Hello from Miss Saxby ~
Williamson Elementary Principal

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are very excited to welcome approximately 400 students to the elementary school on our first day, which is Tuesday, September 7th. We will be welcoming new students as well as new staff. Our new staff members include:

- Mrs. Christie Baglio – 4th Grade Teacher
- Miss Emma Basile – Kdg Teacher
- Mrs. Jennifer Fischer – 1st Grade Teacher
- Miss Emily Fragale – 1st Grade Teacher
- Miss Sydney Gagliano – Special Ed Teacher
- Miss Stephanie Pignato – 3rd Grade Teacher
- Mrs. Katie Quinlisk – Art Teacher

If you have any questions, comments or concerns during the school year please feel free to contact the school. We want to work together with families to provide your child with a well-rounded educational experience. You are welcome to contact your child’s teacher, our counseling staff, or an administrator at any time during the year.

Together we will make 2021-2022 a great school year!

Miss Ellen Saxby
Williamson Elementary Principal

IMPORTANT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP INFO

We will have the same procedures for family drop-off and pick-up as we had last year. Please line up at the north end parking lot. Cars will be directed into the bus loop after buses depart. Reminder that adults need to remain in the car and students need to exit the vehicle from the passenger side. We want to keep all the children safe during this busy time.

If you will be picking up your child at dismissal, please send a note on the first day of school. You will then receive a call with a designated color pick-up location. If you have any questions about busing, you can contact the transportation department.
Save the Date!!
Elementary School Open House - Thursday, October 7, 2021  5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Important Upcoming Dates
First Day!! September 7
Grade 4 Band Parent Meeting September 14 @ 5:00 pm
Grade 4 Band Lessons Start September 27
School Pictures Day September 29
Community Flu Shot Clinic October 5 @ MS
Grade 4 Chorus Starts October 7 @ 7:30 am
ES Open House October 7 @ 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Supt. Conf Day (No School) October 8
Columbus Day (No School) October 11
Interims Reports Available October 15
Grade 4 Band Starts October 18 @ 7:30 am
Picture Re-take Day October 20
Big Pumpkin Day October 29

District Telephone Numbers
Elementary School 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 address, work phone number, physical and/or mailing address. Any other important documentation 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 - Mr. O’Neil, Director of Transportation @ 315-589-6901 or Miss Saxby, 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 or School Psychologist @ 315-589-9668
Elementary School Drop-Off & Pick-Up Plan

Due to traffic concerns during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, Highland Avenue and the access road are closed to parent traffic. Please enter through the WEST Middle School driveway, next to the tennis courts. Go across the back of the MS, falling into the car line with other parents for drop-off/pick-up. You will then follow the line of parent cars into the ES bus circle after the buses have left.

**Morning Drop-Off**
- Drop-off times are 8:50-9:00 each morning.
- There will be NO cars allowed in the bus circle before 8:50 in order to accommodate for the buses.
- Once the buses have dropped off students and left the bus circle, parents and/or guardians can enter the bus loop and pull around as far as possible.
- For safety reasons 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 students to a door.
- Just a reminder there will be no parents entering the school with their child at this time.

**Afternoon Pick-Up**
- Pick-up times are 3:30-3:40 each afternoon.
- There will be NO cars allowed in the bus circle before 3:30 in order to accommodate for the buses.
- Once the buses have picked up students and left the bus circle, parents and/or guardians can enter the bus loop and pull up to a designated spot identified by a colored flag. You and your child will be assigned a color. You will receive a phone call with your color info prior to your first pick up.

**Pick-Up During the School Day**
To ensure the safety of each child and to minimize disruptions in our educational program, we ask that you follow these steps when it is necessary to remove your child from school during the day:

1. 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.
2. Send an email to: wesattendance@williamsoncentral.org with student name, teacher name, time of pick-up, and name of person picking up student.
3. 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 old main entrance (second door with covering), and call into the school (315-589-9668) to have your student brought out.

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

Pre-k through grade 12 are able to receive free breakfast and lunch until the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Students in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4, whether they bring or buy, eat their lunch in the cafeteria. Full day UPK and Kindergarten students will eat in their classrooms.

**Snacks**

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

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**ParentSquare Reminder!!**

We are implementing a new mass notification platform this year called ParentSquare. SchoolMessenger will no longer be our way of sending out notifications. This system is used by the district to relay information or in the event of an emergency or school closing.

You will receive an email to register your account. All you need to do is register and pick your preferences (follow prompts to do this). Please keep your phone contacts and email addresses updated to ensure that you receive all important messages. Please sign up as soon as possible as messages are currently being sent through this platform.

