



# Washington Elementary

## June 2019

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### From the Principal's Desk

To our Washington Elementary School Families:

It has been another full and productive year at Washington Elementary School. The end of the school year brings with it many opportunities for students to exhibit their growth and learning. Soon, we will watch as students celebrate the end of the year with recognition assemblies, fun field trips and other wonderful activities.

Washington Elementary continues to be a special place because of the parents and students who, along with the staff, make up the Washington Community. The level of support for children in our community is strong and the staff is focused on our mission of being a professional learning community where we ensure high levels of learning for each student.

Thank you parents for ensuring that your children come to school prepared to learn and that they had dedicated time and a quiet place at home for homework. I am continually impressed with how our parents have responded when asked to step up for children, whether it is doing their part to ensure the safety of children or attending performances and PTSA activities; our parents are the backbone of our successes.

I would like to once again thank all of the parents who are involved in this wonderfully supportive group. Your focus on how best to support the students and staff at Washington is commendable. Under the leadership of Jackie Endsley, our PTSA has truly made a difference in the success of our school!

I would like to say farewell to staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Madonna Carlton, Kristi Rolfs, Leandra Porter, Susan Martin, Renee Hudak, Scott Granger and Joy Jewett who served us as leave replacements. We would also like to thank Ruth Campbell for serving as our art teacher the past two years and to Karen MacKenzie who filled in as our resource room teacher this year. Lastly, we say goodbye to Lynda Huson who has been a member of the Washington Elementary staff for 19 years. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to our children.

As you prepare for the summer months, whether you are traveling or just relaxing with friends and family, all of us at Washington wish you a safe and enjoyable time. Please remember that learning does not end with the last day of school – keep your children engaged in learning!

In partnership,

Keith Collins  
Principal



### Dates To Remember

June 5	All School BBQ
June 7	Spirit Day – Hawaiian Day
June 7	PTSA Field Day
June 10	Third Grade Field Trip
June 10	Fourth Grade Field Trip
June 11	Patrol Field Trip
June 12	Fifth Grade Field Trip
June 13	Fifth Grade Assembly 8:30am
June 14	Kindergarten Celebration 8:20am
June 14	Report Cards Sent Home
June 14	Last Day of School 11:45 Dismissal



## PTSA Podium

What a great year we've had. Thank you for your help in supporting the PTSA!

We are excited to announce YOUR PTSA board for next year:

President:	Jackie Endsley
Vice President:	Kathleen Allen
Secretary:	Jill Campbell
Treasurer:	Erika Triplett
Membership:	Kerin Keys
At Large:	Jill Reinfeld
At Large:	Cory Wray
At Large:	Jennifer Perry
At Large:	Maia Parr

Wednesday, June 5th is the BBQ, Silent "Local Attraction" Auction and the BOGO Book Fair! We look forward to seeing you there. If you're able to volunteer, please let us know at [waptsa@gmail.com](mailto:waptsa@gmail.com).

We are also looking for volunteers to help with Field Day on June 7th. This is a VERY fun day for the kids and volunteers - there's even a dunk tank! Please contact us at [waptsa@gmail.com](mailto:waptsa@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in August!

## Lost and Found

Remember to check out our lost and found items. Anything left at year end will be donated to a local charity.



Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school. School will be dismissed at 11:45. Have a Wonderful Summer!

## Office Hours

Our office will be open June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We will reopen for the 2019-2020 school year on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

A new way to find our school supply list. Check out teacherlists.com.

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## Keep on Reading

### **How to Beat the Summer Slide**

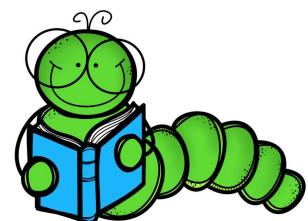
Have you heard of the "summer slide"? Unfortunately, it's not the fun kind of slide you'll find at a water park or playground. This slide is different. It's a slide that no parent wants their child to ride.

### **What Is the Summer Slide?**

The summer slide is a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session.

Numerous studies show that kids who don't read during summer vacation actually slip in reading ability by the time autumn rolls around.

But as parents, we don't need studies to tell us this, do we? It's evident in all sorts of situations. For example, if your child plays the violin but stops practicing for three months, his skills will decline more than the skills of a child who continued to practice and play the violin over the summer, right? So what can we do to avoid this common problem?



### **How to Prevent the Summer Slide**

Here's the secret to preventing the summer slide: Keep learning all summer long.

Consciously strive to provide learning opportunities throughout the summer to keep kids' academic skills sharp.

Have your child read 20 minutes a day.

Explore different kinds of reading material like picture books, chapter books, and magazines. Make use of the local library.

Read aloud with your children daily.

Review skills - Summer Bridge books from Amazon or Scholastic books at Costco are both great engaging resources.

Engage in Meaningful conversations and help build your child's vocabulary.

## 2019-2020 School Year

Our Back to school social is Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Classroom visits will be held from 6:00-6:30 and treats will be served outside from 6:30-7:00.

School resumes on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you at 8:15 that morning!