



Washington Elementary June 2021

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary Families:

After 39 years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal, I will soon be riding into the education sunset. I officially retire from public education on June 30, 2021. It has been an honor and privilege to serve along side you in educating your children at Washington Elementary School for the past 13 years.

Most certainly, I will miss the staff and students who, on a daily basis, have been the core of the success of Washington. My bucket has been filled with the excitement of watching our students grow and learn. The incredible teachers and support staff have set high expectations and provided excellent instruction for your children. However, the greatest aspect of Washington that I will miss most is the culture we have worked to build where we do not give up on our students.

I would like to thank our parents and families who have supported the education of their children. It can never be emphasized enough how important parents are in the partnership with our school. You are your child's first and most important teacher and I thank you for your work and support.

Lastly, I ask that you please welcome Mrs. Janell Royster as the new principal of Washington Elementary School. She will be an amazing leader who is ready to take Washington to greater heights.

In partnership,

Keith Collins

Last Day of School



Friday, June 11th is our last day of school. School will be dismissed at 11:30. Have a Wonderful Summer!

Office Hours

Our office will be open June 14 & 15 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We will reopen for the 2021-2022 school year on August 11th.

Dates To Remember

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| May 31 | No School – Memorial Day |
| June 3 | Mr. Collins' Retirement Celebration |
| June 11 | Report Cards Sent Home |
| June 11 | Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal |
| August 25 | School Begins 21-22 School Year |

Fast Passes & Masks

Please remember to send your student(s) to school each morning with a completed Fast Pass and a Clean Mask.



Counselor's Corner

After being the school counselor at Washington for 14 years I have decided it's time for a change. I've accepted the school counselor position at Lincoln Elementary starting in the fall. While I'm excited about the new opportunity, I'm grieving the loss of my relationships at Washington. I will miss our great staff. I'm sad that I won't be the school counselor for our amazing students and families that I've worked with for all these years. What a change! I know WSD will hire a wonderful school counselor to continue this important role for the school.

I hope you and your family have a fantastic summer! And I'll see you around the community.

PTSA Podium

“A great principal builds character, inspires dreams, encourages creativity, builds confidence, instills a lot of learning, touches our hearts, and changes our lives forever.” – Author Unknown

Keith, you have done this over your 39 year career, and specifically over the last 13 as our principal. We are blessed to call you principal and friend. Thank you for all you have done for the community. **Happy retirement!**

As we wrap up this school year and look to the next, please help us welcome our new principal, Janell Royster, and Assistant Principal, Ryan Weaver, to the Eagle family. We look forward to working with you, getting to know you, and making an impact on the lives of the parents, teachers, and students at Washington Elementary School.

This summer be sure to watch your email and our Facebook page for a meet and greet opportunity with our new administration. Have a safe and sunshine filled summer!

Are you interested in joining PTSA? Want to make a difference in our school? Join us! If you are interested or would like more information, email us at wapsa@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook and feel free to contact us anytime at wapsa@gmail.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.

2021-2022 School Year

Next years teacher assignments will be announced in August. Please watch your email, US mail and or the Washington Website for this information as well as information regarding a back to school social.

School resumes on Wednesday, August 25th. We look forward to seeing you at 7:45am that morning!