There is also an App that you may download to your smartphone.
Health Office Notes

- The best time to contact the Nurse in the Health Office is between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.
- NYS law requires school physicals for UPK, K (if not received in UPK), 1st and 3rd grades and for all students new to the district. The physical must be turned in prior to the start of school. There is a 30 day grace period if not turned in at the start of school or for those who have future appointments. If your student has a physical scheduled, please contact the Health Office with the date of the appointment so that we can list it as 'in process.'
- All required vaccinations for your child’s age must be up-to-date prior to the start of school or by the 14th calendar day after school starts (September 21, 2021) in order to be compliant with NYS law.
- If your child requires a medication during the school day, please obtain a doctor’s order that is signed by BOTH the physician and the parent. Medications MUST be delivered to the Health Office by a trusted adult who must sign for the medication. Please do not allow your child to carry medicines to school.

Community Flu Shot Clinic
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ Middle School Cafeteria - Please bring your insurance card with you!

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 your child from attending, please contact the Main Office or Health Office to set up an appointment to discuss the concerns.

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 so as to avoid the damage that can result to students not invited to an event.
The WRC is looking for community volunteers. If you are interested in coaching, refereeing, or would like to organize and/or run a program, please email the President, Andrew Mohanlall, at President@williamsonrec.org.

We want to extend a huge thank you to all in our community who continue to support our programs. We wouldn’t be here without you!

Thank You!

Keep up with all of the latest exciting programs and community events at www.williamsonrec.org and make sure you are signed up to receive our emails so you don’t miss out on the fun!

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?
When you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Williamson Recreation Committee! Search for Williamson Recreation Committee at smile.amazon.com.

You can now also use AmazonSmile in the app (simple instructions below):

- Open the app and find ‘Settings’ in the main Menu (☰).
- Tap on ‘AmazonSmile’ and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

You shop. Amazon gives.
Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WilliamsonCSDPTSA
OR click on “PTSA” in the left-hand column at www.williamsoncentral.org

GET INVOLVED!

NEXT MEETING
Attend our kick off meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Library

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DISTRICT APPROVAL for VOLUNTEERING
Interested in helping with an 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! It’s a quick process with years of payoff in being a part of your child’s school experiences.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Sept 7 - First day of school
Sept 23 - Middle School open house 5:30
Sept 23 - High School open house 5:30
Sept 29 - Elementary School picture day

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!

MEMBERSHIP
We are collecting PTSA membership renewals and new memberships! Stop at a meeting to submit your family’s membership form, turn it in to any officer, or drop it in the mail. Becoming a member is a quick, simple way to support programming for our students!
**DID YOU KNOW?**
Amazon.com now helps raise money for your schools? Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. To get started, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change your Charity.** Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
Select a new charitable organization to support. Type in **PTA New York Congress.** Enter the code 07-217 and select **WSPTSA.** .5% of your purchase will automatically go towards the Williamson PTSA. It’s that easy!

**REACH OUT TO US**
President: Rachel Higbee
Vice President: Kristin Adams-Wangler
Treasurer: Stephen Adams
Secretary: Jen Manahan
(Williamsoncsd.PTSA@gmail.com)
August 6th, 2021

Hello Students & Families,

Welcome Back to school! My name is Tina VanStrien and I am the new Food Service Director for the Williamson Central School District! I would like to share a little bit of information about myself and my background. I live in Williamson and have two children that attend school here; Cora is 7 and Jordy is 5. We also have two cats (they are brother and sister) and a new puppy, named Missy.

Prior to working here, I was a Nutritionist for 10 years. Before that, I worked in food and nutrition roles in nearby hospitals. I graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition Management.

After getting settled in here, I look forward to presenting fun food tastings, featured theme days, and finding creative ways to encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables. I will update our School Lunch page (on the school website) with our menus, nutrition-related tidbits, and any important updates.

**Great news this year!** All students will be able to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each and every school day. Thanks to USDA’s National School Lunch program, (SSO) we will receive financial reimbursement for meals we serve; as long as they meet the nutritional guidelines required with this program. We do not know yet if this program will continue for next school year. Please take advantage of this service (and savings) and encourage your child(ren) to join us for breakfast and lunch!

We have an amazing, caring food service team! We strive to serve balanced, nutritious meals that children will enjoy eating. I am excited to be here and I look forward to meeting everyone!

Please feel free to reach out with any food/nutrition related questions or concerns. Again, welcome back and have an awesome year!

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**Daily Alternate Entrée Choices:** Fresh Salad Plate, Yummy Yogurt Lunch, PB&J sandwich, or Lunch Boat.

Lunch menus can be found on our website or https://schools.mealviewer.com. Menu subject to change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
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