



What's Up at Washington



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Barnes and Noble Fundraiser Saturday

Do some holiday shopping and support your school at the same time! The Washington PTA/ Barnes and Noble Book Fair is this Saturday, December 12th 10am-4pm. Our volunteers will offer free gift wrapping for Barnes and Noble purchases. Fish bowls will be displayed for donations to Washington. A percentage Saturday's sales will also go to our school. **Teachers' wish lists will be available to help with gift ideas!**

Long-sleeve t-shirts and hoodies will be coming home with your child next week!

Jump Rope Club Meets Tomorrow!

Join us at the first meeting of the Washington Jump Rope Club tomorrow, December 11th, 3-3:30pm in the Washington gym. K- 5th grade kids are welcome. Please bring your own jump rope if possible. **Also, please be sure to pick up your child promptly at 3:30pm.**



Calendar

Tomorrow, 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

Wednesday, December 16
Honor Choir Tour

Thursday, December 17
Honor Choir & Strings
Performance 8:05 am

Honor Choir & Strings
Winter Concert 7pm

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

4th Grade Spelling Bee 9 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



Campus Corner Shopping Day

Next Tuesday, December 15 is our first ever Campus Corner Shopping Day to benefit Washington. This is a great opportunity to accomplish more seasonal shopping while helping our school! Please make sure to advise the store attendants of your affiliation with Washington Elementary so that a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Washington PTA. Participating merchants are **405 Imports, 747** (opens at 5 p.m.), **Antique Garden, Apothem, Balfour, Blush, Campus Ragz, Melting Pot, Milano's, O'Connell's, Pita Pit, and Tulips.**

Hat, Mitten, and Sock Tree

Our 20th annual "Hat, Mitten, and Sock Tree" is in the main hall. **Please send NEW hats, mittens, gloves, and socks—children and adult sizes— to decorate our tree and help Food and Shelter for Friends, Women's Resource Center, East Main Place** (the homeless shelter) and our own Washington families in need. **The last day for donations is Friday, December 19th.**



Washington's Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Brandi Caldwell, Washington's Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Caldwell, a fifth grade teacher, has taught at Washington since 2006. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she loves living in Norman with her husband Jeremiah Caldwell. Her favorite activities include snuggling up with a good book, riding roller coasters, laughing, and eating Mr. Caldwell's yummy cooking (he is a chef!) Her favorite subjects in school were social studies and art. Her philosophy is "if school is fun, kids learn more!"



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Calling All Dads and Granddads- Winter Crosswalk Attendants Needed!

John Shea, our beloved custodian, is also our morning crosswalk attendant....and in the winter it gets cold out there! This year, we'd love to see some of our terrific Dads and Granddads lend a helping hand during the months of January and February. Come by the school office and sign up for a shift today! Each volunteer will get a note on procedure and a reminder email the week of their shift. This is a great way to get involved at Washington and give back to the school that gives your child so much!



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

Medication Policy

Over the counter and prescribed medication will not be administered to your child without the **Medical Release Form filled out**. Expired medication, medication in baggies, envelopes, tissue paper, etc. will not be accepted and/or administered to your child. Please refer to the distribution medication rules under our parent tab on our school website or go to: <http://www.norman.k12.ok.us/group/parents/forms/medrel2010.pdf>.



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PTA Art Dollars at Work

We purchased 240 feet of aluminum tack strip that was installed in the new wing of the building. The tack strip added tons of display capability to our halls. We have even more amazing student work hanging, with less damage to our wonderful building! Thank you Washington PTA, for making this purchase possible!

Every year two grade levels at Washington have the privilege to work with a real artist! This year our "Junior Picassos" are 2nd and 5th graders. They have been learning with artist **Christina Pickard**. Second grade classes did a study in shadows—working in the mediums of pastel, watercolor, and pencil. You can see some of their work hanging in our hallways. Fifth Graders are exploring collage, mosaic, and murals while they reinforce the science concept of ecosystems. How lucky our students are to have a PTA that supports art!

Kindergarten teacher **Beth York** collects **Campbell's Soup labels to benefit the Kindergarten classrooms**. If she turns in 2,500 by the December 31 deadline, Campbell's will double her points! **Please take a minute to go through your cabinets and cut the yellow "labels" off the back of the cans and send them to school!**

Did You Know...

- You can go to www.washingtonpta.org to get gift ideas for your child's teacher.
- **Winter Parties, Friday, December 18th.** If you want to help, please contact your classroom parent coordinator.
- **The deadline to submit photos for the yearbook is December 21.** 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 weekends and over the holidays. House, garage, and yard cleaning are just a few of his skills. **Call Washington— 366-5984, and ask for John!**

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