



WILLOW AVENUE NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Kindness Lives at Willow

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Upcoming:



**11/4 - Superintendent
Conference Day-No Students**
11/11 - No School - Veterans Day
11/26-28 - Thanksgiving Break

November Cornwall Trait

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



with Mrs. Gandolfini &
Mrs. Sweeney

In November we will have a BALL as we learn more about the FALL.

Did you ever wonder what it would BE to live like a Native American or a Pilgrim and sail the SEA? We'll learn about history and words like tradition, celebration and being thankful and grateful. We are always working on reading and writing SKILLS—watching their little minds develop is truly a THRILL.

We did not stop there, and kept on GOING..

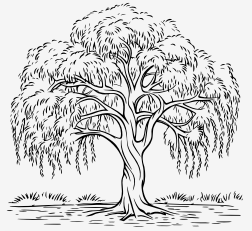
In math our minds keep on GROWING. Learning about addition and 2D shapes is just a little part—we can tell you about their sides and corners—because we are so SMART. Also, if you haven't GUESSED we think rhyming is truly the BEST!!

One more reminder— keep practicing your letters, sounds and sight words each NIGHT—This will make your brain a MIGHTY MIGHT!!

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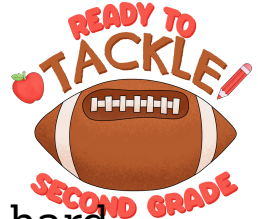


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Mrs. Berchielli &
Miss Karlson

Mrs. Berchielli and Ms. Karlson's class had a busy and exciting month full of learning and exploration! We enjoyed two field trips where students explored nature, went on a scavenger hunt, and discovered shapes all around them. In math, we are learning how to add and subtract within 10. We've been using a variety of math strategies — like counting on, using number lines, and working with manipulatives — to solve problems and build a strong number sense. Our students are also growing as readers and writers, developing confidence as they sound out words, recognize sight words, and express their ideas in writing. Thank you for your continued support at home! We're looking forward to another month full of learning, curiosity, and fun.

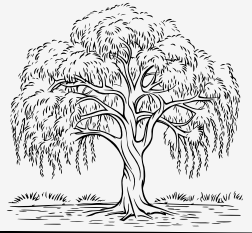


Mrs. Byrne &
Mrs. Santos

Sensational second graders have been working super hard. In math, we have become expert problem solvers. We have learned multiple strategies to find the solution. In writing, we have worked on personal narratives. We can now write a full organized paragraph including transitional words and supporting details. In Social Studies, we have been working on communities and the election process. We have had exciting elections in our classroom, practicing counting tally marks and representing data in bar graphs. In Science, we have learned about properties of matter and will be moving to erosion. As second graders we will continue to learn how to work together with partners, and in groups collaboratively. Thank you for your continued support at home!

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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 challenges some people face around the world accessing books or reading books. It is a very powerful unit with a great message for our children! This trimester, we are also learning to write narratives by planning, organizing, and using descriptive details. 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. Our third graders are looking forward to taking on the responsibility of bringing home their chromebooks on November 5th. They will have access to Classlink at home so they can practice skills taught in class. 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 expectations as well as completing our assignments on time. How can your child practice responsibility at home?

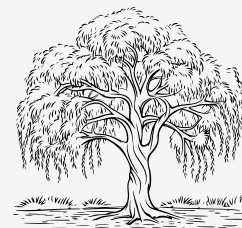


Mrs. Hogan &
Ms. Mante



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!

Mrs. Cleaves &
Ms. Merante



tidbits of mOTivation with Mrs. Lucia

Movement and Learning Connections

The fall season is here, making it a perfect time to explore how movement enhances our children's learning! Physical activity is critical—it helps boost focus, memory, and overall well-being.

