



What's Up at Washington



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PBIS Meeting Tonight

Tonight at 6:30 pm Washington will host an informational meeting for parents concerning the implementation this year of Schoolwide Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a research-based system whose goal is simple: that no students fall through the cracks and that schools organize settings for success. Please join us this evening if you have any questions about what PBIS looks like at Washington.

The Fall Festival is Coming Fast

Attention Fall Festival booth volunteers– a quick planning meeting is set for 5:45 pm Tuesday, October 6th– just before the PTA meeting. This is when you will select your booth and get the information you'll need to make your booth a success! Classes that still need booth volunteers are– **Aragon, Clark, Karns, O'Hagan, Prehara, Trumble, Cook, Franzese, Keener, Caldwell, Robinson, and Wilson.** If you are a Home-room Partner from one of these classes, or just want to help, please contact **DeShanna Wolking** at deshannawolking@hotmail.com or 801-2313.

Student Directory Update

Directories are coming! Due to changes in the NPS student data system- Infinite Campus, we're just now getting the updated student information we need to complete the Student Directories. Please be patient, we'll get them to you as soon as we can! If you still need to order one, just send your \$3 to school in an envelope marked "Directories." Please include your child's name and teacher so we can deliver the directory to you!

Send a quarter with your child for a treat this Friday!

PTA General Meeting Next Tuesday

Our next general PTA Meeting is next Tuesday in the cafeteria. On our agenda– an update on **Parent Portal**; **Box Tops Program** information; **Fall Festival** plans; **Membership Drive** update; and the **Kickoff of Healthy Lifestyles**– a program that focuses on healthy youth and promotes healthy lifestyles to Washington students and family. **Calling all Box Tops volunteers– please attend this meeting!**

PTA Membership Drive Begins Today

PTA Volunteers are handing out treats and information before and after school both Thursday and Friday this week to let parents know about the kickoff our Membership Drive for the month of October. It's only \$5 to join! Also, new to our PTA this year is the option of a Business Membership for \$20. Receive recognition throughout the year for your corporate or personal business! Visit www.washingtonpta.org for more information!

The Big Cookie Dough Fundraiser is Under Way

The **Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale has begun!** PTA plans to purchase a new playground with the proceeds! Last year we made over **\$25,000 on this easy fundraiser!** If we average 7 boxes per child, our school will win a **Mad Science Assembly!** **Sales kits went home in Thursday folders last week.** All order forms are due by **October 12.** Please help your child with this worthwhile project!!!

Calendar

Tonight, October 1st
PBIS Parents Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, October 2nd
Friday Treats for a Quarter

Tuesday, October 6th
**Fall Festival Volunteers Meeting
5:45 pm in Library**

**PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm
Kickoff Healthy Lifestyles
(during PTA meeting)**

Monday, October 12th
End of Cookie Dough Sales

Tuesday, October 13th
PTA Board Meeting 6:30 pm

October 15th and 16th
**Fall Break
NO SCHOOL**

October 23rd
Fall Parties

Fall Festival 6:00 pm

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Box Tops for Education

Please help us collect Box Tops!

-ask neighbors and family members to collect for you.

-you can go to www.boxtops4education.com for a complete product list

-Browse, Shop and Earn on the Box Tops Website from popular stores and products including Avery office and school supplies, Cheerios, Juicy Juice, Kleenex, Ziploc, Hamburger Helper, and many more!

-collect and send those labels in to your class teacher!

**If you volunteered to help with Box Tops in your classroom, please attend the PTA Meeting next Tuesday night to get the info you need to get started!

Gifted Program News

You are invited to visit with Mrs. Falsarella, Gifted Resource Coordinator, about the gifted program on Tuesday, October 6 from 5:30-6:00 pm before the PTA meeting. A meeting to explain the program for parents of newly identified students as well as presently identified will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 pm. Both meetings are in the GRC area behind the library wall. Don't forget to schedule conferences during regularly designated conference days.

Visiting Author

The afternoon of Oct 8th, author Charles R. Smith, Jr. will be coming to Washington to visit with our K – 5th grade students. Charles R. Smith Jr. combines his experiences in three areas--writing, photography, and sports --in his work with children's books. He has written numerous children's books and will be here to share some of his experiences.

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Send Your Photos In

It's time to be thinking about photos for the yearbook! If you have already taken pictures at school events this year, Mrs. Way wants to see them! Pictures submitted digitally will be given first priority for use in the yearbook. You may email them to laurie.k.way@gmail.com or send a disk to school with your child marked "Mrs. Way". There are several opportunities coming up, such as Fall Parties and the Fall Festival so bring your cameras and get your pictures in the yearbook! Pictures from the 2009-2010 school year only, please.

State Testing (OCCT and OMAAP)

Writing Test (5th grade) 2/24/10

Multiple Choice (3rd-5th grade).....4/12/10 through 4/23/10

Rock Star Writing Project Next Week!

Don't forget to sign your 2nd through 5th graders up for an electrifying evening of music, writing, and art courtesy of the **Oklahoma Writing Project**. Sign-up sheets went out in last week's Thursday folders. It will be at Washington on Friday, October 9, from 5:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$20 and includes pizza and supplies for the workshop. Each additional child in the same family is \$15. If you have questions please contact Sarah Pierini @ spierini@norman.k12.ok.us.

Costume Reminders

- *Fall Parties are October 23. Children should not wear or bring costumes to school for the parties.*
- *The PTA Fall Festival is on the evening of October 23, and kids are encouraged to wear their costumes to the festival as long as they follow administration guidelines.*
- *No masks, no scary make-up, no guns, swords, or weapons of any kind, no fake blood, and no costumes depicting violence. All students must be recognizable to be allowed entry into the carnival.*
- *We ask that adults please not wear costumes to the festival for security reasons.*

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