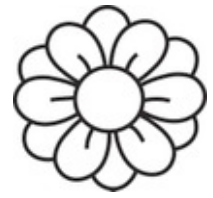




Washington Elementary

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Families:

As we move into spring, I would like to take this opportunity to offer an update on our new building, information about upcoming state testing and a safety reminder to all of us who drive our students to and from school.

Safety: Because Washington is a neighborhood school, there are a large number of our children who walk, bike and get dropped off at or near campus. This number will increase dramatically as the weather improves. With that, here are some reminders when it comes to dropping-off, picking-up and parking.

Please follow traffic laws – some of the many violations we often see are: **U-turns in front of school, blocking traffic, parking in yellow zones, jaywalking, parking in disabled parking areas without a permit, parking or dropping-off in the bus zone and CHILDREN ENTERING OR EXITING CARS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.**

If we all follow the traffic laws we make it much safer for our children. I greatly appreciate those who do even if it means a little less convenience – thank you!

State Testing: Following spring break our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will begin Smarter Balanced state tests in English language arts and math. In addition, our 5th grade students will also take the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) in science.

This is the second year our state will administer the Smarter Balanced tests. The results from these tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college or career after high school than our state's previous test.

Students take the test online. Washington is scheduled to take the tests between April 12th and May 20th.

For more information about the tests and to try out a practice test, visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter.

New Building Update: Progress on the new Washington Elementary School is very visible. You can now see the complete outline of the school as defined by the walls, windows and doors.

Crews have been working very hard on both the interior and exterior of the school. Construction is divided into 4 Areas with the bulk of our classrooms included in Areas A and B.

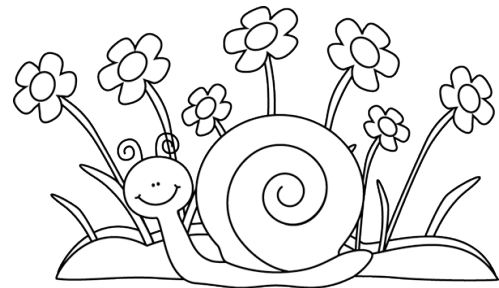
The main entry, library and office is Area C and the gym, cafeteria, kindergarten classrooms and kitchen is Area D.

The reverse side of this newsletter shows several pictures so you can see both interior and exterior progress. Nearly all of the classrooms and hallways by the classrooms have been dry walled and painted. Windows are being installed, as is exterior insulation.

I have been assured that the construction is “on time” and we should expect occupancy around the second week of August. However, work on the demolition of the current building and the subsequent development of our parking lot may last until sometime after the school year begins.

Please contact me should you have any questions about the new school.

In partnership,
Keith Collins
Principal



Dates To Remember

- April 4th – 8th Spring Break – No School
- April 20th 5th Grade Field Trip
- April 20th PTSA Meeting 5:15pm
- April 25th Choir & Strings Concert 6:30pm
- April 26th Anguiano & Clayson Field Trip
- April 26th Kinder Music Program 6:30pm
- April 27th Huson & Lewis Field Trip
- April 29th Spirit Day: Color Day by Grade
- April 29th 4th Grade Field Trip

Kindergarten Registration

Incoming Kindergarten Registration begins the week of April 18th.

Bring the following with you to register:

- Immunization record (be sure that 4-6 year shots have been given).
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (PUD or Water Bill or Mortgage/Lease Statement)

Please share kindergarten registration info with families or neighbors that have a child ready for Kindergarten in the Fall.

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PTSA Podium

We had a great turn out for the Most Likely To Succeed Documentary film on Project Based Learning. Thru sponsorships and donations we raised over \$750 for PBL efforts at our school. Plus, it has stimulated great conversation.

PTSA Board Elections are coming up. If you are interested in running for a position, please send an email to wapta@gmail.com. We have 8 board positions: Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and 2 At Large positions. General Membership meeting and elections to be held in May.

Mrs. Anguaino's class won the box tops collections competition with over 3000 tops! We raised over \$1500 thru this box tops collection. Way to go!

APPLE BLOSSOM is just around the corner. We are looking for someone to head up our Kiddie Parade effort this year. If interested please email wapta@gmail.com or sararolfs@nwi.net.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 20th at 5:15. Hope to see you there!



Our New Building



Top Left: Classroom Entrance Area B

Top Right: Exterior. Area A

Bottom Left: Gymnasium. Area D

Bottom Middle: Lower Level Hallway. Area A

Bottom Right: Mechanical Floor

