



WILLOW AVENUE NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Kindness Lives at Willow

Vol. 5 issue 3



Upcoming:

11/5 - Superintendent Conf. Day (No school for students)
11/11 - Veteran's Day
11/27-11/29 - Thanksgiving Holiday



Cornwall Trait

Responsibility:
To respond when appropriate
and to be accountable for
your actions.



KINDERGARTEN SQUAD

with Mrs. Gandolfini and Mrs. Sweeney

Kindergarten is FALLING out of October having learned about Pumpkins, Community Helpers, Bats and Weather. We learned our friend's names, the classroom routine and WE Pledge to be Kind each and every day. Skills that we have focused on were proper pencil grip, some letter and number formation, as well as learning the sounds that each letter makes. We started our afternoon skills centers and the students are loving them! In Math we explored numbers 0-5, more and less and created a Shape Frankenstein. November is looking to be a busy month - stay tuned to the next Willow Newsletter to see all that we have done. Please continue to check and return folders each day, complete homework neatly and READ READ READ together each night.

Website:
www.cornwallschools.com



Follow us on Instagram:
[@willowavenuees](https://www.instagram.com/willowavenuees)



Fantastic First Grade News with Mrs. Berchielli and Mrs. Line

Our fabulous firsties have had a great month! October has been full of learning and fun. We are very excited to be visiting the public library. In math we are learning place value and in social studies we are learning about the importance of rules and laws in a community. Science has been lots of fun! We are learning about how living things stay safe and grow. We continue to learn skills to become readers and writers. It has been so nice watching little friendships develop as we continue to build a sense of community in our classrooms.



Principal Awards

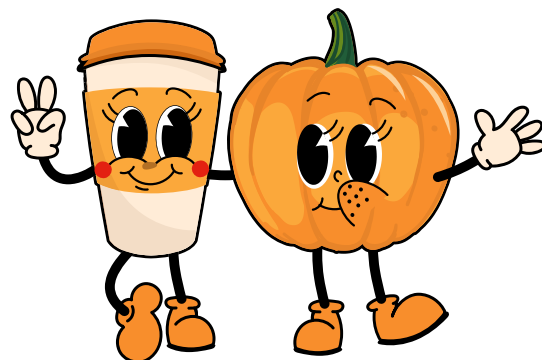


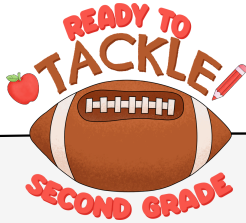
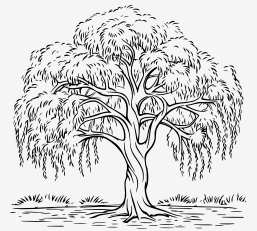
Eliza A.	Brayden B
Nathan B.	Tyler D.
Cody D.	Declan D.
Aria E.	Hunter G.
Ella K.	Dawson L.
Charles M.	Lillianna M.
Machiavelli M.	Parker S.
Briella Z.	



Caring Hands with Nurse Katie - 845-534-8009 x 3010

For student safety, cough drops are not permitted in school. In addition to being a choking hazard, cough drops present the risk of causing an allergic reaction in the classroom setting. Willow Ave Health Office is happy to offer salt water gargles for sore throats. Students requiring medication to be administered at school require an order from their Health Care Provider, and for their medication to be brought in by a parent, guardian, or trusted adult. Students should not carry medication in their backpacks or on the bus. Please contact Nurse Katie if you have any questions or concerns





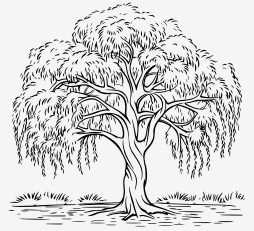
Sensational Second Graders with Mrs. Byrne & Mrs. Santos

The Sensational Second grade has been working very hard. We are becoming excellent problem solvers in math. In Science, we are learning about erosion. We have been working as a team to learn what resources, both natural and man made, help to slow erosion. In writing, we are learning to write personal narratives in organized paragraph form. Second graders are also learning about voting. We have been learning about the right to vote and the process of voting in the United States. We will be hosting a school wide election soon too! We cannot wait to see what will win!

