



## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents and Families,

What a glorious weekend! It was hard to believe that it was the middle of September; certainly felt like summer to me! I hope you were able to feel a little of that sunshine on your face!

Included in your Mailer today is the Parent Forum budget for the 2018-2019 academic year. Please take a look and whether you support the planned spending and anticipated received income or not, please vote accordingly and return the ballot to the office. There was good discussion at the Forum last week; great questions were asked about the plan and good conversations were had by all!

Speaking of Parent Forum, don't forget to RSVP to the bike decorating on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Fair Parade participation on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event and to represent WCA wearing your free t-shirt is so exiting! Just a reminder that each of these events require parent participation; these are great opportunities to spend time together as a school family. Thank you to the PF for organizing these family-friendly activities.

Another thank you to the Parent Forum is needed as we wait anxiously for the BMX troop assembly that is scheduled for this Wednesday at 2:15 pm. These bike riders deliver a message of inspiration while dazzling the audience with tricks and jumps. The weather looks rainy for Wednesday afternoon so at this time the gym will be very full with just the student body and staff. Please watch Facebook as an indoor/outdoor decision is made for this event. If outdoors is possible, please feel welcome to attend. If a decision is made to hold the assembly indoors, you'll have to count on us to take pictures as seating will be tight. Fingers crossed for a change in the forecast!

Mrs. Harmon asks that I remind you all of our Box Top collection that is happening until the end of October. She also wants to point out the Box Top app that is available for electronic devices. If you use the app, please simply jot a note for the collection buckets so your child receives credit for those box tops redeemed through the app. If you have any questions, please give the office a call and if we can't help you, we will leave a message for Mrs. Harmon to give you a call. Keep them coming!

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Michelle Carpenter on campus again this year as our Literacy Coach. Michelle taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Will Carleton Academy for many years and currently stays home raising her young family. Her 15 +/- hours a week is just enough for her to feed her passion about education and literacy as well as meet our need for early literacy support. We are grateful to have Mrs. Carpenter on campus!

Included in your Mailer today are the first teacher letters of the year. The teachers work hard to give you a peek inside their classrooms with these quarterly letters. Hopefully they will help spark conversation with your child about the happenings each and every day. Enjoy!

It might be time for the annual reminder about school closings and delays specific to Will Carleton Academy. Each year the office reminds parents and families that a delay is not a productive option for WCA families as parents provide transportation and they themselves getting to work on time is of the utmost importance. With foggy mornings on the rise, the most crucial advice is take your time, and be safe. Make a good decision for your family; we'd rather have you tardy and safe!

As for school closings, once again we will post on Facebook, WILX (channel 10 out of Lansing or on their website, wilx.com) as well as on WCSR, 92.1 FM. Be encouraged to listen for *Will Carleton Academy* specifically as decisions are made independently of the other traditional districts in Hillsdale County.

Early to bed and great breakfasts for all kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students as our plan is to complete readiness testing this week. This state required test has a completion date of October 5<sup>th</sup>. We aim to be finished this week, fingers crossed! Thank you for all of your continued support.

Be reminded that next Monday is a Family Learning Day and we will not have classes. After this full week, classes will resume on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> with Opening Ceremony at 8:10 am. Have a great long weekend!

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Colleen A. Vogt