

What's Up at Washington

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Welcome Washington Rockstars!

Whether you are a returning Washington family or new to our school, we are so glad you're here! The PTA Board has been hard at work getting ready for a rockin' year! You can tour our website to get information on volunteer opportunities, events at school, and everything you need to know about this year's gig! Please don't hesitate to contact me with comments, questions, or concerns! Here's to an awesome year!

Rock On!

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Leadership Change

Due to health issues, Libby Hatter resigned her position as PTA President for 2009-2010. DeShanna Wolking, President-elect for 2009-2010, has stepped up to fill the position. **THANK YOU LIBBY** for your tireless work and dedication last year, and for everything you've done to prepare us for this coming year!

Rockstar Apparel Deadline

LOOK for order forms in this Thursday folder for our Washington Rockstar Apparel! **Deadline for orders is Friday, September 4.** This is the only order form we will send out, and the last chance to order! Extra order forms are available in the office. Also on display in the office are sample items, colors and sizes. The expected delivery date to you is the end of September. Please contact **Carrie Kopp** at **292-0890**, or queenkopp@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Calendar

Thursday, September 3rd
Curriculum Night
Primary (Pre-K-2nd) 6:00-6:30
Intermediate (3rd-5th) 6:45-7:15

Monday, September 7th
Labor Day--No School

Thursday, September 10th
PTA General Meeting 6:00pm

Friday, September 11th
Washington Family Day

Monday, September 14th
PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm

To the Parents and Students of Washington Elementary,

The teachers, staff, and I want to welcome you to the beginning of a very exciting year at Washington. This year you will hear our slogan "**Eagles ROCK**" used to encourage behaviors that are **Responsible, Organized, Cooperative, and Kind**. We have been very busy preparing for this to be an exceptional school year for our students. PTA has been a wonderful help in getting the school year started. **I encourage each parent to become a PTA member and to become involved at Washington.**

Our population is growing, and along with that we welcome the following new staff members: **Deanna Prehara**, 3rd Grade; **April Keene**, Resource Teacher; **Sue Hills**, ELL Teacher; **Shaunice Luke-Daniels**, TA; and **Julie Perry**, TA.

CRT scores for 3rd through 5th grades are in and will be available during **Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 3**. Please plan on attending a brief meeting with your child's teacher to hear about plans for the upcoming school year.

We look forward to a Rockin' Year!

Linda Parsons, Cindy Taylor, and the Washington Teachers & Staff



Note from the Office

It is very important to call or email the office if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason. You can email **Lori** at lorih@norman.k12.ok.us. Also, please get a note from the doctor or dentist to send back to school with your child if the appointment is during school hours. This is important for our records!

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Washington Needs You!!!

~~PTA is looking for parents to fill the following **Grade Representative positions**- 2 persons each for Pre-K and Kindergarten, and 1 person each for 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade. We currently have the following ladies signed up- 1st grade- **Shannon Richards**, 2nd grade- **Kirsten Coulter** and **Andrea Crews**, 3rd grade- **Jeannine Rickards**, 4th grade- **Kimberlee Bell** and **Melanie Meiser**, and 5th grade **Ashlie Mowdy**. Please, if you have leadership skills to share, contact **Beth York- byork@norman.k12.ok.us**. Look on our website for the job description- www.washingtonpta.org (under *About PTA*). **Elections for these offices will be held at the first general PTA meeting on September 10.**

~~**We are still signing up volunteers to chair and serve on our various PTA committees!** You'll find a *sign-up sheet in this Thursday folder*. Go to our website for a complete list of committees. **If you are an organizer- we need you!**

~~**Homeroom Partners** are volunteers from each classroom who help with annual class parties and activities. It's not too late to join! Just look in this Thursday Folder- the Homeroom Partners sign-up sheet is on the back of the Committee sign-up sheet.

If everyone shares just a little bit of their time, our school can really ROCK!

Health Note

NPS school nurses will provide health screenings for all students on Sept. 10th. Please note that permission slips for this were at the bottom of the health history forms at enrollment. Please send a note with your child to school if you **do not** want your child to participate. A second notice **will not** be sent. Also, **we need volunteers!!!** Call the office to let them know you are willing to help.

Get Connected

We want to thank **Michelle Davis**, last year's PTA webmaster, for her pioneering work which produced our PTA's first website. Together with this year's webmaster, **Tommy Bui**, we've made some changes, including a new "rock star" style! To find out all the up-to-date news about our school, simply go to www.washingtonpta.org.

Events to Remember

Curriculum Night next Thursday, Sept. 3. Teachers will present their curriculum plans to interested parents, and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions, explore textbooks, and more. **Primary grades** (Pre-K-2nd) **will meet from 6:00-6:30 pm**, and **intermediate grades** (3rd-5th) **will meet from 6:45-7:15 pm**. ***The schedule is tight, so please be on time!***

The **1st General Washington PTA meeting** is slated for **September 10 at 6:00 pm**. We will elect Grade Representatives and discuss upcoming events and fundraisers. **There will be lots of helpful information for both new and returning Washington families- so don't miss out!**

Family Day is Friday, September 11. Students are urged to invite a family member to come meet their teachers and visit their school. We especially encourage grandparents to attend, but any family member is welcome! PTA will provide cookies and punch in each classroom in the afternoon (time TBA). If you would like to volunteer to help serve refreshments in your child's class (a great way to meet other parents), please contact **Tracy Haynes** at **579-9954**, or tracyh.pta@gmail.com.

Please Save Box Tops!

Washington PTA collects Box Tops! Please save the pink box tops from you food and paper products (*the expiration date must be visible on the box top*). Send them to your child's teacher in a baggie marked with your teacher's name. Last year we earned over **\$2,200** from this easy fundraiser! Classes that collect the most will be rewarded! **If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please fill out the Committee Volunteer Form located in this Thursday folder!**

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