



Washington Elementary

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary Families:

Here we are already in the month of November finding ourselves nearly one-third of the way through the school year. During this month of thankfulness we can point to many things on which to be grateful.

Washington Elementary recently hosted its Dedication Ceremony officially opening this wonderful, brand new facility. We recognized many who played significant roles in the realization of this building and provided the public an opportunity to come and see the product of their support.

On the Washington Elementary School home page you will find a link to the video that was shown at the dedication ceremony.

I would like to thank our parents for an outstanding turnout at parent/teacher conferences. This was an excellent opportunity to have quality time with your child's teacher, learn about your child's progress and what you can do at home to support their learning. Please be sure to take advantage of ongoing opportunities to communicate with your child's teacher.

To our tremendous PTSA; thank you for all you do to make our school great. With the recently completed book fair and annual coupon book fundraiser and many other supportive events, our children are able to participate in and experience many wonderful learning opportunities.

Thursday, November 10th is our annual Veteran's Day assembly. Every year we provide one of the best assemblies to honor our Veteran's. We promise to have enough space to comfortably fit all who would like to attend. Please consider coming to our school to watch this incredible display of appreciation – the assembly begins at 1:50.

When daylight savings time becomes a reality this weekend it will serve as a great reminder to talk to your students about safety on the way home. The days are shorter and it will be important for children to be aware of their surroundings and never talk to or take a ride from strangers.

Thanks you to everyone for your support of Washington Elementary School!!!

In partnership,

Keith Collins
Principal



Dates to Remember

- November 2 PTSA Informational Meeting 5:30pm
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- November 3 Picture Retake Day
- November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 10 Veterans Day Program 1:50pm
- November 11 Veterans Day – No School
- November 18 Spirit Day – Mismatch Day
- November 23 Early Dismissal 11:45am
- Nov 24 & 25 No School – Thanksgiving Break
- November 29 WE Care Family Night 6:30pm
- December 2 No School

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 and ask for Mrs. Endaya, our Family Advocate.

PTSA Podium

Our PTSA Coupon Book Fundraiser wraps up Monday, Nov 7.

Thank you to everyone who has sold coupon books and/or collected donations so far. A special thanks to our community businesses featured in the coupon book: Academic Toolbox, Arlberg, Auto-Mocha, Blue Spoon, Bob's Classic, Dilly Deli, Dizzy D's, Dominos, Firehouse Pet Shop, Inspirations, iLa, Kwik Lube, Stage Kids - Elf Jr, Sweetwood BBQ, Lisa Bee's, Lularoe by Patti, Merriment, Mike's Meats, Sourdough Eatery, Tastebuds, Threads, Tumbleweed, Wenatchee Valley Museum, VN Pho, and Wild Huckleberry.

Thanks to our amazing parent volunteers and everyone that stopped by the Scholastic Book Fair during conference week.

Way to go! This fall we collected over 5,660 box tops--earning at least \$560.60 for our students!

How can you become involved in the PTSA? Come find out We will hold an Informational Meeting Wednesday, November 2nd in the Staff Lounge at 5:30 pm. Come learn more about activities we have planned for the year, projects we support, and possible ways to get involved!

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Counselor's Corner

Happy Fall!

Earlier this year I was able to take each of the 5th grade classes off campus for a team-building and leadership retreat. During this time we had had a lot of fun and participated in mini-lessons & activities dealing with:

- whole body listening
- problem solving
- dealing with bullying
- increasing our awareness of how our behaviors cause others to have thoughts about us
- giving and receiving compliments
- looking at our reputation
- setting goals

This week and next I get to do half day retreats with each of the 4th grade classrooms to review and enrich what they learned during Unit One of their Second Step (social emotional) curriculum.

You can learn more about Second Step and the counseling program on my webpage (follow link's from Washington's) or just scan this.



As always, if there are things happening in your child's life that may make it difficult for him/her to do their best as school please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher.

Aaron MacKenzie
Counselor

