



Washington Elementary September 2016



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary School Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year and a brand new Washington Elementary School. This promises to be a wonderful year of growth and excitement for all who are connected to this beautiful facility.

We are so proud of our new building and we look forward to the shared responsibility of maintaining its beauty. Our staff is committed to providing a quality educational experience for all our students. This will continue to be accomplished by a team effort with parents, teachers and support staff along with eager hard working learners. Together we will continue an educational environment that nurtures each of our children while working to ensure success at high levels. I urge you to become involved in the school and its activities so that together we can demonstrate to your child the importance and significance of a successful school experience. Schools that have proven to be most effective in helping students achieve have strong relationships between home and school.

While we are certainly excited about a new Washington Elementary School, it is not yet fully complete. As we work our way through the school year, there will continue to be construction all around us. It is our challenge to maintain a safe and consistent environment during this time. As other areas become complete, we will discover more great things this facility has to offer our students.

It is my hope that by the month's end I will have sent you information about the parking lot that will include the procedure for drop-off and pick-up. Please stay tuned for that information. In the meantime, please continue to use Washington and Elliott streets as the primary locations for that purpose.

The staff and I are extremely proud of our school, our students and our community. Thank you for providing us with this incredible opportunity and for your commitment to working together for the benefit of children.

In partnership,

Keith Collins,
Principal

Dates To Remember

September 5 th	Labor Day, No School
September 7 th	PTSA Meeting 6:00pm
September 15 th	3 rd Grade Salmon Festival Field Trip



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Reminders to Parents

Attendance - Please call the Washington School office when students are absent (662-5504). To help ensure the safety of all our students, parents need to call any time their child is home ill or not in school. You may leave a message on our voice mail before 7:30 a.m. A call before 8:30 a.m. will save time for both the school and home. We will consider a student unexcused unless we receive a call from you. Salad bar is available for lunch for those students who are late to school, as the hot lunch count goes to Food Services at 8:20 each morning.



PTSA Podium

Your PTSA is a collaborative of Parents, Teachers and Students whose goals include:

- To provide enriching activities for the entire student body of Washington Elementary School.
- To inform parents about and involve them in their child's education.
- To advocate for effective policies

We have some activities lined up for the year: Mystery Science, School Family Nights, Pacific Science Center, Missoula Children's Theatre, Hour of Coding, Family Craft Night, STEAM activities

These & other activities are provided by the PTSA via fundraising activities including Box Tops, Labels for Education and our fall coupon book fundraiser.

First meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 at the school and our General Membership meeting will be in October. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month. Come and find out what we're up to!!

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

Welcome to the new year!

School Volunteers

We love our volunteers at Washington. However, before you begin volunteering in our classrooms you will need to submit a volunteer application through the WSD Website. If you completed the volunteer process last school year, you do not need to do anything this school year.

Please plan ahead as you cannot volunteer until the application has been received by Wenatchee Learns and your clearance has been processed. Questions? Please contact Wenatchee Learns Connect at 663-8161.

Counselors Corner

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year!

I'm so excited to be part of this journey as we move into our new school. It's definitely going to be a season of practicing flexibility as we all have a lot to learn about how our school will work.

Along the journey if your kiddo needs a little more support don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call. I work very closely with homeroom teachers, specialist and the office in order to make sure we are all doing our best to meet the needs of our individual students, especially when there's additional stresses in their lives.

Check out my webpage:



Aaron MacKenzie
Counselor

