

School News

Washington Elementary School



A Message from Mrs. Oliver

It is hard to believe that this is the last month of the 2020-2021 school year! Sending out the last newsletter of the year always makes me feel, "Where has the year gone!" Even with COVID-19, distance learning, wearing masks, and staying 6 feet apart, it has been extremely rewarding and enjoyable watching how much the children have learned throughout the year.

As summer approaches, one of the most important things you can do for your child over the summer is READ to them and encourage them to read to you! Children lose valuable reading skills over the summer months. Researchers call this the "summer slide." It is very common for children to lose 2 to 3 reading levels over the summer leading to trying to "catch up" in the fall. Reading with your child will help them to maintain what they learned during the year. To develop math skills, playing cards and board games are very helpful.

School Readiness & Kindergarten

Virtual Music Programs

Links to the videos will be emailed to parents in May. Please update the office if your email has changed.



Free Grab & Go Summer Meals
Every Monday—Thursday
June 7—July 29
11:00 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
Highland Elementary School

Upcoming Dates

CYC Event at Castle Park, 6–7 p.m.	May 11
2W Asynchronous Learning Day	May 12
WES Play Day	May 14
Last Week of ECFE	May 17
WES PTO/ECFE Advisory Board Zoom Meeting	May 19
Last Day of School Readiness	May 21
Respect Counts Celebration to Wildwood Park	May 28
Last Day of School	May 28

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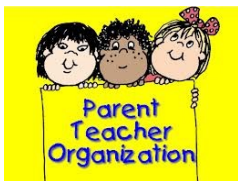
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WES PTO—Meeting Date Change



The final PTO Meeting will be Wednesday, May 19th, from 5—6 p.m. via Zoom. Please request a link to the meeting from

Mrs. Oliver at deniceoliver@isd593.org

Reports will be shared by ECFE, School Readiness, Kindergarten, and Mrs. Oliver. The agenda will also include a review of the PTO's work during the 2020-2021 School year.

WES Play Day

Play Day is scheduled for Friday, May 14th. The students will participate in fun activities, such as relays, races, and other outdoor activities. Each student will receive a participation ribbon. Play Day is always a fun day for everyone. Hope for warm weather!

Summer Care at Washington School

June 14–August 20
7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Full Day and Half Day Available.

Summer Care is for students who were five year old by September 1, 2020, through the completion of 4th Grade in May of 2021.

Information has been sent home with students. Contact Lori at Washington School at 281-5078 for more information.



Our school benefits greatly from the dedication of our PTO members. Lorri Capistran, Tina Mason, Kari Moe and Janessa Quanrud have contributed to the WES PTO Fundraising efforts and organizing events throughout the year:

- ◆ Read-a-thon
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ Label Collection
- ◆ Pop Tab Collection
- ◆ Box Top Collection
- ◆ Pirate Pride T-shirts
- ◆ Winter Fun Day
- ◆ Classroom Valentine's Day
- ◆ I Love to Read Month
- ◆ Special Student Classroom Activities
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you to each parent for contributing to the PTO by attending meetings, assisting with projects, and financially supporting events. Your partnership makes a difference in our students' education!

Countdown to Kindergarten



Washington School is already preparing for next year's Kindergarten, the Class of 2034! Kindergarten Round Up will be a virtual event this year. Parents will be emailed links to Kindergarten Round Up information and videos.

If you have a child or know of a child who will be five years old by September 1st and have not received information about Kindergarten at Washington School, please call 281-2762.

Spring Testing

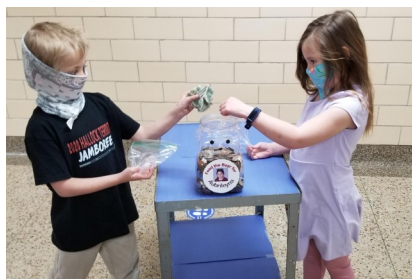
Teachers will start spring FastBridge and Benchmark testing in May. These assessments will help teachers to see the growth in their students during the year. It will also tell teachers areas needing improvement. Please note when your child will be testing. Provide your child with plenty of rest and a nutritional breakfast to help your child put forth his or her best effort.

