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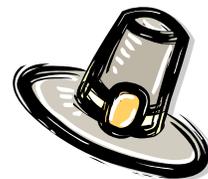
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# Willow Primary School

## Newsletter



### A Note From the Principal

#### IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

##### November 1

- ◆ End of the First Trimester

##### November 3- Daylight Saving Time Ends

- ◆ Adjust clocks 1 hour back

##### November 4

- ◆ Second trimester begins

##### November 6

- ◆ Full day of school for students
- ◆ Conferences from 4:30-7:30 PM

##### November 7

- ◆ No school for students
- ◆ Conferences from 12:00-3:00 PM
- ◆ Conferences from 4:00-7:00 PM

##### November 8

- ◆ No school for students
- ◆ Conferences from 8:30-11:30

##### November 11

- ◆ NO School, Veteran's Day

##### November 14

- ◆ PTA Meeting at 6:30-7:30

##### November 15 /Make up on the 25th

Dear Willow Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone that participated in our school fundraiser! I hope the students enjoyed the fun little prizes from our drawings along the way.

**\*\*\*A special letter will go home about fundraiser pick-up.**

**Parent- Teacher Conferences are this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - November 6th, 7th and 8th.** Conference notes have been going home. We hope you will be able to attend. Please call the office at 477-4716 if you are unable to attend your conference to reschedule.

As the days become cooler, we will continue to go outside for recess. Please watch the weather to know if a warmer coat, hat or mittens may be needed.

Have a Blessed  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday!

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the  Wil-  
low Staff

Attending school is very important! The Illinois State Board of Education tracks our student attendance and uses it as an indicator of student success. They use this data as a part of our school rating along with nine other measures. This is part of their new program called IL-EMPOWER. Please do your part to help our school rating by helping your child attend school on a regular basis.

Attend today... Achieve tomorrow!





# Toby Tire School Bus Safety Alert



As autumn descends on Illinois we'd like to remind drivers as well as school children of seasonal considerations that have significant influence on pedestrian and traffic safety.

Secretary of State Jesse White's Toby Tire program consistently emphasizes the community's collective role in safeguarding our children. We call it out "shared responsibility."

With that in mind, here are some important safety reminders for the adult members of our communities:

The sun has dropped low to the southern horizon, making visibility difficult in many driving situations. Motorists need to take into account the sun's glare and take extra caution when driving when kids are present on the streets.

As autumn transitions into winter, driving conditions change and precipitation causes difficulties for motorists. Alter your schedule to allow for extra time so that you won't be rushed to accommodate appointments.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 4. That means some students will not arrive home from school until after the sun sets. Keep an eye out for kids coming home from school in the dark.

Likewise, our students need to be reminded of what is expected from them to ensure own safety:

As more kids find themselves out after dark, they should be advised to wear at least one article of light-colored or reflective clothing so they can be spotted by motorists.

The most dangerous time in a child's day is likely the trip to and from school. We teach several important school bus safety lessons, but we constantly remind them to *look both ways whenever crossing the street*. Each year, for example, children are killed when they cross the street to board or after exiting their bus. This is a safety lesson that applies to all kids, whether they ride a school bus or not.

As the weather turns cold, kids need to dress in warm clothing. We want our students focused on staying safe in and around their school bus; it's hard to think about safety if you don't protect yourself from the elements.

Each season has unique safety considerations for our kids. Let's continue to work in a shared concern so that we all can take credit for the safety of our most precious assets - our children.