



# The Washington Way

February 2020

*And the award goes to....*



The students have been working so hard to earn their class the Golden Spatula Award for good behavior in the cafeteria during lunches.

*Final winners for January will be announced at the Goal Getters assembly on Friday, February 7!*



**February 18 - February 21**

**Washington Elementary will participate in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge Week!** The Kids Heart Challenge is a fun and exciting event where your student learns about their heart while helping others by raising money for the American Heart Association. It prepares your child for success through physical and emotional well-being.

Each day will focus on different traits that the Heart Hero's represent. We will have themed days that students can participate in. Stay tuned for more information!

**WONDER PARK**  
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
Join us on **Thursday, February 27** at **6pm** for a **FREE Family Movie Night!** The movie, *Wonder Park*, will be shown in **Washington Gym**. All ages welcome! Concession will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit **Washington Elementary PTO!** Hope to see you there!

## IAR TESTING

As the end of the school year approaches, grades 3, 4, & 5 will begin the state mandated Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing. (Formally known as PARCC)  
Important dates below:

**March 30 - Washington IAR Kick-off Assembly**  
**March 31 - April 6 Testing Days**

Students will be tested in the subjects of Mathematics & English Language Arts.

It is important to encourage your student to do their very best on the tests. Our school has done well in years past and would love to continue this pattern.

*How can you help prepare your student?*

- Set an early bedtime to obtain a good night's rest.
- Provide a balanced breakfast the morning of testing.
- Encourage your child to do their best on the testing, but not to worry too much.
- Remind your student to ask their teacher questions if they do not understand the testing directions.

You are such an important part of this process and we thank you for your support!



## Important Reminders:

~~It is very important to make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

~~Please send them with a coat warm enough for the colder temps and **labeled with their name on the inside!**

~~Flu season is upon us, please remember to keep your students home when they are sick to prevent the spread of germs. Students must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

~~If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to call the office before 10am to report their absence.

~~If your child has an appointment and will be picked up early, please notify your child's teacher and the office.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## PBIS NEWS!

February Character Word: HONESTY  
Being fair and truthful. A refusal to lie, steal or deceive in any way.



**Box Tops Collection Week**  
**February 3-18 we will be collecting Box Tops. The class collecting the most Box Tops will receive a 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** 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



## Camp Read-A-Lot

Family Reading Night

Monday, March 2—5:30-7:30pm

Opening show starts promptly at 5:30pm.

Come join us for a GREAT night of reading activities & fun!

FREE BOOKS

FREE SNACKS

WEAR YOUR BEST CAMPING ATTIRE!

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GUEST READERS

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## 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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