

What's Up at Washington

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Rockstar Apparel Deadline Tomorrow

Deadline for orders is tomorrow! This is your last chance to order! Order forms are available in the office. Also on display in the office are sample items, colors and sizes. Please call **Carrie Kopp** at **292-0890**, or queenkopp@yahoo.com if you have questions.



Popsicle Sale

PTA will be selling popsicles for a quarter tomorrow, September 4th, at all recesses. We still plan to sell popcorn and pickles- we'll keep you posted!

Curriculum Night Rescheduled!

Curriculum Night will now be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 8**. Pre-K-2nd grades will meet from 6:00-6:30 pm, and 3rd-5th will meet from 6:45-7:15 pm.

The schedule is very tight, so please be on time!



Homeroom Partners' Meeting will be Sept. 10th at 5:30 pm- right before the PTA Meeting!

PTA Meeting Next Week

The **1st General Washington PTA Meeting** is scheduled 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 Next Friday

Family Day is Friday, September 11, from 1:30-2:00 pm. Students are urged to invite a family member (grandparents are especially encouraged) to come meet their teacher and visit their school. Our PTA will provide cookies and punch for each classroom. If you would like to volunteer to help serve refreshments in your child's class, please contact **Tracy Haynes** at **579-9954**, or tracyh.pta@gmail.com.

Hot Dog Skate

Star Skate will kick-off the school year fundraisers with an **ALL-Day Hot Dog Skate** on **Labor Day- Monday, September 7, from 10am - 4pm**. The cost is only **\$6 per person**, and includes a hot dog and drink. **\$1 of each admission goes to the skater's PTA, so tell them you're from Washington!**

Calendar

Tomorrow, September 4
Rockstar Apparel Deadline
Popsicle Sale

Monday, September 7th
Labor Day--No School
Hot Dog Skate@ Star Skate

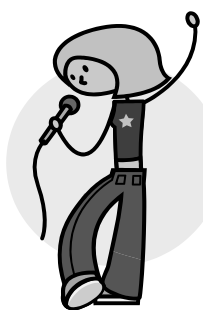
Tuesday, September 8th
Curriculum Night
Primary (Pre-K-2nd) 6:00-6:30
Intermediate (3rd-5th) 6:45-7:15

Thursday, September 10th
Health Screenings
Homeroom Partners 5:30 pm
PTA General Meeting 6:00pm

Friday, September 11th
Washington Family Day
Monday, September 14th
PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm

Washington Needs You!

PTA still needs parents for **Grade Representative positions** in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades. Please, if you're looking for a way to get involved, have leadership skills to share, and want to meet the parents in your child's grade, 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.**



Health Screenings Next Week

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. **We need volunteers!!!** Call the office to let them know if you can help!

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Important Swine Flu Information

This year students, parents and school staff may have two flu seasons. The H1N1 flu (formerly known as swine flu) spread around the world last spring. It's expected that H1N1 cases will continue to spread this fall. And later this fall and winter, we will see, as always, the spread of the traditional seasonal flu. Norman Public Schools is working with the Cleveland County Health Department to stay up-to-date with the situation.

The symptoms of H1N1 flu are similar to those of seasonal flu. Symptoms may include: Fever, Chills, Cough, Sore Throat, Body Aches, Headache, Fatigue, and in some individuals, Vomiting and/or Diarrhea. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like the flu. **Take these steps to protect your family's health:**

- Teach your children to **wash their hands with a lot with soap and water for 20 seconds.** Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself. **EPA approved hand sanitizers are also effective.**
- Teach your children to **cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow.** Set a good example by doing this yourself. Always throw used tissues in the trash immediately.
- **People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they have been fever free for 24 hours off of all fever reducing medications.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- **Teach your child not to touch his or her mouth, nose and eyes.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Sharon Howard, N.P.S. Health Services Coordinator

From the Principal's Desk- Parking, Pick-up, and Drop Off

We would like to remind everyone that they must not park in the front bus loop or in the drop-off loop on the North side of the building. Parked cars congest the area and become a hindrance to buses, daycare vans, and other parents. **All students should be picked up by 2:55 PM.** All students are required to exit through the north or east doors. **Parents should wait in the gym by the stage for students at the end of the day,** to prevent congestion in the halls.

Parents may pick up their children by driving through the north loop. Please do not park and leave your car in the north loop either in the morning or the afternoon as this creates traffic jams. Children will be dismissed from the gym to meet the cars. **Do not use 48th as a pick up or drop off area** because of the traffic dangers. **Children will not be allowed to cross 48th alone to meet parents. The east loop is reserved for school buses during the beginning and ending of times for school.** Cars should not use this loop at those times.

Our new parking lot should open within a month, and it will be for Staff Parking only.



Eagle Enrichment

Beginning Wednesday, September 16 during recess for **3rd, 4th, and 5th grades**, we will be offering **Chess Class** until Fall Break. After that, other enrichment activities will be held. Students should come quietly to the GRC area in the library. Get ready to stretch your brain!

Mrs. Falsarella, GRC

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