



# Washington Elementary

## November 2015



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### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Washington Elementary Families,

It is difficult to believe that it is November already and we find ourselves out of the warm weather and into a month that provides us all with the opportunity to pause, reflect and give thanks.

At Washington, we recognize the important and valuable contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. Without question, school success begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's successful school experience.

One of the most important components of a quality school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths of Washington Elementary.

So, as we enter the month of November, we would like to thank our parents for their support as we work together in fulfillment of our mission. To this end, your attendance and input at Parent/Teacher conferences is appreciated and valued.

We would also like to thank the Washington PTSA for their continued support of our school. Through their fundraising efforts, Washington teachers are provided with grant opportunities to enhance their classrooms. PTSA also provides treats for staff each month and they just helped support Our House for Make-a-Difference Day. Thank you PTSA!

On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting our annual tribute to Veterans at our Veteran's Day Assembly. This is a special and important time where we recognize and give thanks to the men and women who serve our country.

Lastly, the month of November brings with it less daylight and shorter days – we would like to remind everyone to be sure to talk about and practice safety with your children. Students should play in groups, be aware of their surroundings and never talk to strangers.

Thank you to everyone for everything you do to make Washington Elementary a learning community that ensures high levels of learning for each student.

In partnership,  
Keith Collins  
Principal



### **Dates to Remember**

- November 5 Picture Retake Day
- November 9 PTSA Coupon Book Money Due
- November 10 Veterans Day Program 1:50pm
- November 11 Veterans Day – No School
- November 17 WE Care Family Fun Night 6:30pm
- November 18 PTSA Meeting 5:15pm
- November 20 Spirit Day – Mismatch Day
- November 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- November 25 Early Dismissal 11:45am
- Nov 26 & 27 No School – Thanksgiving Break

## Cold Weather is Near

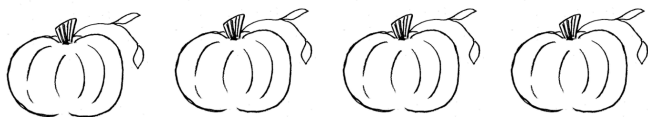
Our generous community has donated a large number of coats and hats to Washington Elementary. If your student is in need of a warm winter coat and or hat, please stop by our office.

## PTSA Podium

**Fall PTSA Fundraiser Ends Soon!** Thank you to everyone that has purchased and sold coupon books and brought in donations so far! This fundraiser is our main source of funding for the year and allows us to provide many fantastic services and programs for our students. We are off to a good start, but still hope to sell 700 coupon books by next week. Please complete your coupon book sales and return your collected money to your classroom by **Monday, November 9.**

**Fall PTSA Book Fair Success!** Thanks to everyone that purchased books at our Conference Week Book Fair. Not only is it a great opportunity to promote reading for our students, but it also raises funds for our library to purchase new books. And a special shout out to our book fair volunteers who make this event possible!

**We Care Family Fun Night!** Come on down to school on Tuesday evening November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It is sure to be an active evening of family fun.



## Pets at School

Per Wenatchee School District Policy, dogs are not allowed on school campuses. Should you bring the family pet along, please arrange to meet your kids off campus after school. Thank you for your understanding.

## Counselor's Corner

Recently I worked with the fifth grade classes at their leadership retreats. Each fifth grade class had (or will have) a retreat which helped us build a stronger classroom community while exploring our Eagle Expectations, problem solving strategies & the importance of our reputation.

This month I'll be able to take each fourth grade class off campus for a half day retreat to reinforce and celebrate the important skills they've been learning in their weekly Second Steps lessons. We will have some mini-lessons, participate in several games and activities to help practice empathy, compassion, assertiveness, active listening & have a lot of fun.

It's so encouraging to have the opportunity to help these students build in these important skills through experiential learning.

Aaron MacKenzie  
School Counselor



## All District Musical

Don't miss the Wenatchee School District all District Musical, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" Performances will be held November 12 -14 and 19-21. Tickets are available at the PAC box office or at [www.numericapac.showare.com](http://www.numericapac.showare.com). Our valley has many talented students, this is a performance you will not want to miss.

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