



The Washington Way

December/January 2018-19

Holiday Happenings!

December 10: Winterfest Concert @ MHS 7pm
~ 4th & 5th Grades perform from all Unit 2 Schools

December 18: Washington Elementary Christmas Play @ Washington Gym 7pm
~ 4th & 5th Grades perform

December 19: Winter Class Parties (AM)

Don't forget!



WINTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL!

December 20 - January 1

Santa Shop

We are excited to host our annual *Santa Shop* here at Washington! This gives each student the opportunity to shop for friends and family on their Christmas list at kid-friendly prices! The children love being able to shop, pay and wrap the gifts for the special people in their lives. The shop is located in the STEM lab (Washington Gym lobby). Your child can bring an envelope with their budgeted amount for each person on their list and one of our volunteers will assist them in shopping. You may send cash or checks. (Make checks payable to Washington PTO.)

-When: Dec 3-6 (refer to your child's class newsletter for their designated day to shop with their class.)

-Prices: items range from \$.25 - \$15

There's something for all budgets!

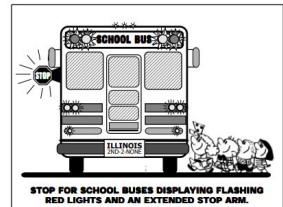
If you would like to volunteer at the Santa Shop, visit the *Washington PTO* Facebook page to find the link to sign-up!!

A note from Mr. Colboth:

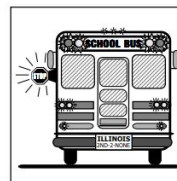
A HUGE 'thank you' to all the students, parents, and staff here at Washington Elementary for another successful Cake Bingo!! We raised over \$4000! What an awesome evening it was! Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and parent organization. The money raised will benefit Washington Elementary in many ways!

School Bus Safety

LEARN AND FOLLOW THE SCHOOL BUS LAWS!



IT'S THE LAW!



OBEY ALL SCHOOL BUS WARNING SYSTEMS!

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

Thank you for keeping our children safe!!

PBIS NEWS!

December Character Word: CARING
Being kind, considerate, courteous, helpful, and understanding of others; showing care, compassion, friendship, and generosity; and treating others as you would want to be treated.

January Character Word: FAIRNESS
Having the inner strength to be truthful, demonstrate integrity, show good judgment and honest in all things; acting justly and honorably.

PTO NEWS

Washington PTO is always looking for volunteers for various events/fundraisers. "Like" our Facebook page, *Washington School PTO*, to stay up-to-date on the latest sign-ups and events.

Upcoming events/fundraisers:

- Santa Shoppe (Dec 3-6)
- Reading for Education Postcard Fundraiser (Jan 7-11)

Cold Weather Reminder:

As we approach colder weather, it is very important to make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day. Please send them with a coat warm enough for the colder temps!



DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Reminder: Please use the designated drop-off areas when dropping off your student in the morning. Please do not drop your child off in the Staff Parking area or on Main Street. Student safety is our main concern. Thank you!

Dismissal Times:

- 2:45pm—Kindergarten ONLY
- 2:55pm—Early Bus Riders
- 2:57pm—Walkers/Bike Riders
- 3:00pm—All other students
- 3:05pm—Late Bus Riders



Friend Watch—Anti-Bullying Information System

Friend Watch is an online messaging system that allows students/parents/guardians to send anonymous messages to school administrators and counselors and inform them of possible bullying incidents involving students both in and out of the school setting. Look for this owl graphic on the Washington Elementary School webpage and click on the owl to open the message form. Any information provided will be sent directly to Mr. Colboth and Mrs. Patton (our school social worker). This form does not allow two-way communication (the school cannot send a reply back to you).

PBIS 2nd Quarter Celebration

To celebrate good behavior this quarter, Washington Elementary students will be journeying to the Marion Cultural & Civic Center (on the town square) to watch a movie!

Monday, December 17
Watch your child's newsletter for time.

- ★ Please remind students to wear appropriate shoes for walking. (weather permitting)
- ★ Watch for a permission slip in your child's folder.
- ★ Cost is \$3.
- ★ Students with no more than 2 (homework or conduct) office referrals are invited to attend.

Sign up for the Washington School Principal Message from Mr. Colboth

Get information and updates for Washington Elementary School right on your phone. Choose how you would like to receive messages:

If you would like to receive text notifications:

Text the message **@5e16b** to the number 81010

If you are having trouble with 81010, try texting **@5e16b** to (618)690-4041

If you would like to receive push notifications on your Smartphone:

-On your iPhone or Android phone, open your browser and go to the following link: **rmd.at/5e16b**

-Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app.



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