed within the time frame originally scheduled (September 2006).

Project tasks that have been completed include the surfacing of the Middle School tennis court, installation of the Elementary School primary wing marker and tack boards, installation of some of the new casework in the primary wing, new electrical infrastructures, HVAC control system rough-ins and additional parking spaces at the front of the High School.

The plans for the Bus Garage have been sent to the State Education Department for review and approval. We anticipate approvals from the State sometime in January and will re-bid the track and bus garage at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Todd LaBarr
Construction Manager

Elementary School addition

High School addition

Installing basecoat for additional parking spaces at the High School
Have you seen your tax dollars at work in Williamson? There has been great progress on our newest project, most of which is hard to see because it’s all enclosed and inside current buildings. Two of our projects are available to use and open for your inspection.

The high school has completed the new parking area in front of the building. Parking for events at the high school is always at a premium. We now have about forty new parking spots. These are located at the front of the building and provide easy access to the high school near the main entrance. For security reasons, the high school is locked when classes are in session. To gain access, you must ring the intercom near the front door. You will then be buzzed in by way of self-locking doors, which are controlled from the main office. This parking area provides easy access to the building for parents, students, and visitors.

Have you seen the new pull-off area at the middle school? Traffic has always been a problem on the curve from Maple onto Miller Street. With the drop-off area in place, we are trying to minimize that problem. The drop-off area will be one-way traffic. Entering from Maple Avenue and then exiting down Miller Street, will allow for safer traffic flow. Remember this area has busses, trucks, as well as passenger vehicles all day long. There is a high concentration of traffic just before school and immediately after. Please be careful. This new drop-off area will be designated for drop off only. That means no parking in front of the middle school. The middle school has designated three parking spots near the tennis courts and the main doors for those who need to enter the building. By using these areas, the drop off zone becomes less congested and safer for traffic in front of the school. This change may take a few more minutes but will greatly enhance safety for our school and more importantly our children.

These are only two minor improvements resulting from the propositions passed last November. The classrooms at the high school and the elementary school are in progress. Major roof work was completed during the summer. The bus garage and track projects will go to bid after the first of the year. Many exciting things are happening. As you will recall, the 10.8 million dollar project will result in about a fifty cent ($ .50) increase per thousand assessed value. This increase will be a part of our 2006-2007 budget year. We will keep this automatic increase in mind as we prepare our budget for the next year.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal at the Williamson Senior High School. I consider it an honor to return to the district where I began my teaching career several years ago. While there are now many new faces, I have found that the focus on student achievement, respect and pride in both the school district and community have carried on. I was immediately impressed by the student body and the warm welcome that I have received and I am confident that a successful year lies ahead!

I strongly believe that parent and community support is crucial to student achievement and I encourage you to be an active participant in your son or daughter’s education. While we foster student independence and responsibility at the secondary level, parents continue to play valuable roles in modeling, reinforcing and supporting students as they work to achieve higher standards and become successful adults. Consistent communication between home and school allows us to work together proactively and to have a positive impact on student behavior. Please feel free to share your questions, concerns and thoughts with me throughout the school year. I would be happy to meet with you in person or to speak with you by phone at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you and working with you throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Miss Krista Lewis
Assistant Principal- Williamson Senior High School
Elementary School Highlights

Williamson Elementary School and Closed Circuit Television

Closed circuit television provides us the ability to broadcast throughout a controlled location (i.e. Elementary School building) through either live, pre-taped or computer generated projects. This school year the Elementary School has the technical capability to broadcast special school-wide and classroom events via closed circuit television. Using any media source that produces video we now have the capability to showcase various projects and student work throughout the building on Channel 15. Various projects have already been taped and are ready for viewing. This technology will assist the students in feeling connected to other classes throughout the building and to learn from their learning. We are also able to broadcast live from any classroom.

Construction Update

To date, the following building improvement projects have been completed at the Elementary School. The handicapped accessible bathrooms have been completely constructed and are in working order. The new carpeting, sinks and cabinetry have been installed in the original part of the building. The roof repair has been completed and the classroom addition has been framed and bricked. Each phase of these projects has been completed smoothly and the building improvements can be a source of pride for the community.

Community Service

Each year the students and faculty of the Elementary School participate in several local, national and international service projects. The students need to feel as if their personal contributions can better their own lives, the Williamson community, the nation and the world. On a local level, we are teaming up with the REACH committee to decorate the Come-Unity Center for their annual holiday party. Each grade level will be making a different holiday decoration that will adorn the walls of the Come-Unity Center. In addition, new coloring books and new crayons are being collected in the main office area and will be donated to the Come-Unity Center for their December 17th holiday event. On a national level, the students made financial contributions to the American Red Cross national disaster relief fund. The American Red Cross appreciated our students’ efforts and was once again impressed with the community’s generosity.

Nancy Bryan/Artist in Residence

Nancy Bryan, a Grammy nominated songwriter who lives in the Finger Lakes region, will be our artist in residence this school year. Ms. Bryan will work alongside our music teachers, Mrs. Byron and Mrs. Hunn and each student to compose several original songs.

Elementary School Musical

The Third and Fourth Grade students are preparing to perform their version of The Best Little Theatre in Town on December 9 and 10th. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, December 5th at a cost of $2.50 per ticket. Please call the Elementary School Main Office if you wish to purchase a ticket.
There are a number of accomplishments we are proud of at the Middle School. After the first 10 weeks we have seen a great deal of development from the children. The faculty has focused on active learning in the classroom to support our goal of high achievement for all students and they have responded.

