

September 2019

1110 Veerman Street

309-477-4722

Principal: Mrs. Armbrust

Secretary: Mrs. Smith

Willow Primary School

Newsletter



A Note From

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

September 2

- ◆ No School-Labor Day

September 4

- ◆ Willow Leadership Team Meeting (WILT) 3:20 PM

September 6

- ◆ 3rd Grade Grandparents' Day

September 12

- ◆ PTA Meeting at 6:30-7:30 PM

September 13

- ◆ PTA Snack Day

September 13

- ◆ School Improvement Planning Day

- ◆ Early Dismissal 11:40 AM

September 27

- ◆ Fall Picture Day

September 27

- ◆ Mid-term of Trimester

September 30-October 4

- ◆ Book Fair

October 2

- ◆ Midterm Reports Go Home

October 3

- ◆ Willow Open House 6:00-7:00 PM

October 4

Fundraiser Kickoff

October 10

- ◆ PTA Meeting 6:30 PM

October 11

- ◆ School Improvement Planning Day

- ◆ Early Dismissal 11:40 AM

October 14

No school-Columbus Day

October 24

Fall Picture Retake Day

October 25

Dental Sealants

October 31

Halloween Parade at 1:15

Halloween Parties to follow



Dear Willow Parent and Guardians,

We are up and running! The summer seemed to fly by and here we are heading back to school. This year, Pekin District 108 has received a grant for ALL students to receive free breakfast and lunch. This is a great opportunity for all our families. You do NOT need to fill anything out to participate.

I want to thank all of the parents that came out last May to support our Dragon Dash Program. This event was held at the Pekin Park by the 4-H building. Our students that were in Run Club, completed their final mileage to earn their Marathon Medal. Congrats to all of them! I look forward to having this program start up again in the spring.

We are off to a great start! You should be very proud of your student(s). Each day they are becoming more confident in their classroom routines along with knowing where everything is in the building. Lunch and our Extended P.E. (recess) have been going very well.

If you ever have a question or concern, please call the school number 477-4716 or email me at vickie.armbrust@pekin.net

Dear Willow Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mr. Onken and I am the Physical Education teacher at Willow School. I would like to welcome all of the Willow families back to school. I am excited about teaching all of the students sports and skills this year. Please make sure that your child/children have tennis shoes for P.E. Check with your child's/children's teacher for their days that participate in P.E. I am looking forward to an exciting school year.

Mr. Onken

Welcome 2019-2020 Willow Staff

KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Swartz
Ms. Lelm
Miss Broyles

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Heinhorst
Ms. Lavin
Mrs. Klein



SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Clark
Ms. Gardner
Ms. Lockwood

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Jacobs
Mrs. Smith

SPECIAL EDUCATORS:

Mrs. Mapes- Teacher
Mrs. Hiser -Parapro
Mrs. Whaley-Teacher
Mrs. Davis -Parapro

MUSIC: Mrs. Hamilton

P.E.: Mr. Onken

SPEECH: Mrs. James

LITERACY LEADERS

Mrs. Hill
Mrs. Warner

ESL Instructor

Mrs. Sauder

COUNSELOR: Mrs. Heilman

HEALTH CLERK: Mrs. Bennett

LEARNING CENTER: Mrs. Holeman

SECRETARY: Mrs. Smith

INSTRUCTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT

& LEARNING (ISSL): Mrs. Craig

Principal: Mrs. Armbrust

Dear Parents,

I also wanted to take a moment to remind you of another important procedure. When you come to the school for any reason, please enter in the front doors and check-in at the office. Any person who comes to pick up a student will have to show identification to the secretary or teacher. If you need to speak to a teacher, please make arrangements with him/her or leave a message with the secretary. For security and educational reasons, people do not go to the classrooms during the school day unless the visit is pre-arranged. Our district is very proactive with building safety procedures.

If you have a kindergarten student, please remember that the afternoon pickup is by the Kindergarten doors on the North end of the building. All other students are released on the front playground.


**Please park over at the Boys and Girls Club, the church or along the road during pick-up and drop off. The main parking lot of the school is a bus zone only.

I appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

Mrs. Armbrust

⇒ At Willow School
We take care of


⇒ Ourselves
⇒ Each Other
⇒ And our Community!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

District 108 has implemented a policy that we do not permit birthday invitations to be distributed at school. Please contact the school office (477-4716) if you would like a copy of the invitation list for your child's classroom. This list must be picked up in person or emailed to your personal email address.

Fruit, string cheese, fruit snacks and granola bars are a few healthy suggestions to send for your child's birthday treats. Always ask if the class has any food allergies. Too much sugar is not good, and many times we end up with two or more cupcakes per day in one class due to multiple birthdays.



KEEP US INFORMED

- Please call our office at 477-4716 to give us your child's lunch choice, if he/she will be late that day.
- When calling to report your child's absence, please state the teacher's name and the reason for the absence. You may call the night before and leave a message if you know of the absence.

PLEASE Call the school office early in the day, if you are needing to make a change in your child's after school plan for that day. Any changes to your child's pick-up list must be made in writing to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Smith in the office. THANK YOU!

★ = ok to bring for daily classroom snack.

List of Peanut Free Snacks

★ Fruit, raisins, and cheese sticks

(Commonly available processed snack foods free of peanuts and tree nuts)

Baked Ruffles – Original, Cheddar & Sour Cream

- *Baked Lay's* – Original, Sour Cream & Onion, Parmesan and Tuscan Herb
- *Boardwalk* – Salt & Vinegar, Jalapeno
- *Cape Cod* – Original, Sour Cream & Green Onion
- *Kettle Brand* – Sea Salt, Sea Salt & Vinegar, Buffalo Bleu, Fully Loaded Baked Potato, Sweet Onion, Sour Cream and Onion, Jalapeno
- *Kettle Brand Bakes* – Sea Salt, Aged White Cheddar, Hickory Honey Barbeque, Sea Salt & Vinegar
- *Lay's* – Classic, Barbecue, Sour Cream & Onion, Lightly Salted, Cheddar & Sour Cream, Wavy Original, Salt & Vinegar, Garden Tomato & Basil, Honey Mustard, Honey Barbecue
- *Lay's Kettle Cooked* – Original, Sea Salt & Vinegar, Reduced Fat, Jalapeno, Sea Salt & Cracked Pepper
- *Munchos*
- *Mystic Kettle Potato Chips* – Regular, Reduced Fat, Dark Russet, Sea Salt & Vinegar
- *Natural Lay's* – Sea Salted
- *Pringles* – Original, Reduced Fat, BBQ
- *Pringles Snack Packs* – Original, 100 Calorie Snack Packs Original
- *Ruffles* – Original, Reduced Fat, Sour Cream & Onion, Cheddar & Sour Cream, Loaded Chili & Cheese, Molten Hot Wings
- *ShopRite*

Cheetos, Kurly Kurls, Kurly Go Rounds, Pirate's Booty- Aged White Cheddar, Smart Puffs

Kraft Handi-Snacks Mister Salty Pretzels 'n Cheese Dip

- ★ • *Newman's Own* – Salted Sticks, Salted Pretzel Rounds, Unsalted Pretzel Rounds, Spelt Pretzels
 - *Nabisco 100 Calorie Mister Salty Pretzels* – Milk Chocolate, Yogurt Flavored
 - *Oatzels* – Original, No Salt Added
 - ★ • *Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Pretzels*
 - ★ • *Pepperidge Farm 100 Calorie Pouches Goldfish Pretzels*
 - ★ • *Rold Gold* – Thins, Sticks, Rods, Tiny Twists, Lightly Salted Tiny Twists, Tiny Twists Cheddar, Tiny Twists Honey Mustard, Sourdough, Honey Wheat, Cheesy Garlic
 - ★ • *ShopRite* – Mini, Mini Fat Free, Mini No Surface Salt, Gem, Amish Pretzel Sticks, Amish Pretzels Fat Free, Amish Pretzels No Surface Salt, Thin, Thin Fat Free, Waffle, Rods, Stick Pretzels Fat Free
 - ★ • *Cinnamon Grahams* – Plain, Low Fat
 - ★ • *Nabisco Grahams* – Original
 - ★ • *Nabisco Honey Maid* – Honey, Low Fat Honey, Cinnamon, Low Fat Cinnamon, Chocolate, Fresh Stacks
 - ★ • *ShopRite* – Sugar Honey Grahams, Sugar Honey Grahams Low Fat, Chocolate Grahams
 - ★ • *Teddy Grahams* – Cinnamon, Honey, Chocolate, Chocolatey Chip, Mini
- CRACKERS
- ★ • *Cheese Nips* – Cheddar, Reduced Fat Cheddar, SpongeBob Square Pants

