



# Washington Elementary

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

Dear Washington Families:

It is difficult to believe that we are halfway through the school year. If you are like me, you can't wait for the warmer days of spring when the sun is out, when we can open our windows to bring in the outside air and participate in all the wonderful outdoor activities we have available in our area.

I hope you were able to come to the PAC on January 25<sup>th</sup> to watch the documentary, TEACH, that was hosted by our incredible PTSA. I found it to be very accurate in the way it followed the life of teachers in the classroom.

Washington Elementary, like all elementary schools, has a significant number of students who come to us each day with challenges. Our mission as educators is to help each student achieve at high levels. What we learned from the documentary parallels our daily experiences.

I have shared before the importance of a quality teacher in the life of a child and what the documentary showed was that even the most energetic and charismatic teachers need specific skills to help each student achieve. Teachers at Washington Elementary work collaboratively to specifically target student academic deficiencies. We spend time looking at data that helps paint a picture of each student and provide the direction for intervention and extension. It is, in large part, why Washington Elementary achieved the Washington Achievement Award, the state's highest honor, 3 consecutive years. It is the quest for high levels of achievement for each student that drives our work every day.

I am proud to brag about our teachers and support staff that are making a difference in the lives of children. It is not an easy profession but what we

learned from the documentary is that if focused on the right things, anything is possible. Student achievement is both a challenge and our greatest reward.

Thank you to the Washington Elementary PTSA for bringing TEACH to Wenatchee. It was both affirming and inspiring.

In partnership,

Keith Collins  
Principal



### **Dates To Remember**

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTSA Meeting 6:00pm
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTSA Craft Night 5:30pm
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	No School – President's Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	MCT Auditions – After School 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day – Western Wear
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	MCT Performances
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Conferences – 11:45 Dismissal

## PTSA Podium

Family Craft night is this Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Just in time for Valentine's Day – come get crafty with the whole family! This is a FREE event! From 5:30pm – 7:30pm in the cafeteria/multi purpose room. Huge shout out to Michelle Valentine and Lisa Adan for putting this together!

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Recess!!! Come join other Washington Parents on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at the WVBC at Pybus Market. Come hang out and get to know other parents while supporting one of our Coupon book Merchants.

Keep Collecting those Boxtops! We'll have another drive in March!

## Missoula Children's Theatre

Missoula Children's Theatre is returning to Washington Elementary! Interested 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders may 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 soon.

Washington Elementary students selected for the cast of Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Tortoise Versus the Hare" will present two shows of this fun musical on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 5:30pm. Entry fee is by donation.

## Lost and Found

With winter upon us, our lost and found becomes quite full. If your kiddos are missing coats, hats, gloves, etc. please check our lost and found, located near the multi-purpose room/cafeteria. Lost items are donated on a monthly basis to local charities.

## Keep the Office in the Loop

- If your student has a pre-arranged absence or is out sick, please remember to notify the office.
- Have you recently moved? Don't forget to let the office know of your new address.
- Do you have a new phone number? Kindly let us know. It is imperative that we have working phone numbers to contact our parents.
- Do you have plans to move over the summer? Will your student not be attending Washington next year? We need to know that info as well. It helps us in planning for next school year.



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