



Washington Elementary School

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Dear Washington Elementary School Parents:

I hope all of our families have taken full advantage of the time away from school. It has been amazing summer weather (no smoke!) which I hope allowed you to get things done on your to do list but more importantly, have a great time with family and friends!

In February 2014, the taxpayers of Wenatchee overwhelmingly passed a bond that paved the way for a new Washington Elementary School. That was after several years worth of planning. Once the bond passed, our staff took the torch and began the work of collaboratively designing a new facility. We also went through the process of selecting colors, themes and furniture and are now ready to reap the benefits of that work and the generosity of our community.

It is such an incredible time for the Washington Elementary Community! There is great excitement and anticipation for the opening of our new school. It has been a very busy summer of construction that will probably continue into the school year; but we will be ready for students on August 30th.

Everything associated with the new school will be . . . new. All of our processes and procedures including parent drop off and pick up, how students line up in the morning and much more will need to be learned by all of us.

Here are some essential procedures that you will need to know to begin the year:

Classes begin at 9:45 on Monday and 8:15 on Tuesday through Friday. We ask that students arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the beginning of school. The doors will unlock to allow students in the building at 8:10.

Child Care

Students who attend before school child care enter the building through the outside cafeteria doors.

Breakfast

Students who eat breakfast at school are asked to enter the building through the south entry by the gymnasium. Doors will open at 9:15 on Monday and 7:45 Tuesday through Friday.

Parent Drop-off/Pick-up

It is highly likely that the parking lot will not be completed by the time school begins. This means we will follow the same procedure as last year where drop-off/pick-up takes place on Elliott Street. You will receive an update once the parking lot becomes available.

Bus Lane

We now have a bus lane that runs parallel to Washington Street. This is for buses only. There is no parent drop-off, pick-up or parking in the bus lane.

Line-up

Students form a single line by class at their designated entry point. It is our expectation that students wait calmly and quietly.

Students line up at the following places:

Kindergarten – south entry door by gymnasium. Mrs. Hannah/Mrs. Rodriguez class lines up at their outside classroom door.

First Grade – front main entry

Second Grade – front main entry

Third Grade – north entrance from the bus zone

Fourth Grade – outside their classroom doors

Fifth Grade – east entry from Elliott Street

Mrs. Cannan/Mrs. Ptolemy – students who ride bus enter through north entrance by bus lane. Students who are dropped off by a parent enter through front main entry

Students Who Are Tardy

Any student arriving after 9:45 on Monday and 8:15 Tuesday through Friday must enter the building through the front main entry.

Playground

The playground is closed to activity before and after school.

Gym Floor

This beautiful elementary school has an outstanding gymnasium that offers a hardwood floor surface. With this surface comes the expectation for footwear in physical education that is not dissimilar to what we have been accustomed. It is the expectation that students must wear safe shoes with a non-marking sole on P.E. days.

Class lists will be posted in the front of the building on Friday, August 26th. The building will not be open to the public at this time, but you will be able to view your child's class.

I welcome all of you back to school. It is an extremely exciting time for everyone as we have this opportunity to learn in a modern facility. Please be patient and work with us as we dance around construction and learning how best to function in this beautiful building.

Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions or concerns. I hope to see you at our Family Social on August 29th at 6:00.

In partnership,

Keith Collins, Principal