



Washington Elementary

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary Families:

Family engagement matters for student success!

From years of experience and research we know that family engagement improves school readiness, student achievement, and social skills. Ideally, this happens when both the family and the school are working together. One significant way this happens is through parent-teacher conferences.

During the week of October 19th, Washington teachers and parents will have the opportunity to talk to one another about the talents and needs of children. Here are some suggested ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences:

1. Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school: Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores. Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards.

2. Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also focus on how the child can do even better. Come to the conference prepared, look at your child's work to date and bring questions relative to what you see.

3. Just like you, our teachers want your child to succeed. Be prepared by thinking about your child's progress and areas for improvement. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of his or her challenges.

On behalf of the staff at Washington Elementary School, I look forward to the week of conferences where together we can help students achieve at high levels through promoting each person's responsibility in home-school communication.

In partnership,

Keith Collins, Principal

Dates to Remember

October 1 st	Second Grade Field Trip
October 8 th	Individual Picture Day
October 16 th	Dress Like a Principal Day
October 16 th	Early Dismissal 11:45am
October 19 th	No Late Start. School Begins at 8:15 for all students
October 19 th – 23 rd	Parent Teacher Conferences 11:45 Dismissal
October 21 st	PTSA Meeting 5:15pm
October 27 th & 29 th	Vision/Hearing Screening

Conference Week

During the week of October 19th – 23rd, school will be dismissed at 11:45 each day for Parent Teacher Conferences. On Monday, October 19th, THERE WILL BE NO LATE START. School will begin that day for all K-5 students at 8:15, just like Tuesday-Friday. Conference information will go home with all students in the next week. Interpreters are available if needed.



After School Plans

We understand that sometimes our after school activities and routines change. However, to help minimize disruptions in the classroom, please talk with your student(s) before they come to school about what the plan is for after school.

Counselor's Corner

This fall I've been reviewing Kelso's Choices with the 2nd & 3rd graders. Kelso provides students with great problem solving strategies. Students came home with a green Kelso Wheel to share with the family. In Kinder and First I was teaching students about Whole Body Listening Larry and making connections to what they've been learning in the Second Step lessons about how we pay attention. Students brought home a coloring page identifying the different parts of the body we use for listening.

I enjoy supporting our students learning & practicing important skills that help them be more successful here at school. As always, if your kiddo is having a difficult time at school or facing a new life challenge, don't hesitate to contact me.

Aaron MacKenzie
Counselor



PTSA Podium

PTSA Fall Fundraiser Coupon Book Sale

Our PTSA fall fundraiser is starting soon and we need your help! This is our BIG fundraiser for the year and it makes it possible to provide many extra activities and student resources at our school. We will raise money selling coupon books featuring locally-owned businesses. Parent info letters with permission slips will come home Friday, October 9th.

The fundraiser will run through **Monday, November 9th**. Our goal is for each class to sell 40 coupon books. If each student sells only 2 books we will exceed our goal! Look for the info sheet describing further fundraiser details including **weekly student prizes!**

The coupon books will sell for \$15 and feature 25 great coupons from local businesses: Academic Toolbox, Arlberg, Aut-to Mocha, Balsamroot Bakery and Cafe, Blue Spoon Yogurt, Bob's Classic, Country Boys BBQ, Dilly Deli, Dizzy D's Diner, iLa Yoga, Inspirations Ceramic and Art Café, Kwik Lube and Tune, Learn to Skate, Merriment, Mike's Meats, Mission Ridge Ski Stars, Pak it Rite, Pizza-N-More, Pulse Barre Studio, San Francisco Sourdough Eatery, Tastebuds, Tumbleweed, VN Pho, The Wild Huckleberry, and Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

How does fundraising make a difference at our school?

PTSA funds support many extra school activities and resources that otherwise would not be possible such as WE CARE, teacher and classroom grants, STEAM activities, Beauty of the Bronze, supplemental technology including classroom iPads, books for the Library/Classrooms/Literacy, Family Fun Night, Missoula Children's Theater, Back-to-School Social, Author visits and many great assemblies including past favorites: Reptile Man and Pacific Science Center.

PTSA FALL BOOK FAIR: October 19-23

The Washington Elementary PTSA is bringing the Scholastic Book Fair to our school during conference week: October 19-23. We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase essential classroom and library resources, it encourages reading among our students.

The Book Fair will be open in the school library Monday-Thursday 11:30-3:45, Friday 11:30-1:00, and it will be open late Tuesday evening until 6:30 pm. Stop by the Book Fair after school or before or after your conference. If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair you can sign up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4DACA72BA75-fall1 or leave a message for Beth Nierman at the school office.



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