



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

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## **From The Principal's Desk**

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we will be sending report cards home with your child. It is our hope this proves to be meaningful communication about your child's progress. The report card should provide a clear picture about the specific knowledge, skills and dispositions your child is expected to acquire in each subject area and where your child is in relationship to Common Core State Standards.

As a school community, we are very much aware of the complexities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century family. Due to a variety of reasons, time is often at a premium, which does not allow as much communication with the school as you would like and therefore you trust the school to keep your child safe and ensure that they are learning. I can assure you that student safety and learning is at the forefront of my responsibility.

The question before us is: How can we increase the regular, meaningful two-way communication between home and school? When this exists you become more aware of your child's progress, have a stronger belief in your ability to influence your child's learning and become more involved in that learning.

There are four extremely critical questions that parents should be asking our school:

1. What is it that you want my child to learn?
2. How do you know if my child is learning what you want them to learn?
3. How are you responding if my child is not learning?
4. How are you responding if my child already has the skills and knowledge?

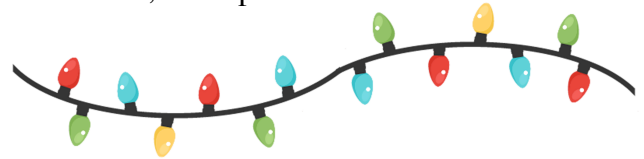
When you receive your child's report card, I hope you look deeply into its contents and be sure to ask your child's teacher any question you may have. You can call to set an appointment or email questions. Washington Elementary School is working to ensure that we have the answers you

need to work in partnership with us to help each student to achieve at high levels.

Please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions or concerns.

In Partnership,

Keith Collins, Principal



## **Dates to Remember**

Dec 3 <sup>th</sup>	Choir & Orchestra Concert 6:30pm
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	No School – Teacher Training Day
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Meeting 5:15pm
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pajama Day
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Winter Break – No School thru Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes



## **Dress Warm**

We go outside for recess twice a day unless the weather is below 20 degrees. It is important that your child wear a coat to school and gloves, hat, and boots if necessary. The expectation is that students will wear their coats to recess.

## **PTSA Podium**

Fantastic job on the coupon book fundraiser! 648 sold which means over \$10,000 of enriching programming we get to offer our students. Ms. Knell's Class won the pizza party with Mr. Collins for selling the most. The top four sellers joined in on the pizza party fun! THANK YOU CRUNCH PAK for sliced apples, and Beth Nierman, Brianne Vertress & Jackie Endsley for heading up this important effort.

**YES!** You can still purchase coupon books (they make great stocking stuffers). Contact us at [wapsa@gmail.com](mailto:wapsa@gmail.com) and we will get the coupon books to you.



Our annual canned food & coin drive will be held in December. We will donate the canned food to the Packing Friendship Program. The program provides weekend food for kids who might otherwise go hungry. Our coin drive takes a new spin this year. The Community Foundation of NCW is helping 25 organizations with crowd funding for projects that recently received Regional Impact Grants. Our students will choose the projects and create 'banks' so individual students (and family members) can donate their change to help worthy causes in our area. We will post the causes on Facebook to share the link to the online catalog for complete descriptions.

Save the Date for our Family Craft Night on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We have some great projects planned. We have a handful of wish-list items for craft night and our STEAM push-ins: Tin cans with safe edges variety of sizes, yogurt containers, sour cream containers, Pringles chips containers, Crystal Light containers, small boxes (child size shoebox would be great), cardboard hot cocoa round containers with plastic lids, frosting cans with lids, coffee cans, toilet paper & paper towel rolls, tape (duct, electrical, masking, painters). Items can be dropped off in the office.

## **Nurse's News**

### **When to Keep Your Child Home**

In order to control communicable disease in school, it is important to keep your child home for the following reasons:

- Fever of 100.0 or higher.
- Sore throat, swollen glands, or rash.
- Vomiting
- If your child has a moist, productive cough, chest congestion, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

In general, children should stay home when they don't feel well enough to participate in the normal activities in a school day. Please make sure that your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date in the office. We need to be able to contact you should the need arise.

### **Accessible Parking**

Please remember that our disabled parking spaces in front of the building are reserved for those students with accessible needs. The students disabled placard should be visibly displayed in your vehicle.

This parking area should not be used for drop off and pick up or to "run something into the school". Thank you for helping to safely accommodate all of our students at Washington.



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