Nearly 60% of the students in the Middle School are on the achievement, merit, honor or high honor roll. They are taking pride in their accomplishments and teachers’ expectations remain high. Students are encouraged to seek assistance if needed and be responsible for their learning.

During a recent Superintendent’s Conference Day, the Middle School faculty worked collaboratively developing strategies and activities that allow instructors to incorporate reading and writing in all subject areas. Together with families, we encourage students to put forth their best effort in their learning.

Physical changes are also happening to the Middle School building. New bathroom partitions, the construction of the new cafeteria and new paint has brightened up the building and gives us a sign of the future.

Activities that have occurred in the first quarter of this year include:

- Get Caught Reading-students reading throughout the school day were identified and recognized
- Helping Hands-various activities including raking in Pultneyville
- Student Association campaign and election-campaign speeches and formal elections
- Educational field trips-6th grade to Rochester Museum & Science Center; 7th grade to Genesee Country Museum and 8th grade to Creative Themes
- Fund Raiser for Katrina flood victims-penny drive
- Red Ribbon Week-promoting a drug free lifestyle school wide
- New York State Standardized Testing-throughout the school year standardized tests will occur in each grade in each of the four curriculum areas. A parallel assessment in English Language Arts (all grade levels) and the 5th grade Social Studies Test occurred in November.

**Middle School Holiday Concerts**

December 12th ~ 5 & 6 Grade
Vocal and Instrumental

December 20th ~ 7 & 8 Grade
Vocal and Instrumental

_Middle School Merit, Honor and High Honor Students_
High School Highlights

Williamson High School News:
The second marking period is already underway, and the students of Williamson High School continue to excel in a variety of areas. Our fall drama, “Cheaper by the Dozen”, was a success. The drama was directed by Mrs. Lois Fiegl and the lead roles were played by Clayton DeFisher, Ashley McCaslin, Alicia Schaeffer, Mackenzie Tuchrello, and Adam Fiegl. Our athletic teams shined, with all of our teams going deep into sectional play. Meaghan Gordon, Katelyn Verbridge, and Elizabeth Pope-Collins’ artistic talents were recognized through the new “Principal’s Choice” Art Award program for the months of September and October. Many students earned “Student of the Month” or achieved one of the academic rolls during the first marking period as well.

~ Don’t miss the High School Vocal and Instrumental Holiday Concert on December 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. ~

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Merit Roll (85% to 89.9%)


High School Principal

Doug Lauf

High School Principal
The Fall Season was full of excitement. The Volleyball and Boys’ Soccer Teams made it to the Section V Finals where both lost close contests. The Girls’ Soccer Team lost in the semi-finals on penalty kicks. Congratulations to the Cross Country Teams on such a fine season. The following student/athletes received Special Awards and honors:

**Fall Sports Honor Roll**

**Girls Soccer**

**TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**

- **Kelsey Gelina**
  - Wayne County All-Star
  - All Greater Rochester Team
  - First Team
  - Honorable Mention

- **Rachel Pilato**
  - Wayne County All-Star
  - Second Team
  - Exceptional Senior Team

- **Elizabeth Malchoff**
  - Wayne County All-Star
  - Third Team

- **Mary Lewis**
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  - Third Team

- **Alyssa Hermenet**
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- **Stephanie Wright**
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**WAYNE COUNTY DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS!**

- **Rachael Gnage**
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  - Midlakes Tournament
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  - MVP

- **Devon Greaney**
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- **Erich Stritzel**
  - Section V Class B
  - All-Tourney Team

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**GIRLS: WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

- **Mallory Rynders**
  - Wayne Finger Lakes All-Star

- **Brian Miller**
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Message from the Superintendent...

Dear Residents,

As we close 2005, and move towards a new year, 2006, we continue to face new challenges. The energy price spikes this fall exceeded our expectations. Because of this we have made some changes. The biggest one you may notice is the temperature of our buildings. During the day our buildings will be set at 68° (70° in the Elementary School). Beginning at 3:30, we will set back the temperature in all the buildings to 58°. If you are involved in any activities in the schools during the evenings or weekends, dress warmly. We still want our buildings open to the public, this was the compromise position that was taken.

In another section of this newsletter you will see an update of where we are with our capital project. The additions on all three buildings have begun. The building shells will be up by the time the cold weather hits, and work will continue on the interiors throughout the winter. This project has not been without challenges. When we began to dig for the Middle School addition we encountered soil that had to be removed because of contamination from a previously removed oil tank. After some additional project funds were spent, the Department of Environmental Conservation gave the site a clean bill of health.

As we move into Phase II of the project with the second round of bidding in January, we hope that the increased cost of petroleum based products such as asphalt and roofing, will not put the project beyond what we have budgeted. When we voted last year it was in a much different economic climate. You have authorized the spending of 10.8 million for this project and we will need to stay within that budget and make adjustments as needed.

When you voted last November, the Board and I said that there would be a spike in the tax rate for the 2006-07 year. We now face the reality of an additional $.50 being added to the tax rate before we even begin to budget for the next school year. We ask that you keep this in mind as we move closer to the budget season.

Although faced with energy and financial challenges, we have much to be thankful for. We have a tremendous caring staff who looks at each child as an individual with special gifts. We have well-behaved students who continue to excel and we have a community who values education and the vital role that it plays in our town.

Thank you for your continued support.

Maria Ehresman
Superintendent of Schools

Happy Holidays

NEEDED: Parent Volunteers for District Wellness Committee
Contact Maria Ehresman in the District Office 589-9661