Mrs. Hogan and Ms. Mante's Terrific Third Graders



Our wonderful third graders are continuing to learn lots of great things! In Math, we've started our second i-Ready unit: Multiplication and Division. We began by learning the meaning of multiplication and progressed to multiplying by the factors 0-10. From there we will learn the meaning of division, and how multiplication and division are connected. In ELA, we are wrapping up learning about the importance of reading and books around the world. In science we have been learning about weather and why it's important to observe and record it. We'll be using the knowledge we acquired to design, create and test the roofs for our model houses that will be able to withstand a rain storm. With the election coming up, we'll learn about the office of the president and how people are elected. And of course, we'll be talking about this month's life skill of responsibility. We're working on becoming responsible citizens of Willow Avenue who follow school rules and complete our assignments. How can your child practice responsibility at home?



Fabulous Fourth Grade with Mrs. Cleeves & Ms. Merante

Fourth Graders had a fa-boo-lous October. We can't believe it is already November! This month, both classrooms are finishing up our first science unit. Students are having a blast learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. We have learned how these events affect humans and how we can protect ourselves from earthquakes. Students acted as engineers to follow criteria and constraints to build an earthquake resistant building to test on a shake table. In math, multiplication facts are being reviewed and students have mastered multiplying one digit numbers by numbers up to the thousands. Students learned and mastered a variety of different strategies to multiply and are now ready to build upon these strategies and multiply two digit numbers. Both classrooms are continuing to use their Writer's Notebooks and are building upon their knowledge of Narrative Writing. Students are starting to learn to write using multiple paragraphs in their stories and learning more about the editing process in writing. We are continuing to learn about New York State, and how hunters started to move to North America and found New York State. These hunters had to adapt to a new environment here and learned how to farm to get their food. There is so much to be thankful for!

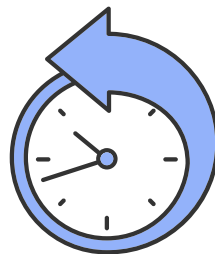


Artful News from Mrs. Butler

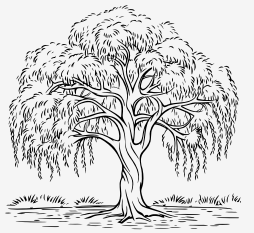


We are in full Fall mode here in the art room! Kindergarteners practiced their tracing and cutting skills by making a Jack O'Lantern. We talked about the different shapes we could use for the face. We will be moving on to a printmaking project next, using lego blocks to print designs. First graders are learning about the Aztecs from Mexico and are making paper collage suns. Some works from our first grade classes will be selected to be put on display at the High School for Multi Cultural Night on November 14th. Our second graders are brushing up on their warm and cool colors, creating a work of art using found leaves. Third graders are beginning a zentangle project. A zentangle is an abstract, meditative style of drawing using patterns that are repeated to create an image. Students will be drawing their patterns in a leaf shape and will be painting them using either warm or cool colors. Our fourth graders are finishing up their Fall coffee filter drawings and are gearing up for a Winter project next! Stay tuned for more exciting creations from our art studio!

REMINDER



Fall back-extra hour
of sleep!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 11/2: Anastasia M. - 4th Grade
- 11/6: Jack C. - 4th Grade
- 11/6: Penelope S. - 1st Grade
- 11/8: Rory M. - Kindergarten
- 11/8: Victoria W. - 3rd Grade
- 11/11: Alexander B. - 3rd Grade
- 11/11: Wyatt R. - 1st Grade
- 11/11: Jakob B. - 1st Grade
- 11/12: Kaitlyn W. - 1st Grade
- 11/12: Dylan G. - 3rd Grade
- 11/12: Tyler G. - 3rd Grade
- 11/13: Aramis K. - 4th Grade
- 11/19: Ashly R. - 1st Grade



Kids in Motion - Ms. Nissen



We are wrapping up our fun Football unit, after practicing the skills of throwing, catching, punting, and kicking off of a tee. "Prize Penguins" were perched along the wall ledge, as a fun and exciting football target!

There will be some spooky skill stations making an appearance in the gym during the week of Halloween...

In the month of November, students will be having a blast participating in our annual Turkey Bowling!

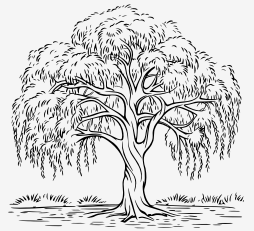
Older students will be including a bit of math into their lesson as they learn how to properly keep score in bowling.

