



# Washington Elementary

## June 2018

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### From the Principal's Desk

To our Washington Elementary School Families:

As we near the end of another school year, I reflect on the many activities and events that made 2017-2018 an exceptional year for all of us.

Washington Elementary is 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.

Speaking of the PTSA, 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. I could never say enough wonderful things about the role Sara Rolfs has played in the project based learning experiences of our students. Thank you Sara!

I would like to say farewell to staff who are leaving us at the end of this year. Katie Carnline, special education teacher. Stella Day, Melody Rodriguez, Nikole Wyles, Jill Lyon, Kyra Brandt, Jessica Lurz and Maureen Schmaltz who served us as leave replacements. We would also like to thank Wendy Endaya for serving as our Family Advocate for the better part of this year. 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 School BBQ, PTSA Silent Auction and BOGO Book Fair
- June 5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Visits
- June 8 Field Day
- June 11 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- June 13 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- June 14 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Assembly 8:30am
- June 15 Report Cards Sent Home
- June 15 Kinder Celebration 8:20am
- June 15 Last Day of School 11:45 Dismissal

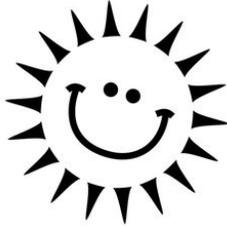


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## Last Day of School

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school. School will be dismissed at 11:45. Have a Wonderful Summer!



## Counselor's Corner

Big changes are just around the corner. Summer break is just days away. Do you have a plan for keeping your children active and engaged socially?

As you are making summer plans for your kids, please remember that extended time on electronics/screens is hurting our kids. Kids are spending more and more time on screens which leads to increased loneliness. They are spending less time interacting with others face-to-face, which is essential to healthy development. They are experiencing more anxiety and depression than previous generations who didn't have access to all the online games, social media, video games, and endless ability to stream videos.

As parents, we need to set limits on our kids' screen time. Keep it under 1 1/2 hours a day. Even more important we need to model putting down the phone and engaging in activities with our kids and others. As we all know, our kids will often do what we do, not what we say.

Help break the cycle of endless screen time by setting limits, putting your own device down and getting up and moving with your child and providing interactive social time.

Enjoy the summer!

You can learn more about this on my webpage under screen time.



## 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: Cory Wray

Membership: Kerin Keys

At Large: Jill Reinfeld

At Large: Heather Flatness

At Large Jennifer Perry

At Large: Debbie Johnson

Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is our final fundraiser push of the year. The BOGO Book Fair and Silent Auction will be held during the school BBQ. Please take a moment to stop by, take a look and support your PTSA!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with Field Day on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us at [wapsa@gmail.com](mailto:wapsa@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out.

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



## 2018-2019 School Year

Our Back to school social is Monday, August 27<sup>th</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 Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all at 8:15 that morning!