



Washington Elementary

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From the Principal, Ms. McLarty

A message that I share to students and staff every year at this time is to "Finish Strong." I explained to staff at our last staff meeting what exactly that means and what that looks like:

- Lessons and Instruction remain rigorous and relevant to our students
- Practice classroom expectations everyday
- Continue to foster positive relationships with our students.

Now, more than ever, is the time to keep the strong instruction in place. We want students and parents to have same excitement on the last day for Washington as they did on the first day of school.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! May 4-8

This is a great time to thank your child's teacher for his/her hard work this school year!

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PTO News

Upcoming PTO Events for May:

May 5-8: Teacher Appreciation Week. If you haven't heard from your Homeroom Parent about the events of the week, please contact Nicole Gunther.

May 9, noon-5pm: Tour of Homes. This is our biggest annual fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased at the school, French Metro, Bank of Fayetteville on the Square & the Gift House. We still need volunteers. For more info, please contact Cara Davis.

May 11, 6:30pm: Last **PTO Meeting** of the Year & Student Musical Performance

May 28, 6:30pm: Soc Hop & Ice Cream Social

June 2 all day: Field Day. Great fun for the kids! We will need volunteers throughout the day. If interested in helping, please contact Janine Perry.

May

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Tour of Homes

May 11

K and 1grades sing 6:30

May 22 Wildcat Assembly 1:45

May 25 Memorial Day

May 28 Soc Hop and Ice Cream Social 6:30-8

June 2 Field Day

June 3 Last Day of School

Washington PTO and Staff Thank Outstanding Volunteers

The PTO wishes we could nominate ALL of our wonderful volunteers for the Volunteer Banquet, so we want everyone to know how much we appreciate each and every one of you giving your time to volunteer in the classrooms, the library and at all of our events. We really appreciate your hard work!



A Little Library Fundraiser for Washington School

Parents and students to enjoy live music from The Coverlets (**Leo Mazow**, Washington parent and Britany Stephenson) and eat good food provided by **Randy and Melissa Werner**. The Coverlets performed on our Starr Family Outdoor Stage and students danced and played around the playground.

Donations were collected in efforts to raise money to help build A Little Library which will be built on campus. Thanks to **Sarah Leuke**, Washington parent and connected with the Ozark Literacy Project, who brought this great idea to our school. Also a special thanks to the Lechtenberger Family who volunteered too. This is just another way our Washington family connects outside into our community family. If you would like to donate to the cause, contact Ms. Lechtenberger at the school.



Deadlines for the End of the Year

Parents– Please take note of these deadlines for our school. Thank you for your help in making the end of school a smooth one.

Library Books Due

All Library books and materials checked out by students are due no later than Tuesday, May 19. The Library will be open until the end of the school year, but we have to collect materials earlier to give the student time to round up missing items and to pay for lost items.

Student Meal Accounts

Please pay all remaining balances by Tuesday, June 2.

THE ORCHESTRA SINGS - Our District again is participating where on Friday, May 15, all fourth graders will travel by bus to the Performing Arts Center of the Fayetteville High School to sing and play recorders with the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra at 11:00 AM. Fifth graders will do the same at 1:00 PM the same day. Students will fill all the seats in the auditorium and there will be no audience.



Library News

Thank you to all who helped out at the book fair in April! The Scholastic Book Fair was a success! May holds several events for the library:

The winners of the Battle of the Books (BOB) competition from 3rd and 4th grade will be attending the District BOB tournament at the Fayetteville Public Library on May 12th from 11:30-2:30. Parents are welcome to join!

May 19th will be the last day for checkouts. Students will need to have their books returned before the last day of school. Students with missing or lost books will need to pay for their book before their report card can be given.

We will have our 3rd Annual Minute to Win It Day on Tuesday, May 26th! I will send out a sign-up form if you are interested in volunteering for an hour or more! We need several volunteers each hour because we have many games that need an adult to supervise. I will also need several items donated, such as: bubbles, balloons, straws, cotton balls, marbles, tarps, M&M's, plastic cups in red and blue, popsicle sticks, dice and other small items. If you would like to donate time or any items, please contact me 445-1073 or email me at Danielle.hardwicke@fayar.net

Thanks for making this year such a fabulous one!

Danielle Hardwicke

Are your child's immunizations current?

Arkansas State law requires that all students have an up-to-date immunization record or yearly immunization exemption letter provided to the school within 30 days of the first day of the school year. Please plan on bringing a copy of your child's current immunization record to the school prior September 17, 2015 if your child requires immunizations, receives immunizations over the summer, or is new to the school. A chart providing a list of required vaccines can be found at the following website:

<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/aboutadh/rulesregs/immunizationrequirements.pdf>

Below is a list of the most recent updates in requirements:

ALL STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES MUST HAVE A SECOND VARICELLA OR A NOTE FROM THEIR DOCTOR STATING HE OR SHE HAS A HISTORY OF CHICKENPOX.

In addition:

Grades K or 1:

Hep. A (have at least one to enter either K or grade 1)

No students in grades above grade 1 are required to receive Hep. A

Age 11:

Tdap

Grade 7:

Meningococcal (MCV4)

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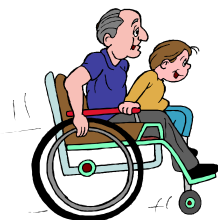
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Our School Earns Cash

Twice a year, General Mills will send our school a check worth 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed.

A Healthy Habit

How would you like to form a healthy habit? This habit could help improve your mood, combat chronic disease, manage weight, strengthen your heart and lungs, promote better sleep, and be fun, too! It could also give you more energy, perhaps help you live longer, and boost your confidence and self-esteem. Would you like for your whole family to develop this amazing habit? It is within the realm of possibility, because this "too good to be true" habit is EXERCISE!! Make exercise a family affair and start gaining the benefits of physical activity today!! Have fun!!



(This message addresses Physical Education and Other Physical Activity Programs, one of the eight components of the Coordinated School Health Initiative, which is a collaborated effort of your school district, Kids for Health®, and the Arkansas Departments of Health and Education.)
