



John Will Elementary School

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Parent Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

SCANTRON PERFORMANCE SERIES TESTING

Kindergarten-5th grade students will be administered the Winter Universal Screening of the Scantron Performance Series beginning January 8th through February 9th. These assessments are extremely important, and we want all of our students to perform at their very best. Please discuss the importance of taking all assessments seriously with your child. Also, remind students to go to bed at a reasonable time during the school week. Brain food promotes better performance. Therefore, we encourage students to start the day off with breakfast. Breakfast is served at John Will from 7:30 AM until 8:00 AM.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Research has shown that children do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent/teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. A parent/teacher conference is a great opportunity to start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher, learn how to help your child do their best in school, and let your child know that what goes on in school *will* be shared at home. If you have not met with your child's teacher this school year, it's not too late. Contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. First through fifth grade teachers are still holding partnership conferences with parents.

SECOND QUARTER HONORS ASSEMBLY

Our Honors Assembly will be held Thursday January 11th, in Will's gym. PreK through second grade and Mrs. Jones will be honored at 9:00 AM. Third through fifth grade students will be honored at 10:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Arriving to school on time is extremely important if we want our children to excel academically. We have a large number of students who arrive to school after the tardy bell sounds. Instruction begins at 8:00 AM. If your child arrives late, they have already missed at least 10 minutes of instruction. Ten minutes may not seem like a lot, but every minute counts during instruction.

Upcoming Events:

- Third Quarter begins- Jan. 4th
- Report Cards Go Home- Jan. 9th
- Quarter 2 Honors Assembly- Jan. 11th (start times are listed above)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No School)- Jan. 15th
- Mardi Gras/Fast Tuesday/Presidents Day (No School)- Feb. 12th -16th

