

The Winand Word

Week Ending 11-17-2023

Note from Ms. Ramos and Mr. Day



Hello Families,

We hope this message finds you well. As we embark on a new marking period, we wanted to take a moment to communicate with you regarding your child's academic progress and what to expect in the coming weeks.

First and foremost, we want to express our appreciation for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. Your partnership with us at Winand is invaluable and plays a vital role in your child's success.

Here are a few important points to keep in mind as we enter the new marking period:

1. **Academic Progress:** Please be aware that the start of a new marking period offers a fresh opportunity for your child to excel academically. If there have been any concerns or challenges in the previous marking period, now is the time to work on improving them. We encourage you to have open communication with your child about their academic goals and progress. Please sign up for a Parent Focus Account.

2. **Communication:** Our lines of communication are always open, and we are here to assist you. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's performance, don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers, counselors, or Ms. Ramos and Mr. Day. We are committed to helping your child succeed.
3. **Homework and Study Habits:** It's essential to establish a routine that includes regular homework (reading and math review) and study time. Encourage your child to maintain good study habits and stay organized. Consistent effort in these areas can lead to significant improvements in their academic performance.
4. **Goal Setting:** Set clear and achievable goals for the marking period with your child. These goals should be specific and measurable, such as improving grades in specific subjects, completing assignments on time, or participating more actively in class.
5. **Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. Please ensure that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. If there are any concerns regarding attendance, please let us know so that we can provide appropriate support.

We are excited to work with your child during this new marking period and are confident that with your support, they can achieve their academic goals. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and let's work together to ensure a successful and productive marking period.

Ms. Ramos and Mr. Day

Attendance Matters~ Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time!

Everyday is a new opportunity to learn, grow and connect with friends at school. Come to school every day and join in the learning at Winand ES!

A student who missed 10% or more of school is considered chronically absent; this is 2 days a month! Help us to ensure your child attends school each day, we want every child to succeed!

Check out the Attendance for 11-3-2023 to 11-09-2023

Pre-S 88%
 Pre-K 89%
 Kindergarten 94%
 First 89%
 Second 93%
 Third 94%
 Fourth 93%
 Fifth 93%

Help Winand ES have 100% Attendance!!! We want every child to meet their fullest potential and meet the rigors of the standards!!



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.

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Start with recognition from a Handshake Minute





Attendance Tracker



Successful students attend school regularly and are on time. **Track your missed days.**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason
Satisfactory Attendance					
7	8	9	10	11	12
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason
Satisfactory Attendance		Moderate: Contact school for assistance.			
13	14	15	16	17	! 18 or more:
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Chronically Absent: Contact school for assistance.
Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	
Moderate: Contact school for assistance.					

Based on a 180-day school year

American Education Week



American Education Week 2023



Winand Elementary School

Please plan to visit your student(s) according to the dates/times listed below. No siblings please!

**Tuesday,
November 14th**

**Wednesday,
November 15th**

**Thursday,
November 16th**

**Friday,
November 17th**

Pre-K
10:30AM-11:30AM
Kindergarten
10:00AM-11:20AM

1st Grade
10:00AM-11:30AM
2nd Grade
10:00AM-12:00PM
ISDM
10:00AM-12:00PM

3rd Grade
10:30AM-12:30PM
4th Grade
10:00AM-12:00PM

5th Grade
9:30AM-10:40AM



Join us for American Education Week and experience the learning in the classrooms.

Please make arrangements to have your ID scanned (RAPTORED) in the front office BEFORE the day you would like to visit.

Lines will be long and we do not want you to miss time in the classroom. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Ogora and Ms. Elliott in the front office.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We invite you to participate in parent-teacher conferences; this is an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and areas of growth needed for academic success.



Reach out to your child's teacher and schedule your conference. These can be in person or virtual to meet your busy schedules.

November 20 (Monday)~ Pre-K Conference Day~ No Pre-K Classes

November 21 (Tuesday)~ Pre-K and Elementary Conference Day~ Schools Closed for Students

Reading Specialist's Corner

Hello Winand Families,

Please be on the look for news about your child's reading skills. Coming home soon are your child's scores from the beginning of the year reading screeners. Students in grades K-3 were screened in reading and this year the screener used was the Amira Benchmark Assessment. Students in grades 1-5 were screened in reading using the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment.



Attached to your child's parent report will be an explanation of each assessment. Students not meeting the benchmark scores on Amira in grades K-3 and on MAP in grades 4 and 5 in reading will receive supplemental instruction. These screeners will continue in the middle and end of the year. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at trhoten@bcps.org.

Ms. Rhoten

Reading Specialist

Counseling Corner

Counseling lessons this month will focus on relationship skills. Students will learn about, discuss, and practice various concepts including tattling, personal space, teasing, and peer pressure.

The character trait of the month is kindness. November 13th is World Kindness Day. Have your child do something kind for someone else on that day! Here is a read aloud you could share with your child about kindness- [A Little Spot of Kindness](#)



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It's All About Bridges-Math

Upcoming Units

Kindergarten

Unit 3: Bikes & Bugs: Double, Add & Subtract

Grade 1

Unit 3: Adding, Subtracting, Counting & Comparing

Grade 2

Unit 3: Addition & Subtraction within One Hundred

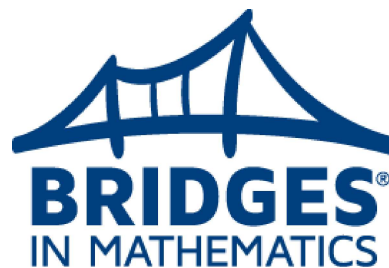
Grade 3

Unit 3: Multi-Digit Addition & Subtraction

Grade 4

Unit 3: Fractions & Decimals

Advanced 4



Unit 2: Adding & Subtracting Fractions

Grade 5

Unit 3: Place Value & Decimals

Advanced 5

Unit 3: Fractions & Decimals

How Can I Help at Home: Asking Questions

When you're working with your child at home, there are many ways you can help. One of the simplest is to ask questions about their thinking. By expressing curiosity about your child's thinking, you can help them develop deeper understanding, build confidence in their own abilities, and encourage the habit of justifying reasoning.

Questions to Ask

Here are four questions you can ask in almost any setting. No matter the math task, one of these questions can move the conversation in the right direction.

Question 1: What do you notice?

Question 2: How did you figure that out?

Question 3: How can you show your thinking? (e.g., picture, model, equation)

Question 4: Do you see any patterns?

Calendar Reminders

November

11-13-2023~Diwali Observed~ Schools Closed for Students~ PD for Teachers

11-14-2023~ Report Cards Available Online at 4:20 p.m.

11-14-11-17-2023~ American Education Week

11-20-2023~ Pre-K Conference Day~ No Pre-School or Pre-K Students

11-21-2023~Pre-K and Elementary Conference Day~ No School for Elementary Students

11-22-11-24-2023~ Thanksgiving Holiday~ Schools and Offices Closed



December

12-22-2023~ Christmas Holiday/Winter Break After School~ Virtual Learning at Home

January 2024

1-2-2024~ Schools and Offices Reopen

1-15-2024~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools and Offices Closed

1-19-2024~Second Marking Period Ends – Schools Close 3 Hours Early for All Students -1:05 p.m.

Grade Reporting and Data Analysis** – Teachers on Duty

1-29-2024~ Report Cards Available on FOCUS at 4:20 p.m.

February 2024

2-9-2024~Schools Closed for Students~ PD for Teachers

2-19-2024~ Schools and Offices Closed-Presidents' Day, Washington's Birthday

March 2024

3-22-2024~ **Spring Break Begins at the End of the Day**