



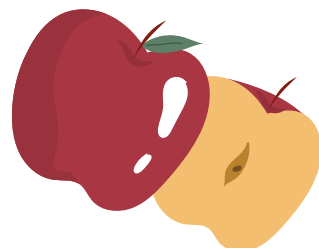
WILLOW AVENUE NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Kindness Lives at Willow

Vol. 6 issue 1

Welcome
BACK TO
SCHOOL



Upcoming:

9/23 - No School

9/26 - FMO

9/27 - PTO Fall Festival

10/2 - No School

10/10 - FMO & Early Dismissal Drill



Cornwall Trait

Patience-

To wait calmly for someone
or something, to be flexible
and alter plans when
necessary.



Mrs. Gandolfini &
Mrs. Sweeney



Mrs. Berchielli &
Miss Karlson



Mrs. Byrne &
Mrs. Santos



Mrs. Hogan &
Ms. Mante

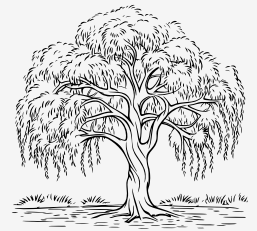


Mrs. Cleeves &
Ms. Merante

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www.cornwallschools.com



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[@willowavenuees](https://www.instagram.com/willowavenuees)



Message from Food Services

GREAT NEWS FOR CCSD FAMILIES FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS! We're excited to announce that ALL students enrolled in Cornwall Central School District are now eligible to receive FREE school Breakfast and Lunch meals—every day, with no cost to families! What You Need to Know Who qualifies? ☒ Every student in the district — no application needed! When does it start? This program is already in effect — enjoy free lunches starting in September! Why is this happening? Thanks to State and Federal funding, we're ensuring no student goes hungry and every child is fueled for learning. No sign-ups, no paperwork — just delicious, nutritious meals every day! We're proud to support the health and well-being of our students and make school a place where everyone can thrive. This exciting change means that every student will be able to enjoy both a breakfast and a lunch meal at no cost, every school day, regardless of household income.

Any questions, please contact our lunchroom staff, Suzanne Bove or Food Service Director, Amy Bishopp (845)534-8009 ext. 7704 or abishopp@cornwallschools.com



Caring Hands with Nurse Katie

Hello!! My name is Katie Cowart ("Nurse Katie") and I am so excited to begin another great year at Willow Avenue Elementary School!

A friendly September reminder, physicals are required by NY State for grades K, 1, and 3 as well as any new students. Please send recent physicals in as soon as possible. Cheers to a great 2025-2026 school year!

I can be reached at 845-534-8009 ext 3010

~Nurse Katie



Our School is Using ParentSquare! ParentSquare is a simple and safe way to connect and communicate. Register now so you can:

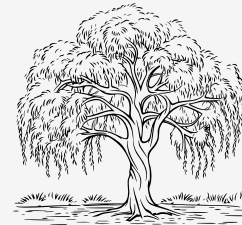
- customize email, text and/or app notifications,
- RSVP for classroom and school activities,
- sign permission slips, and
- securely receive important student documents.



ParentSquare

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Please remember to use our dismissal
change form for any changes to dismissal for
your student:

[Willow Dismissal Change Form](#)

It is also on our website:
Cornwallschools.com
select Willow Ave School
under Parents Tab



Stay in the Know with our Willow Ave PTO

2025-2026 Board Members

Isabel Diffley/Ashley MacEwan
PTO President/Co-Pres

Melissa Rutenber/Ivette Duran
PTO Vice Presidents

Cristina Scheers/ Laura Baldi
PTO Secretaries

Chris Bauer
PTO Treasurer

Jennifer Mills/ Dawn Lynch/ Jennifer Brighton
PTO 4th Grade Liason

Visit our FB page:
Willow Avenue Elementary PTO
or

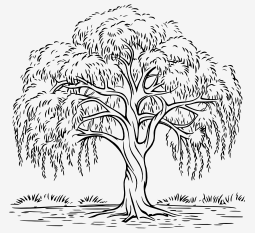
Join our google classroom from your personal email:
classroom code: a5is2not

email: willowavepto@gmail.com

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Ms. Zawacki's Mindful Moment

Keep in Touch:

**Email: kzawacki@cornwallschools.com or
845-534-8009- ext 3026**

Welcome back Willow! My hope is that you and your family enjoyed a restful summer. We will kick off September with me visiting the classrooms to review school expectations regarding friendship, kindness, bullying, code of conduct and DASA. We will also review and practice our mindful moment exercise and our character trait of the month Patience. This time of year is always a big adjustment for everyone.

When we transition back after a long vacation and into a new classroom we all experience big emotions of excitement, fear, anxiety and nervousness. All of these feelings are ok and very normal. If you are feeling that they are getting too big for you to handle, it is important that you let your parent, teacher, me or Mrs. Buchholz know, so we can help lessen your worries.

Remember during times of stress, sadness or frustration, try using the Mindful Moment:

Let's
talk it
out

Blow out the Candle

Squeeze the Lemons

Tuck like a Turtle

Tall like a Tree

You can even teach your parents what the mindful moment looks like!

Principals Message

We are incredibly excited to welcome our students back to Willow Avenue for the 2025-2026 school year! Willow Avenue is a very special place where "Kindness Lives" and where the caring and dedicated members of the school work closely with our students and their families to provide students with a safe, nurturing and supportive environment where they can grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Each month this newsletter will keep you informed about what the students will be learning and doing!! We are so glad you're finally here and look forward to an amazing year!!! Together we will create some rules to keep us all safe and learning at school. Our students will be busy traveling down the school path that will lead them towards academic success.

We are looking forward to a successful school year!

Samantha Buchholz

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