



Washington Elementary

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Families:

The team of professionals at Washington Elementary School would like to wish everyone a happy new year and welcome you back from winter break. We hope that all were able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in memorable activities with family and friends.

Our Mission

Our mission to help each student achieve at higher levels continues to be our priority focus at Washington. The staff takes seriously the power we all have to impact the lives of those with whom we work each day.

On Time and Regular Attendance

Upon our return to school, we would like to ask our families to be mindful of re-establishing the necessary routines to ensure your students are here on-time each morning to help each school day to a successful beginning. Students who attend school regularly and on time have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular and on time attendance.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

Beginning in February we will begin a new program called WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students). This is a national organization whose mission is to provide positive male role models for students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce incidents of bullying.

Jennifer Perry has been integral in bringing WATCH D.O.G.S. to Washington Elementary. She has been working to get the word out and we currently have a large number of dads who are going through the approval process to be part of this program.

You will see dads helping with drop off and pick up, in the cafeteria at lunch, at recess and in the classroom.

Together, we will make 2019 another fantastic year of learning and growing for our children!

In partnership,

Keith Collins
Principal

Dates To Remember

- January 9th PTSA Meeting 6:00pm
- January 11th Superhero Day
- January 15th PTSA Film Screening
- January 17th 5th Gr Music Program 6:30pm
- January 21st No School – MLK Jr Day
- January 28th No School – Records Day



PE Attire

Now that winter weather has hit, it's a great time to remember that "SAFE" PE workout shoes should be brought/worn to school for PE days.

Snow boots are not allowed in the gym. Please be sure to remind your student(s) to pack "safe shoes" in their backpack and wear them to PE.

Students with unsafe shoes/boots will not be allowed to participate in PE. In addition, their PE effort grade will be affected for the trimester.

Students should also be sure to wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement in the gym. Snow pants, heavy coats and gloves are NOT allowed in PE.

PTSA Podium

Happy New Year to our Washington Families!
We're looking forward to a great year.

Film Screening & Discussion: SCIENCE FAIR

Join us for the film screening of award-winning SCIENCE FAIR! The winner of the audience award at Sundance and SXSW, National Geographic Documentary Films' Science Fair follows nine high school students from around the globe as they navigate rivalries, setbacks and, of course, hormones, on their journey to compete at The International Science and Engineering Fair. Tickets are available online or at the door.
<https://sciencefairwenatchee.eventbrite.com>

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

We're excited to be launching Watch D.O.G.S. this month. Watch for a flyer and email coming soon about the informational pizza night. In the meantime, if you're a dad who is interested in volunteering, please make sure you are approved to volunteer at the school. You can do that by visiting Wenatchee Learns on the school district website.

Our next meeting is January 9th at 6 PM in the library. Please join us to learn more about the PTSA and how to get involved. Contact us at wapsa@gmail.com or jackie.endsley@gmail.com.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Missoula Children's Theater will be holding auditions for the production of The Pied Piper. Auditions will be open to WA elementary students grades 1-5.

Students wishing to try out will meet after school in the gym Monday, February 4th from 3-5 pm. Chosen cast members will rehearse after school each day to prepare for the two performances on Saturday, February 9th, at 3:00pm and 5:30pm.

Students should be ready to come and have a good time! Everyone must stay the entire two hours of the audition. Approximately 50-60 students will be cast in the show. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast.

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Counselors Corner

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday with your family. We had a blast but were ready for more of a routine after a couple weeks of visiting extended family, late nights, sleeping in, extra activities and screen time, multiple celebrations with lots of extra sugar and calories. We seem to struggle making the transition back to a "school routine". When I started thinking about my family's school routine, here's what I discovered that we need in place to be ready for school (& work).

Dinner Routine: Have groceries ready to go so we can work as a team preparing a meal on time. Enjoy a meal together. Get it all cleaned up and dishes done.

Get Ready for School Evening Routine: Pack a lunch, shower, teeth, homework, shoes, coat, backpack ready to go to help decrease the stress of the busy morning. This has to be done early enough so we can all get to bed on time to get enough sleep so we can wake up in the morning rested.

Get Ready for School Morning Routine: Pack a lunch, clean up the kitchen, shower, teeth, get dressed, shoes, coat, backpack and get out the door to be on time. Who is riding with whom and where and when do you need to be there?

After School Routine: Get home, wash hands, snacks, free-time, homework, chores, sports, activities. Who's where and when will they be home? What's for dinner?

Wow! There are so many things we need in place to help our family of 6 be successful and ready for school! No wonder my family, even after doing this for 13 plus years with school-aged kids, has such a hard time transitioning back to school! It appears that we are quick to forget all these steps and how much time it takes.

How's your transition back to school been? What do your routines look like? Have you talked with your family (partner and kids) about all that your family needs to have in place to be successful?

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