



THE CARDINAL NEWS

WILLOWS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

January 2018



Upcoming Events

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| January 8 | Back to School |
| January 11 | School Board Meeting, 7:00pm, City Civic Center |
| January 12 | Report Cards Sent Home |
| January 15 | Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. – No School |
| January 17 | Collaboration/Early Release Day, 1:30pm |
| January 25 | School Site Council, 3:00 pm, WIS Library |
| January 31 | Collaboration/Early Release Day, 1:30pm |

Athletic Schedule

See the Boys Basketball schedule on our website under Sports.

Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! We hope the New Year brings your family good health and a whole lot of happiness.

Please be aware we have a safety problem with the potential of causing serious harm to one or more of our students. It has to do with the traffic on Cedar Street and the “dropping off” of students before school and the “picking up” of students after school. With so much congestion and young students “darting out” from behind cars and in front of traffic, we are asking for the parents’ and public’s support and assistance. Please do **NOT** park and pick up your children on the **South** side of Cedar Street. It is already posted – “**No Parking**”! For the well being of all children, please pick up your children on the North side of Cedar Street. We are sorry for the inconvenience, and we thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Emergency Card Information

We realize that over the course of a school year, families move, change phone numbers or even employment. Please be sure to contact the school office with any address or phone number changes. In addition, please check the emergency contact information on the emergency card to be sure the information is current.

Willows Recreation – Youth Basketball Program and Winter Dance Class

Willows Recreation Department’s winter youth basketball program begins on Saturday, January 20th and is for grades 1-6. Applications are available in the WIS Office, on-line at www.cityofwillows.org or at the Willows Recreation Department, 201 N. Lassen St, Willows. Please sign up prior to Wednesday, January 10th. For more information call 934-7043.

New Cell Phone Policy

Beginning with the 2nd Semester 1/8/18, there will be a new cell phone policy in place. The new policy is as follows:

Student use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices during the school day will be prohibited. The exception to this rule, for all students in all grades, is with a staff member’s permission only! Phones and electronic devices may only be used before school up until 8:01 and after school

beginning at 2:35. For 7th and 8th graders, cell phones must be put away during the school day. For 6th graders, phones are to be placed in backpacks only and may not be on their person. This change is being made as there have been too many violations to our current cell phone policies, thereby disrupting both school activities and the educational process.

Nueva política de teléfonos celulares

A partir del lunes 8 de enero, cuando regresemos del receso de vacaciones de invierno, la política sobre el uso de teléfonos celulares y dispositivos electrónicos en la Escuela Intermedia de Willows cambiará a lo siguiente: Se prohibirá el uso de teléfonos celulares y dispositivos electrónicos durante el día escolar. La excepción a esta regla, para todos los estudiantes en todos los grados sera solo con el permiso de un miembro del personal! Los teléfonos y dispositivos electrónicos sólo se podrán usar antes de clases hasta las 8:01 y después de clases comenzando a las 2:35. Para los estudiantes de séptimo y octavo grado, los teléfonos celulares deberán guardarse durante el día escolar. Para los estudiantes de sexto grado, los teléfonos deben colocarse solo en mochilas y no pueden estar en su persona. Este cambio se está realizando ya que ha habido demasiadas infracciones a nuestras políticas telefónicas actuales, lo que afecta tanto las actividades escolares como el proceso educativo. Este aviso también está publicado en el Boletín de WIS de enero y en el sitio web de WIS.