

What's Up at Washington

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March 25, 2010

Calendar

Friday, March 26

Bingo Night 6 pm

**Deadline for PTA Officer
Nominations**

Thursday, April 1

**Rock Around the World
Culture Fair 6-7 pm**

Thursday, April 8

**PTA Board Meeting
6:30 pm**

Tuesday, April 13

**PTA General Meeting
Officer Elections 6:30 pm**

Friday, April 23

**Final Mile Celebration
(Mini Marathon)**

Sunday, April 25

OKC Kids Marathon

Friday, May 7

Spring Pictures

Monday, May 10

**PTA Board Meeting
6:30 pm**

Bingo Tomorrow Night!

Bring the whole family and have some fun! Games start at 6 pm. Cards are \$2 each, Chick-Fil-A will be available for those who ordered and concessions will be sold! We've got lots of great prizes— 3 for each game played! Don't miss this fun family event!



The New Playground is Now Operational Thanks to Volunteers!

Saturday, March 13th, was the workday to install our new playground. THANK YOU to our awesome dads- **Scott Bedigrew, Bobbie Haynes, David Ketch, Matt McDonough, Brett McKnight, Brad Perry, Ryan Powers, Chris Roth, and Greg Wolking** for their hard work in making the installation a success! **Also, we so very much appreciate the IBC students from OU who volunteered their Saturday to help.** The school district finished up by erecting the border and filling the area with wood chips. The kids have been busy enjoying their exciting new toy since Tuesday! Our Washington community should be proud of our accomplishment!



Washington Rock Around World Cultural Fair

Thursday, April 1- 6-7 pm

Come experience the diversity of Washington!

A check was turned into the school office to order 3 of the \$5 t-shirts (two adult and one youth shirt). We need a child's name and classroom for delivery! Please contact Shannon Roth @ 812-7331 or croth1@cox.net.

Victoria's The Pasta Shop

327 White Street Norman Campus Corner
Sun-Thurs 11am-9pm & Fri-Sat 11am-9:30pm
405-329-0377

Celebrating Washington's 20th Birthday!!!

Bring this signed coupon in for **20% off** your
entire food purchase!!!

Offer Good for the Month of April 2010

Name _____ Date _____

STEP INTO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

What is a healthy lifestyle? Many agree that health is not simply the absence of sickness. One definition of healthy living is "the steps, actions and strategies one puts in place to achieve optimum health." [Healthy Holistic Living] In the next few weeks we will share tips and ways to be healthier—they are things that anyone can do, and the return of better weather is a perfect time to start moving and developing some healthy habits! **This week the focus is on healthy teeth—be sure to take a look at the attached tips and brushing chart!**

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Congratulations!

Our own Washington fifth-grader, **Sam Mertens**, placed 22nd in an online **World Math Day** competition. This year **1,133,246** students from around the world competed in the main competition to win an iPod. Sam spent six to seven hours over a one week period practicing and competing in games including multiplication, patterns, and fractions. Sam said that his mom let him work on the computer so much because it was math related. When asked why he like the games so much, Sam said, "Because I'm competitive." **Way to go Sam!**

MINI-MARATHON APRIL 23

Mark your calendar for **April 23**—every grade will have a chance to run the 1 mile course and complete the activity stations along the way! It's going to be a fun day to celebrate the completion of our Healthy Lifestyle campaign and encourage our friends and families to join us. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead!

Chicken Pox Information

Varicella or "Chicken Pox" is usually not a serious illness, but it often causes children to miss days at school while they have a rash. Symptoms of chickenpox include the onset of fever and feeling tired or weak, followed by a red itchy rash that starts off looking like mosquito bites, and then turns into clear then cloudy blisters. The blisters will dry up and scab over about five days after the onset of the rash. The rash usually starts on the face, stomach, chest, or back, and spreads to other parts of the body. **If you suspect your child is ill with chickenpox, please inform the school and keep your child home! Children with chickenpox are considered contagious and cannot attend school until ALL of the lesions have scabbed over.** If you have any questions contact the Cleveland County Health Department at 405-321-4048 or contact your child's health care provider. Thank you for your cooperation.

4th Snow Make-Up Day Scheduled

Due to winter storms we lost four instructional days. The district has made adjustments in the school calendar to meet the state requirement. Two days were made up in February and the third make up day will be May 28. The fourth day will be made up by adding 30 minutes to the school day between May 13 through May 28. School time adjustments will be as follows for all elementary schools:

7:40am-2:55pm

Morning bus routes will remain on normal schedules. Afternoon bus routes will run about 15 minutes later. Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

OKC Kids Marathon

The Kids' Marathon is approaching quickly! If you need an extra copy of any information or even an extra log sheet for your mileage, you can always access the information on www.okcmarathon.com. There are only **30 days** until the big race, so make sure you are ready to run, run, run that last 1.2 miles. There are many teachers also participating this year and even if you don't choose to run your own race, we would love the extra support on race day. Please contact Kelly O'Hagan (3rd grade) if you have any questions or have registered your child online. Can't wait to see you at the starting line! kohagan@norman.k12.ok.us)

Raise a Reader

The Raise a Reader program is having a contest that will track which schools have the most logged minutes per student - **one winning school will receive a \$5,000 library grant!** The free program includes a personalized school page where our students and parents can watch Washington's progress. The website offers online spelling games, worksheets, and recommended books for every age level. Students who log at least 60 minutes of reading each week will be entered for individual prizes. **Students, register to read (log your minutes) with Washington by going to www.parents.com/reading/georgewashingtonelementarynorok.**

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