Here are three simple fall activities to get your kids moving and learning together:

Activity	What You Need	How It Helps
Nature Scavenger Hunt	A list of fall items (acorns, different colored leaves) and a bag for collecting.	Encourages observation skills and counting as children explore their environment.
Leaf Jumping and Sorting	A variety of leaves and a safe space to jump.	Improves coordination and balance while sorting promotes critical thinking skills.
Harvest Dance Party	A playlist of fun, upbeat songs and space to move.	Boosts mood and motor skills while allowing for creative expression.
Pumpkin Patch Obstacle Course	Pillows, blankets, tunnels (if you have them), and a small pumpkin or gourd to carry.	Boosts motor planning and spatial awareness. Carrying a pumpkin adds a heavy-work task that helps children focus.
Raking and Piling Power	Rake (a small child-sized one is ideal) and a designated area with leaves to clear.	Great for developing bilateral coordination (using both sides of the body together) and core strength. The work of raking is naturally calming.

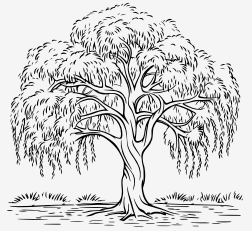
*** Safety Note:** Please supervise your children closely during all activities. Adapt any suggestions to fit your child's abilities and the safety of your environment.



Megan Lucia, OTR/L

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Principal Award Winners

Evan B.
Jakob B.
Cole B.
Jack D.
Aria I.
Noura I.
Hadley J.
Phoebe K.

Caden P.
Grayson R.
Wyatt R.
Harper T.
Micah W.
David Z.



November Birthdays

11/6: Penelope S. – 2nd Grade

11/8: Rory M. – 1st Grade

11/8: Victoria W. – 4th Grade

11/11: Alexander B. – 4th Grade

11/11: Wyatt R. – 2nd Grade

11/11: Jakob B. – 2nd Grade

11/12: Kaitlyn W. – 2nd Grade

11/12: Dylan G. – 4th Grade

11/12: Tyler G. – 4th Grade

11/14: Benjamin C. – Kindergarten

11/19: Ashly R. – 2nd Grade

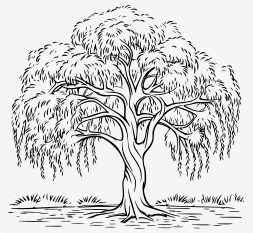
11/21: Layla K. – Kindergarten

11/28: Francisco M. – Kindergarten



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We have been busy bees in the Willow art studio this fall! Our Kindergarten artists just finished their cardboard tube bat sculptures and are about to begin their next project- color wheel turkeys! Students will be learning about Primary and Secondary colors to create the feathers for their turkeys. First graders finished their warm and cool color suns and will be starting their new project next week where they will be creating painted paper to then turn into acorn collages. Our second graders created gorgeous painted paper pumpkins, by mixing the primary colors red and yellow to make orange. Next week we will be starting our new project learning about mosaics and will be making mosaic owls with cut paper pieces. In third grade we just wrapped up learning about Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama- a selection of our artists works will be on display at the high school on 11/13 for multicultural night!. Our new project will be learning how to draw animals and placing them in a fall background. Finally, our fourth graders will be beginning a Pop Art unit learning about artist Andy Warhol. Students will be designing their own soup label, reminiscent of Warhol's iconic Campbell's soup cans. We are need of empty metal cans in the art room, so send them in! -Mrs. Butler

-Mrs. Butler



Caring Hands with Nurse Katie

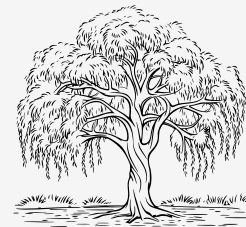


Hot takes for the chilly season:

- 1) Please send your student with a jacket. (I know, the struggle - they hate wearing them, but they are required for participation in Recess. I promise they wear them at Recess. Recess > Jacket)
- 2) Please NO cough drops or hard candy in school. They are choking hazards. I can offer salt water gargles for irritated throats.
- 3) The Health Office is happy to administer your student's medications but we do need a doctor's order - even for over-the-counter medication
- 4) If you need assistance getting a winter coat for your student, if you are uninsured / underinsured and need help finding medical care, if your student needs glasses, and / or you need assistance securing food for your family, please reach out to the Willow Ave Health Office. Local resources are available and all inquiries and needs will be kept confidential.

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Kids in Motion with Ms. Nissen

October has been filled with Fun and Football in PE Class! Throwing, catching, punting, and kicking off of a tee have been the main focus skills during the unit.

