



# Washington Elementary

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### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Washington Families,

Every minute of every day of a Washington Elementary School student's academic life matters ... Many of us know the key to a child's academic success is a high quality teacher and the unwavering support of the family. However, when students are late to school or miss a day entirely, they lose the opportunity to learn.

It is with this understanding that I would like to ask for assistance from our families to ensure that each of our students are here, on time, everyday they are not sick or out for legal reasons. Currently, one of my biggest concerns is the number of students who arrive late to school. In particular, Monday mornings have shown to be the most difficult for our families. **Over the first 14 Mondays of the 2016-2017 school year, we are averaging 41 tardies.** Not only does late arriving students disrupt the classroom, it makes it difficult for late arriving students to get into the flow of the instructional day.

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. This relationship between attendance and achievement appears early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math and general knowledge.

Poor attendance also has serious implications for later outcomes as well. High school dropouts have been found to exhibit a history of high levels of absenteeism throughout their schooling at higher rates than high school graduates.

I implore our families to help their child be their absolute best now and in the future by making sure they are here and on time each day.

In partnership,

Keith Collins,  
Principal

### **Dates To Remember**

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| January 4 <sup>th</sup>  | PTSA Meeting 6:00pm                           |
| January 16 <sup>th</sup> | No School – MLK Day                           |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program<br>6:30pm |
| January 27 <sup>th</sup> | Early Release 11:45am                         |
| January 27 <sup>th</sup> | PTSA Sports Day                               |



### **Before & After School Supervision**

The school day begins at 8:15 (9:45 on Monday's) and ends at 2:45. Supervision is provided 15 minutes before and after school.

For the safety of your student, please ensure that they do not arrive to school **before 8:00** (9:30 on Monday's) and are picked up by 3:00.

## PTSA Podium

Happy New Year!

We are so proud of our community. The coin drive earned \$467.00 for four local projects via the #GiveNCW Campaign. We also donated boxes upon boxes of food to Packing Friendship. Thank you for your generous spirit.

Congrats to our Hour of Code Challenge winners: Ben Madsen, Chani Vega, Liam Schmidt, Hannah Acosta, Owen Harle and Ethan Kamphaus

Braiden Conatzer created a 3-D design to be printed on the 3-D Printer!! Way to go.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>!!! Join us to celebrate the teaching profession as we host the film TEACH. Showing at the Numerica Performing Arts Center at 6:30pm. All proceeds go toward continuing education for our teachers. **HUGE** shout out to our sponsors: Johnson Electric, Confluence Health, Tutor Doctor, Clennon Orchards, Merriment, City of Wenatchee Diversity Council, Pacific Engineering and Design, Davis Furniture, North40, Endsley & Co, Pybus Market, Wenatchee Education Association, and Wenatchee Learns.

Stay tuned for our next Parent Recess and Family Craft Night to be announced soon!

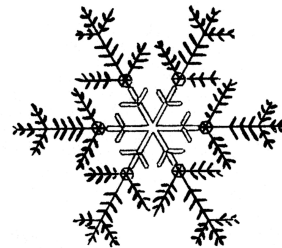


## Dress Warm

We go outside for recess twice a day unless the weather is below 20 degrees. It is important that your child wear a coat to school and gloves, hat, and boots if necessary. The expectation is that students will wear their coats to recess.

## Missoula Children's Theatre

**Missoula Children's Theatre** is returning to Washington Elementary in February! Interested first through fifth graders will **audition** after school on Tuesday, February 21st. The chosen cast members will rehearse every day that week after school in preparation for two Saturday performances of "The Tortoise Versus the Hare". Permission forms will be sent home in Early February.



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