



Washington Elementary

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary Families:

Family engagement matters for student success! From years of experience and research we know that family engagement improves school readiness, student achievement, and social skills. Ideally, this happens when both the family and the school are working together. One significant way this happens is through parent-teacher conferences.

During the week of October 17th, Washington teachers and parents will have the opportunity talk to one another about the talents and needs of children. Here are some suggested ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences:

1. Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school: Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores. Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards.
2. Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also focus on how the child can do even better. Come to the conference prepared, look at your child's work to date and bring questions relative to what you see.
3. Just like you, our teachers want your child to succeed. Be prepared by thinking about your child's progress and areas for improvement. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of his or her challenges.

On behalf of the staff at Washington Elementary School, I look forward to the week of conferences where together we can help students achieve at high levels through promoting each person's responsibility in home-school communication.

In partnership,

Keith Collins
Principal

Dates to Remember

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| October 5 th | 5 th Grade Field Trip – Beauty of the Bronze |
| October 5 th | PTSA Meeting 6:00pm |
| October 6 th | Picture Day |
| October 7 th | 2 nd Grade Field Trip – Wenatchee Landforms |
| October 14 th | Early Release 11:45 |
| October 17 th | No Monday Morning Late Start |
| Oct 17 th – 21 st | Parent Teacher Conferences
11:45 Dismissal All Week |
| October 21 st | Dress like a Principal Day |
| October 27 th | Building Dedication |

Conference Week

During the week of October 17th – 21st, school will be dismissed at 11:45 each day for Parent Teacher Conferences. On Monday, October 17th, THERE WILL BE NO LATE START. School will begin that day for all students at 8:15, just like Tuesday-Friday. Conference information will go home with all students in the next week. Interpreters are available if needed.

After School Plans

We understand that sometimes our after school activities and routines change. However, to help minimize disruptions in the classroom, please talk with your student(s) before they come to school about what the plan is for after school.



PTSA Podium

October is a busy month for the PTSA

The 5th is our first general membership meeting of the year. Come and find out what we do and why!! 6:00 pm, Washington Elementary library.

Our big fundraiser for the year is a local merchant coupon book. We will start this mid-month and it runs for a couple of weeks. More details will come home closer to the launch date.

The Scholastic Book fair will be open during conference week. We are looking for folks to volunteer throughout the week.

On Facebook? We have a page and it is a great way to see what great things are happening at the school!! Search “Washington Elementary PTSA”.

Please feel free to contact us at wapsa@gmail.com or sararolfs@nwi.net.

Building Dedication

Save the date: Our New Building Dedication will take place Thursday evening, October 27th. The dedication will be an opportunity for the public to tour the building. Further information will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.

Tardy Students

Our school day begins at 8:15 Tuesday thru Friday and 9:45 on Monday's. It is expected that students are lined up ready to enter the building at **8:10** Tuesday thru Friday and **9:40** on Monday mornings.

Students who arrive at 8:15 or later (T-F) and 9:45 (M) need to check in at the main office, before going to class.

Visiting During the School Day

All exterior doors are locked during our school day. The only exception to that is our main entrance. Please enter through the main entrance when coming to school during the school day.

Once inside the main entrance, you will need to be “let in” through the second door. If no one is at the front desk, you may push the intercom button (instructions are posted near the door).



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