



What's Up at Washington



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December 3, 2009

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser– Volunteers Needed

Washington PTA is having a fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on **Saturday, December 12th 10am-4pm**. Barnes and Noble supplies the wrapping and we do the work! We will need volunteers to wrap gifts in one hour shifts between 10am- 4pm. Gift wrapping is free but we will have fish bowls for donations to Washington. A percentage of purchases made that day will also go to our school. We will have our teachers' wish lists available that day to help with gift ideas! **To sign up to help**, contact **Belinda Rieger** at **447-6006** or **ouriegers@cox.net**.



PTA will be selling treats this Friday for a quarter and \$.50.

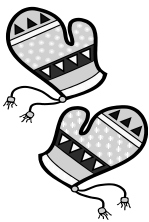
Cookie Dough Still Available

We have extra cookie dough for sale! It's still \$15 a box. Just come into the office. Checks should be made out to Washington PTA. Although numbers are still not final, right now **we've sold right at \$52,000**– making our **net profit \$23,500**. We've already sent the check for half of our playground equipment and are awaiting news of a start date on construction. **Way to go Washington!**

Jump one, Jump All!

Everyone is welcome to attend the inaugural meeting of the Washington jump rope club. **We will be jumping next Friday, December 11th, 3:00-3:30pm in the Washington gym.** Kindergarten through 5th grade kids are welcome. Please bring your own jump rope if possible. **Make sure to pick up your child promptly at 3:30pm.**

Hat, Mitten, and Sock Tree



Our **20th** annual "Hat, Mitten, and Sock Tree" is now in the main foyer. **Please send NEW hats, mittens, gloves, and socks– children and adult sizes are welcome– to decorate our tree.** Last year we shared over 500 pieces of clothing with **Food and Shelter for Friends, Women's Resource Center, The Community Action Center, East Main Place** (the homeless shelter) and our own Washington families in need. **We will take donations until the last day before Winter Break– Friday, December 19th.**

Calendar

Friday, December 4
Friday Treats

Monday, December 7
NNHS Star Party
6-9 pm

Tuesday, December 8
Bond Issue Vote

Friday, December 11
5th grade Geography Bee
Finals 8:30 am
Jump Rope Club 3-3:30 pm

Saturday, December 12
Barnes and Noble
Fundraiser
10am-4pm

Thursday, December 17
Honor Choir and Strings
Winter Concert 7pm

Friday, December 18
Mad Scientist Assembly
8:05-9:00 am

4th Grade Spelling Bee
9:00 am

Terrific Kids Assembly
1:30 pm

Winter Parties 2pm

Monday, December 21
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break Begins

Monday, January 4, 2010
Back to School

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Did You Know...



- If you need gift ideas for your child's teacher, go to www.washingtonpta.org, and click on "Teacher Wish Lists". We plan to have them posted early next week!
- **The Bond Issue Vote is coming up this Tuesday, December 8th.** Please vote at your regular polling place between **7am-7pm**. Washington would receive **technology upgrades to the classrooms, building upgrades, and playground equipment.** A new elementary school for Southeast Norman is also included in this bond.
- Kindergarten teacher **Beth York** collects **Campbell's Soup labels** to get teaching supplies for her classroom. If she turns in 2,500 by the December 31 deadline, Campbell's will double her points! She's over halfway there, but needs your help. **Please cut the "labels" off the back of your soup cans and send them to school!** Go Beth!
- **Student directories are coming!** Our hardworking directory editor, **Nikki Lee**, has turned over the final draft for printing. We don't have a delivery date yet, but it should be soon!
- **Winter Parties, Friday, December 18th.** If you are a Homeroom Partner, or just want to help, please contact your classroom parent coordinator.
- **The deadline to submit photos for the yearbook is Monday, December 21.** Please email photos to laurie.k.way@gmail.com. Photos should be from school events only- field trips, music programs, parties, etc. Don't forget to order your yearbooks as well at jostensyearbooks.com.
- **Mr. John (Shea), our trustworthy custodian, is available to help you with odd jobs** on the weekends and over the holidays. House, garage, and yard cleaning are just a few of his talents. **Call Washington- 366-5984, and ask for John!**

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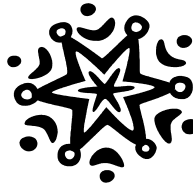
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Holiday Auction Wrap Up

Great food, awesome auction items, an exciting DJ, and generous people made for a successful Holiday Auction! PTA's profit for the evening was right at **\$3,500**. We would like to thank our business sponsors- **Great Nations Bank, McGee Street Animal Clinic, and Victoria's Pasta Shop.**



Share Your Shelf Total

Our school collected 2,005 cans for our annual Share Your Shelf food drive- way to go Washington!!! The classes that collected the most cans were Aragon and Koch in the primary grades; Trumble and Keener for the intermediate grades. Good job everyone!

Book Fair a Big Success



The Book Fair was a great success! We earned approximately \$ 2,400 worth of books for the library and classrooms, and an additional \$2,000 in cash profit! These funds will be used to pay for additional books for the library, author visits, and other special events. Washington families also donated a large number of books to the classrooms. The teachers really appreciate these donations! **Also, a special thanks to our volunteers- the Book Fair would not be possible without your help!**

Norman North Star Party

Monday, December 7- 6-9 pm
(rain/cloudy date Dec. 14)

at Washington Elementary School.

Join us for "Legends of the Fall Sky...", "A Trip Around the Fading Summer Triangle", "How to Use a Planisphere", and "Telescope Viewing of the Night Sky..." Students, faculty, and friends will give tours of the late Fall and early Winter Constellations and planets. *Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or adult sponsor! Bring a flashlight! Dress warmly in layers! Sponsored by the Norman North Astronomy Classes & Club.

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