

# Little Blue Pirate News

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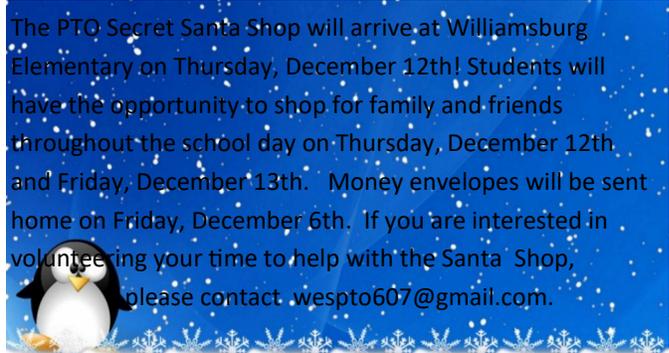
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Malissa Whitaker, Secretary



### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 12** PTO Secret Santa Shop  
**Dec. 13** PTO Secret Santa Shop  
**Dec. 20** Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.)  
**Dec. 23-Jan. 1** Winter Break



Your WES Student Council has been busy preparing to celebrate the holidays! See below for the schedule of fun activities leading up to our winter break.

## 'Tis The Season To Be Jolly

Let's get into the Christmas spirit with these daily activities sponsored by the WES Student Council!

Monday 12/9	Tuesday 12/10	Wednesday 12/11	Thursday, 12/12	Friday 12/13
<p>Christmas Character Day!</p> <p>Dress like your favorite Christmas character from a book or movie!</p> 	<p>Christmas Socks Day!</p> <p>Wear your best holiday socks.</p> 	<p>Pay \$1 to wear a Christmas hat or head covering.</p> <p>Proceeds will help local families with Christmas!</p> 	<p>Christmas Sweater Day! You can wear an ugly or pretty one.</p> 	<p>PJ Day! Wear your favorite Christmas PJs to school and celebrate the holiday season.</p> 
<p>Monday 12/16</p> <p>Dress like an elf or Santa! Wear red and white or green.</p> 	<p>Tuesday 12/17</p> <p>Winter Wonderland!</p> <p>Wear BLUE and WHITE!</p> 	<p>Wednesday 12/18</p> <p>Stop in the bus port lobby for a free candy cane in the morning from the student council!</p> <p>You can also make a guess as to how many candy canes are in the jar for a chance to win them all!</p>	<p>Thursday 12/19</p> <p><b>Christmas Party</b></p>	<p>Friday 12/20</p> <p>Early Dismissal</p> <p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!</p>

\*Please see "Attendance Works" flyer on reverse side of newsletter. 



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

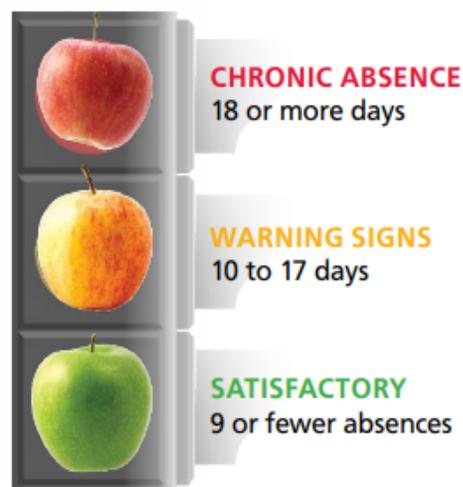
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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