- ★ • *Goldfish* – Baby Cheddar, Cheddar, Colors, Mix-Up, Parmesan, Pizza, Pretzel, Saltine, Whole Grain
- ★ • *Goldfish Mix-Up Adventures* – Pretzel & Flavor Blasted Xtra Cheddar, Xtra Cheesy Pizza
- ★ • *Goldfish 100 Calorie Pouches* – Cheddar, Pretzel
- *Kraft Handi-Snacks* – Premium Breadsticks 'n Cheese Dip, Mister Salty Pretzels 'n Cheese Dip
- *Nabisco 100 Calorie* – Sweet & Salty Mix Kettle Flavor
- ★ • *Nabisco 100 Calorie Nabisco Premium Saltines* – Original, Unsalted Tops, Hint of Salt, Fat Free, Whole Grain, Minis, Fresh Stacks
- ★ • *Nabisco Premium Soup & Oyster Crackers*
- *Pepperidge Farm Baked Naturals-Cracker Chips* – Simply Potato, Cheddar & Sour Cream Potato, Simply Multi-Grain
- ★ • *Pepperidge Farm Baked Naturals Cheese Crisps* – Cheddar, Four Cheese Italian Herb
- ★ • *Pepperidge Farm Baked Naturals Wheat Crisps* – Toasted Wheat
- *Pepperidge Farm Distinctive Crackers* – Golden Butter *Goldfish Flavor Blasted* – XPlosive Pizza, Xtra Cheddar, Slammin' Sour Cream & Onion
- ★ • *Triscuit* – Original, Reduced Fat, Hint of Salt, Garden Herb, Rosemary & Olive Oil, Fire Roasted Tomato & Olive Oil, Cracked Pepper & Olive Oil, Roasted Garlic, Rye with Caraway Seeds
- ★ • *Triscuit Minis* – Original
- ★ • *Triscuit Thin Crisps* – Original, Parmesan Garlic, Four Cheeses, Chile Pepper
- ★ • *Wheat Thins* – Original, Reduced Fat, Hint of Salt, Ranch, Reduced Fat Garlic & Herb, 100% Whole Grain, Sundried Tomato & Basil, Multigrain, Parmesan & Basil
- ★ • *Wheat Thins Fiber Selects* – 5 Grain, Garden Vegetable

Nabisco 100 Calorie Packs – Lorna Doone Shortbread Cookie Crisps

- *Nabisco Biscos Sugar Wafers* – Creme Filling
- *Nabisco Ginger Snaps*
- ★ • *Newtons* – Original Fig, Fat Free, Whole Grain, Strawberry, Raspberry
- ★ • *Newtons Minis* – Whole Grain Fig
- ★ • *Newtons Fruit Crisps* – Apple Cinnamon
- *Oreos* – Original, Double Stuf
- *ShopRite Scrunchy Animal Crackers*

CANDY

Andes Mints – All varieties

- *Dum Dum Pops*
- *Frooties*
- *Good & Plenty*
- *Kraft Caramels*
- *Lifesavers Hard Candies*
- *Lifesavers Gummies*
- *Lifesavers Gummies Collisions*
- *Milk Duds*
- *Jolly Rancher Hard Candy*
- *Jolly Rancher Doubles*
- *Pez*
- *Push Pop*
- *Red Vines*