




The Washington Way


OCTOBER 2018

Spirit Week/Homecoming Parade

The week of October 8 is Spirit Week and Friday is the MHS Homecoming parade/game day! This is always a fun-filled week for the kids! Below you will see the daily theme for spirit week. Friday is a full day of school and the students will watch the Homecoming parade with their class as it passes in front of Washington Elementary.

Monday: No School/Columbus Day
Tuesday: Pajama Day
Wednesday: Twin Day/Jersey Day
Thursday: Future Career Day/Mismatch Day
Friday: Blue & Gold Day



A note from Mr. Colboth:
 What a night! The inaugural Washington Elementary STEM Night held on September 6 was an overwhelming success! We kicked off the evening with Jason Lindsay from *Hooked on Science*, before moving to 16 unique STEM stations throughout our building. Thank you, parents and friends for your attendance. It was a great night of fun and fellowship with our families and a great night to learn, create, and explore. We look forward to expanding STEM Night even further next year.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be conducted on Thursday, October 18 (4-7pm) and Tuesday, October 23 (4-7pm). Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. You will receive a letter from your child's teacher confirming your appointment. Your child's teacher will share valuable information and answer any questions you may have during these conferences.


Box Tops Collection week

October 9-18 we will begin collecting Box Tops. The class collecting the most Box Tops will receive a Sweet Treat Party!!!

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. Student safety is our main concern. Thank you!

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



PBIS NEWS!

October Character Word:

Citizenship: Not only recognizing and obeying rules and laws but making a positive impact and contribution to a person's community/society.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

PARENT VOICE

You may remember completing a School Readiness Survey at our Meet and Greet event held in August. This survey was a great parent/school partnership opportunity that allowed parents a voice as well as giving staff a better understanding of your child.

While most of the information was specific to your child and their learning, the survey did include a couple of questions regarding how we can better serve our families. In particular, we asked families to respond to a question indicating interest in attending a parenting event. Sessions and topics might include academic issues, behavioral concerns, financial preparation for college, etc. After reviewing the results, we were pleased to see that we have a very strong interest from our Washington School families and want you to know that we will be putting together Washington School's own *Parent University*.

We would like to hear what topics most interest you and plan to gather your input at parent/teacher conferences October 18 and October 23. We appreciate your partnership...we are stronger together!



School Store



SCHOOL STORE WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY MORNINGS (7:30-8:00) AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS (2:55-3:10) STARTING ON OCTOBER 2ND. IT IS LOCATED IN B HALL BREEZEWAY. THE SCHOOL STORE HELPS SUPPORT THE PTO AND THE 5TH GRADERS HELP RUN IT. YOU CAN GET NOTEBOOKS, CRAYONS, PENS, PENCILS AND SOME FUN SILLY THINGS (DONUT ERASERS, FOOTBALL ERASERS, BUTTERFLY PENS, EMOJI LOCKER BUDDIES TO NAME A FEW). PRICES RANGE FROM \$0.10 TO \$2.00 PER ITEM.

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.



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).



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