Younger students will use simple math to keep score, while they focus on the main skills and objectives of this popular lifetime sport.

We will also be discussing and practicing the life skills of gratitude and generosity, during a game called Turkey Tag. Students will practice helping others in need by donating a feather to them.

And students receiving a helping feather will show gratitude by saying Thank You and returning the generous favor, if needed.





Ms. Zawacki's Mindful Moment

Keep in Touch:

**Email: kzawacki@cornwallschools.com or
845-534-8009- ext 3026**

November's Character Trait is Responsibility.

Responsibility is defined as responding to things when appropriate and to be accountable for your actions.

In the season of Thanksgiving, it is important to show responsibility and gratitude towards the things in our lives that we appreciate. We can do this when we show appreciation for one another, our families, our community and those things in our lives that keep us going.

What are some ways you can show Gratitude and Responsibility?

- Complete our homework and chores without being reminded.
- Follow through on our promises, even when we don't feel like it.
- Take care of our things and those of other people. Return items you borrow.
- Make healthy choices for our physical health; eat healthy foods and wearing a bike helmet or safety gear for athletics.
- Say Please and Thank you
- Help a friend, sibling or family member if they have a problem.
- Ask your family to participate in a local donation to a food bank, an animal shelter or another cause that you are interested in.
- Tell you family and friends, OFTEN, how much you care for them and love them!
- And as always, show these important character traits to yourself first!!
- Take time to tell yourself you are doing a good job or doing the best you can for now!
- Take a walk and enjoy nature and appreciate the sounds and smells of the outdoors.

The holiday season and cooler weather are now knocking on our door! If your family has a need and could benefit from support for food or winter coats please contact Amy Bishopp at Food Services Department to complete the confidential paperwork. abishopp@cornwallschools.com or 845-534-8009 ext 7704.

tidbits of mOTivation with Mrs. Lucia

Movement and Learning Connections

The fall season is here, let's explore how movement enhances our children's learning! Physical activity boosts focus, memory, and overall well-being. Here are three simple fall activities to get your kids moving and learning:

1. Nature Scavenger Hunt

- **What You Need:** A list of fall items (like acorns and leaves) and a bag for collecting.
- **How It Helps:** Encourages observation skills and counting as children explore their environment.

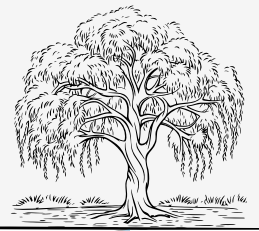
2. Leaf Jumping and Sorting

- **What You Need:** A variety of leaves and space to jump.
- **How It Helps:** Improves coordination and balance while sorting promotes critical thinking.

3. Harvest Dance Party

- **What You Need:** A playlist of fun songs and space to dance.
- **How It Helps:** Boosts mood and motor skills while allowing for creativity.

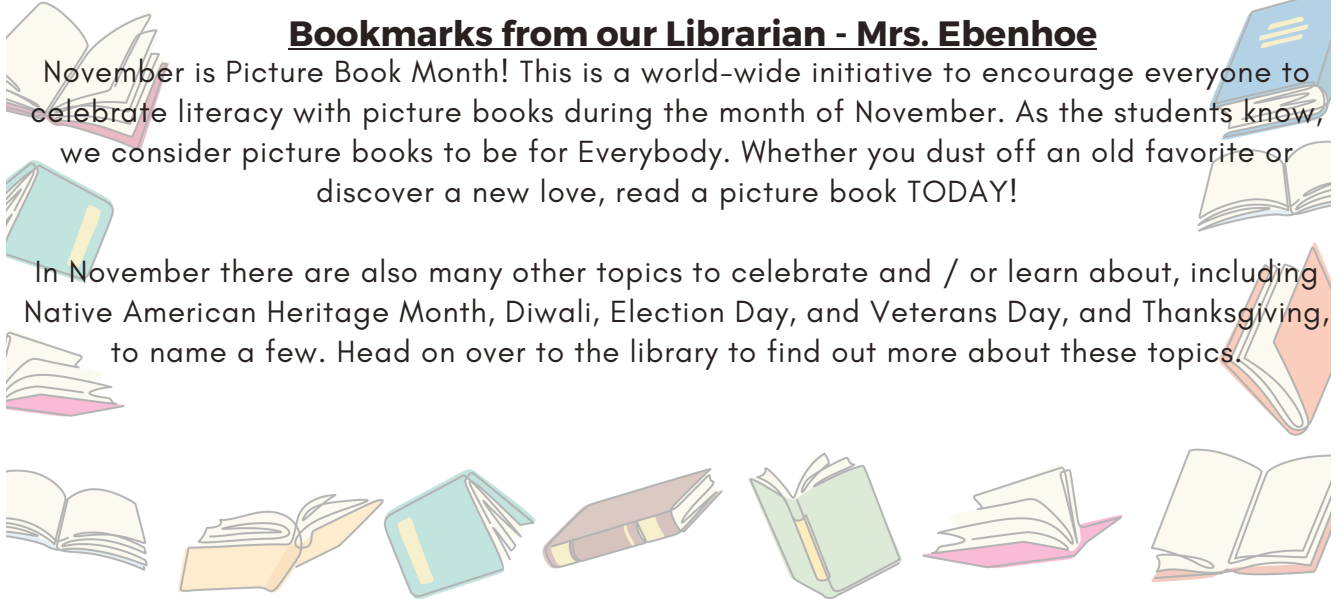
By encouraging both structured and unstructured movement, we help create a well-rounded environment that fosters both academic and physical growth. Let's work together to keep our students moving and learning!