Teacher	Reading	Math
Tanguist	May 19	May 25
Erickson	May 19	May 25
Hanson	May 20	May 26
Parenteau	May 20	May 26

Feed the Bear for Aubrileyna

Aubrileyna is a kindergarten student at Washington School. She has been diagnosed with HLH (Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis) Disease. HLH is a severe systemic inflammatory syndrome. This syndrome can sometimes occur in normal people with medical problems that can cause a strong activation of the immune system, such as infection nor cancer. Aubrileyna is currently receiving chemotherapy and needs a stem cell transplant.

To help Aubrileyna and her family, our students brought donations of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to "Feed the Bear" for Aubrileyna. A total of \$1,200 was collected. All donations will go to help Aubrileyna's family with expenses during this challenging time. To read more about Aubrileyna's journey visit her Go Fund Me account at:



More from Raising Socially Competent Kids

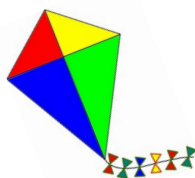
Dr. Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane discuss more on the topic of real relationship skills for a screen-driven world in their book, Raising Socially Competent Kids. The book describes how technology, though it connects people across the world, can actually separate people living in the same house, which results in showing less affection towards each other. Keep specific times of the day as "no-screen zones."

Talk to each other in the car, during meals, and before bedtime.

Children draw from their supply of affection during difficult times. As a parent, choose to fill your child's life with affection by listening and responding to your child, doing household tasks together, reading with your child, and hugging your child. Children learn by example. Show your child that real face to face time is best!

THANK YOU!

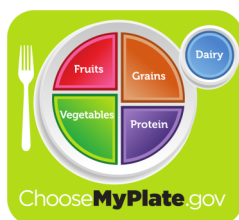
The Crookston Kiwanis, along with the Crookston community, put forth a tremendous effort in collecting self care items for our young students. The amount collected was amazing! As the collection tag line stated, "We all pull together to make Crookston strong!" We are grateful for a supportive community.



<https://gofund.me/94f8cfe2>



Make Mealtime a Family Time



Family schedules may change with the summer days but families need not lose

out on quality time together. Intentionally plan time for your family to eat together. Include your children in the planning by discussing what food to make and assigning tasks to help prepare the food and set the table.

Take advantage of the outdoors and plan a picnic, even if it is in your own backyard. Keep electronics away from your meal time as you focus on your children and conversation with them. Work together to clean up after the meal and enjoy an evening activity together. Show your children that time together is important. More ideas can be found at: www.choosemyplate.gov

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Remember when you are riding in a car, to wear your seatbelt. Here is a poem to help you remember to wear your seatbelt:

*I like my seatbelt nice and snug,
Around my hips like a big bear hug.
I make it click so the driver will know,
I'm buckled up and ready to go!*

When riding a bike, always wear a helmet and use the same rules as a car. Stop at stop signs and look both ways before crossing the street. Watch the traffic lights for the red, yellow, or green light. Here is a poem to help you remember what to do when you come to a stoplight:

Red on Top

Green Below

Red means "STOP"

Green means "GO"!

Yellow means "WAIT"!

Even if you are late!

When you go anywhere this summer, never go by yourself...please take a friend. Always check with your parents first, to make sure it is ok to go somewhere.

"Take a friend" if you are going to play at the park.

"Take a friend" if you need to leave an area to go to the bathroom.

"Take a friend" if you are looking for something at the store."

And remember to never go anywhere with a stranger. We want you to be safe... always taking someone with you will keep you safe!

More Ways to Show Kids You Care

1. Keep the promises you make.
2. Wave and smile when you part.
3. Point out what you like about them.
4. Catch them doing something right.
5. Ask for their opinion.
6. Be curious with them.
7. Introduce them to friends and family.
8. Let them solve most of their own problems
9. Let them talk about how they feel.
10. Be consistent.

It doesn't take money to make a memory.



**4th Quarter report
cards will be mailed
to parents after
June 1st.**



Character Words

- Respect
- Kindness
- Caring

Washington School students focus on a character word each week. The words listed above were featured in May. Ask your child what each of these words mean. Help your child understand by demonstrating these words in your home.