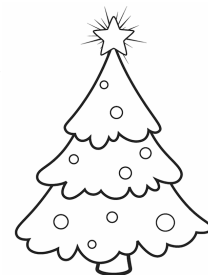


# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

December 2016



## **From The Principal's Desk**

I sincerely hope this article finds you and your family well. The new Washington Elementary is beginning to feel more like home and we are off to another fantastic year of learning. All of us at Washington are extremely grateful for each of you who make certain that students are coming to school on time ready to learn.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be sending report cards home with your child. It is our hope this proves to be meaningful communication about your child's progress. The report card should provide a clear picture about the specific knowledge, skills and dispositions your child is expected to acquire in each subject area and where your child is in relationship to Common Core State Standards.

As a school community, we are very much aware of the complexities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century family. Due to a variety of reasons, time is often at a premium, which does not allow as much communication with the school as you would like and therefore you trust the school to keep your child safe and ensure that they are learning. I can assure you that student safety and learning is at the forefront of my responsibility.

The question before us is: How can we increase the regular, meaningful two-way communication between home and school? When this exists you become more aware of your child's progress, have a stronger belief in your ability to influence your child's learning and become more involved in that learning.

There are four critical questions that parents should be asking our school:

1. What is it that you want my child to learn?
2. How do you know if my child is learning what you want them to learn?
3. How are you responding if my child is not learning?
4. How are you responding if my child already has the knowledge and skills?

When you receive your child's report card, I hope you look deeply into its contents and be sure to ask your child's teacher any question you may have. You can call to set an appointment or email questions. Washington Elementary School is working to ensure that we have the answers you need to work in partnership with us to help each student to achieve at high levels.

Please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions or concerns.

In Partnership,

Keith Collins  
Principal

## **Dates to Remember**

Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No School – Teacher Training Day
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Canned Food Drive Begins
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hour of Code (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 6:00pm
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Meeting 6:00pm
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Choir & Orchestra Concert 6:30pm
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pajama Day
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Break – No School thru Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Resumes



## Nurse's News

### PTSA Podium

\$10,402.89!!!! That's how much we raised with our coupon book sales. All of your hard work will go towards helping fund all of the amazing programming we enjoy at Washington! THANK YOU!

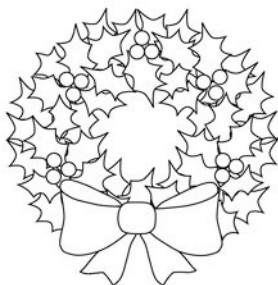
A special shout out to our top classrooms: Mrs. Anguiano, Mrs. Clayson, Ms. Christensen, Mrs. Oltman and Mrs. Huson!

We had a Fantastic Family Fun Night with WE CARE. Thank you to all who participated in this great event.

On December 5th we will kick off our canned food and coin drive.

All non-perishable food items will be donated to *Packing Friendship*: an outreach program that provides weekend food for at-risk students.

Coin drive donations will go to four #GiveNCW projects sponsored by the Community Foundation of NCW. 'Piggy Banks', created by the 5th grade classrooms, will be located near the entrance to the school library.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Hour of Code event will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. You can create your own video game! REALLY!!!

December 13<sup>th</sup> is our first Parent Recess: 4:30 - 6:30 at Tastebuds. Come meet and mingle with other WA parents. Make a new friend by saying "HI" to someone you always see at pickup everyday!

It's been a fantastic kick-off to our school year. We Love the Washington Community!!

### When to Keep Your Child Home

In order to control communicable disease in school, it is important to keep your child home for the following reasons:

- Fever of 100.0 or higher.
- Sore throat, swollen glands, or rash.
- Vomiting
- If your child has a moist, productive cough, chest congestion, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

In general, children should stay home when they don't feel well enough to participate in the normal activities in a school day. Please make sure that your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date in the office. We need to be able to contact you should the need arise.

### 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.



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