



# Washington Elementary

## March 2021



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### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Washington Elementary School Families:

March 20th is the first day of spring! This is the time of year when we get to watch the Earth come back to life with the greens and vibrant colors blooming all around us. The warmth of the sun fills us with energy and enthusiasm. How magnificent it will be to bring all of this color and energy into our work here at school.

Since having our students return to in-person learning, we are seeing so much progress. Their increase in capacity to accomplish their academic work and improve their decision-making skills in all areas is helping them find success. I am so proud of them. I am proud of the way they are treating one another, the way they are setting and meeting goals, the way they are willing to accept responsibility and the way they are problem solving both academically and socially.

As we wrap up the second trimester, I want to encourage us all to continue on with the energy that spring will bring. We need to continue strong. It will take all of us to help our wonderful students to be able to show how far they have come this year. Together we will carry on and enjoy the beauty that is all around us and especially in our wonderful students.

Education Support Professionals Week is March 8-12. Join us as we show appreciation for our amazing school support staff. This year, we have seen Education Support Professionals go well beyond anything we have seen before. During this pandemic, Educational Support Professionals have been busy passing out meals to our community, sanitizing our school, maintaining proper HVAC systems, supporting distance learning, checking students in to the building, making phone calls to check on students, and so much more. Whether our school has been virtual, in-person,

or a mix of both, Educational Support Professionals are helping to ensure students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn. The 36 Educational Support Professionals at Washington Elementary are crucial partners in our children's education. Please help me celebrate and recognize the wonderful work of these outstanding people.

In partnership,  
Keith Collins  
Principal



### Dates To Remember

- March 1 – 10 PTSA Reading Olympics
- March 11 Conference Day – No School
- March 12 No School

### Spring Forward



Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.

## Spring Conferences

Spring Conferences will be held, Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. There is no school (online or in person) for students. If your child(s) teacher would like to conference with you, he or she will contact you to schedule that appointment.



## PTSA Podium

It's time for our Reading Olympics!

Students are encouraged to read and complete simple reading tasks at home. Each task the student completes they will earn a ring to build their own Olympic Ring and a chance to enter a prize drawing. And don't forget, we are partnering with the specialists for classes with the highest participation. Those classes will receive an IN PERSON lesson from Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kerker and Mrs. Crown.

The event will be held March 1st - 10th, in honor of Read Across America Day. Your student should have received the instructions sent home Friday. If you have not received this information, go to our website at [Waptsa.org](http://Waptsa.org) to find out more information.

Thank you for participating in our PTSA Chrome Music Lab Challenge in February. It was a huge success and our students had a blast. Be on the lookout for our March event coming soon.

Follow us on Facebook and feel free to contact us anytime at [waptsa@gmail.com](mailto:waptsa@gmail.com).



## Counselors Corner

Do you find yourself asking your child "how was school today?" ... and receiving an answer of "fine" or "good". But you want to know more.

Below is a list of more engaging questions to ask your child about his or her school day. More than likely, these will prompt a little more detail than just "fine" or "good"

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. Tell me two things you learned today.
4. If I called your teacher, what would she/he tell me about you?
5. How did you help somebody today?
6. How did somebody help you today?
7. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
8. Who at school do you think you could be nicer to?
9. What was your favorite part of the day? Why?
10. How would or could you make the school a better place?

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