Skill Stations during the week of Halloween were a blast! The Bat Cave Rock Wall, Pumpkin Pitch, and Scary Shoe Laces were just a few of the "spooky" stations the kids enjoyed!

Kindergarten and First Grade Parents: Now's the perfect time to work with your child on tying their shoes!

Coming up in November, we will be "Turkey Bowling" and Speed Stacking!



Stay in the Know with our Willow Ave PTO

We already have some things planned for this month.

Our November PTO Meeting will be 11/12/25 at 4:00pm at Willow Avenue in the conference room. This will be our last in-person meeting until the weather warms up, but we will have google meets in the winter months.

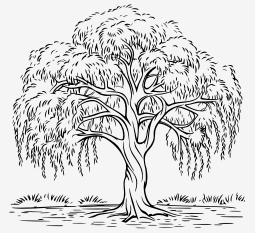
Multicultural night is happening 11/13/25 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at CCHS. This is such an amazing event for the community to come together and learn about each other's cultures through food, games, dance, and more!

Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sales can be picked up 11/25/25 after school just in time for Thanksgiving break.

November is a month to be thankful and we are always thankful for you!

Gobble
TIL YOU
Wobble





Ms. Zawacki's Mindful Moment

Keep in Touch:

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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.

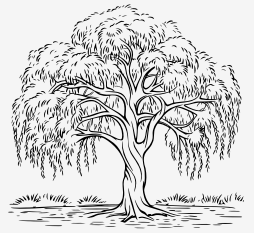
**Let's
talk it
out!**



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 many topics to celebrate and learn about, like Native American Heritage Month, Election Day, and Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving! Or, read to find out more about unusual special days, like Manatee Awareness Month, Polar Bear Week, or Jellyfish Day (Nov. 3). Head on over to the library to find out more about these topics.



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:

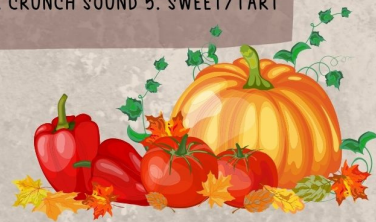
Acorn
Apple
Cornucopia
Gourds
Hay
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Thanksgiving
Gathering
Family

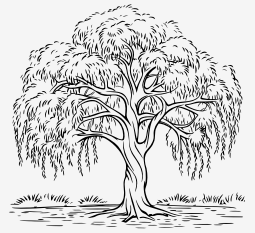
Expressive: Have your student make a sentence with each word!

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





RHYTHM & NEWS FROM MS. TREACY

November is here, and our music room is full of energy, creativity, and gratitude! Students have been working hard to refine their skills, explore new repertoire, and collaborate as musicians!

Grade by Grade Highlights

Fourth Grade: Fourth graders are preparing for their upcoming concert by learning to sing rounds and perform in two-part harmony. These skills challenge students to listen carefully, blend their voices, and maintain their parts with confidence. Their progress and teamwork are already shining through in rehearsal!

Third Grade: Third graders are officially entering the Recorder Karate Dojo! They are learning the notes B, A, and G, and will soon be earning their first "belts" as they master new songs. Recorders will be coming home soon for practice. If your child already has one at home, please ensure they keep one recorder at school and one at home to make traveling between classes easier.

Second Grade: Second graders are stepping into the world of digital composition using Soundtrap, where they're creating their own original songs and experimenting with layering sounds. In addition, they'll soon begin building their own homemade percussion instruments using common household materials

Kindergarten/1st Grade: Our youngest musicians are climbing Solfege Summit, a magical mountain where our musical friends live, from Danny Do to Tiana Ti! This helps us to identify and sing pitches using solfege and hand signs. Students are also working on their new Instrument Family Flipbooks, starting with the percussion family. We'll continue adding to these flipbooks throughout the year as we explore new instruments together.

In the Spotlight

Instrument Family Focus Percussion

Instrument of the Month The Maracas

Composer of the Month Stephen Sondheim

Want to practice at home? You can find games, quizzes, and other resources to strengthen all of these musical skills on my Google Classroom page. Thank you for your continued support of our music program!