Bookmarks from our Librarian - Mrs. Ebenhoe

November is Picture Book Month! This is a world-wide initiative to encourage everyone to celebrate literacy with picture books during the month of November. As the students know, we consider picture books to be for Everybody. Whether you dust off an old favorite or discover a new love, read a picture book TODAY!

In November there are also many other topics to celebrate and / or learn about, including Native American Heritage Month, Diwali, Election Day, and Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving, to name a few. Head on over to the library to find out more about these topics.



Stay in the Know with our Willow Ave PTO

Next PTO meeting will be
November 20, 2024
7:30-8:30pm



WILLOW AVE PTO

Flags for our Heroes

THE WILLOW AVENUE PTO IS HONORED TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY FILLED WITH HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE YOUR HEROES WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE U.S. MILITARY. IN NOVEMBER, WE WILL DISPLAY A FLAG IN TRIBUTE TO YOUR VETERAN.

- FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH A PERSONALIZED NAME TAG IN FRONT OF WILLOW FOR VETERANS DAY
- COST PER FLAG \$5. **PAYMENT DUE BY NOV 8TH**
- PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO A VETERAN ORGANIZATION.

[Purchase Here](#)



PLEASE EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO
WILLOWAVEPTO@GMAIL.COM



PLEASE REACH OUT TO
WILLOWAVEPTO@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

how

SADDLE UP! YOU'RE INVITED TO

★ WILLOW AVENUES
★ BOYS BOOTS &
★ BUDDIES DANCE

THIS EVENT IS FOR WILLOW AVENUE STUDENTS. ONLY. THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

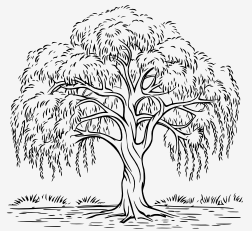
08 NOV! 6:00 PM ★
\$15 FOR BOOTS AND BUDDY ★
\$5 FOR ADDITIONAL BOOTS ★

SEE YOU THERE!

SNOW DATE
NOV 15TH

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLEASE REACH OUT TO
KZAWACKI@CORNWALLSCHOOLS.COM



November Speech Scoop

~Mrs. Jennings~

THIS MONTH

Let's go into November with an attitude of gratitude!
I am grateful to be working at Willow, with such supportive colleagues, principal, YOU (the parents) and our hard working students!

Cook Up Good Speech!

There is a lot of language practice you can do while cooking. This Thanksgiving, have your student recall a list of ingredients, follow the steps of a recipe, or predict the outcome of a dish!



November Words:

Acorn
Apple
Cornucopia
Gourds
Hay
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Thanksgiving
Gathering
Family

Expressive: Have your student make a sentence with each word!

Description/Details: Choose 5 words from the list & use 3 descriptive words
~Go through the senses~

1. What does it look like? (Sight)
2. What does it smell like? (Smell)
3. What does it feel like? (Touch)
4. What does it sound like? (Hearing)
5. What does it taste like? (Taste)

E.g. Apple- 1. Shiny/round 2. Sweet
3. Hard 4. Crunch sound 5. Sweet/Tart



THANKFUL