

# What's Up at Washington

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## Calendar

Friday, May 28  
**Fifth Grade Promotion**  
*Last Day of School*

Monday & Tuesday, August 2&3  
**Enrollment Confirmation**  
8 am- 6 pm

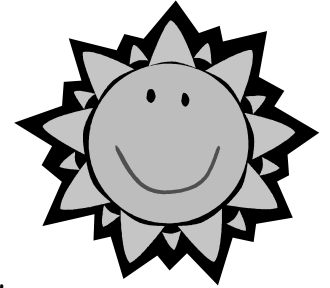
Tuesday, August 17  
**Back-to-School Night**  
5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 19  
**First Day of School**

Washington Parents and Family-

Dr. Taylor, School Counselor Mrs. Bui, and I would like to thank the Washington community for your assistance during the past two weeks. You have been wonderful in supporting the families who have needed help recovering from personal loss and weather related damage. As an administrative team, the three of us see how much the Washington community does to reach out and help others. Your caring concern and your generosity is greatly appreciated by all who have needed a little extra love and support. Thank you!

Linda Parsons, Cindy Taylor, and Amber Bui



*Tomorrow PTA will be serving popcorn and pickles after lunch in the cafeteria!*

## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFO FOR NEXT YEAR**



Enrollment Confirmation for the 2010-2011 school year will be Aug 2nd and 3rd from 8am-6pm. It is important for the school to get an accurate count of students who will be attending Washington Elementary next year for staffing purposes. *If you know you will not be attending Washington or unable to attend confirmation, please call the school office and let them know.* Thanks for your cooperation!

## **WILL YOU NEED HELP WITH BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES?**

The ABC School Supply Program is funded by United Way and helps families that meet specific income guidelines to **get school supplies at no charge**. What you will need when you register: **proof of income** (TANF, DHS and SSI funding, payroll, child support, etc.); **Current proof of residence**; **social security cards** for all family members; and your **current drivers license or photo ID card**. Register at- **CrossPointe Church- 24th Ave. SE & HWY 9- JULY 19-23 from 9 AM- 1 PM each day.**

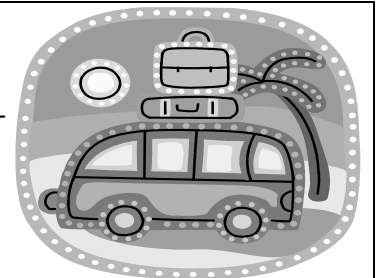
## **Keep Logging Those Minutes for "Raise a Reader"**

We hope you're enjoying the Raise a Reader program, a reading initiative from the International Reading Association (IRA), Parents magazine, and Parents.com. We're seven weeks- here's an update on Washington's participation. Your school currently has 26 readers, who have logged a total of 20,864 minutes. Remember, the school that logs the most reading minutes per that school's enrolled students will win our \$5,000 library grant! The contest ends on May 31. **Go to Parents.com to sign up for "Raise a Reader"**. Be sure put **George Washington Elementary in Norman** for your school! **KEEP READING!**

## **Eagle Enrichment Wrap-Up**

The Annual Science Fair this year featured 4th grade inventor reports along with many wonderful experiments and inventions. Thanks to all who participated! Students toured the exhibits throughout the day. It was a great learning experience for participants and visitors alike. Several families have already begun plans for 2011! Check my website for opportunities and links for summer brain stretching- [carellf@norman.k12.ok.us](mailto:carellf@norman.k12.ok.us). **Have a great summer!**

Mrs. Falsarella



## WHAT'S UP AT WASHINGTON

### ***Immunization Notice!***

If you have received a call or letter from the office/health aid about your child not being complete on their immunizations, please know that if you don't have it taken care of by enrollment confirmation, you child will not be permitted to attend school.

Oklahoma's Immunization Act (10.2k.pdf) was passed by the state legislature in 1970. It requires all students to meet immunization requirements before they enter or attend any public or private school in the state. The law states that the Oklahoma State Board of Health will establish the regulations specifying vaccines and how many doses of each vaccine are required. If you have any question please contact Sharon Howard at 366-5939 or call the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

***The Lost and Found is full again! It can be found in the corner of the cafeteria. All remaining items will be sent to charity after the last day of school.***



### ***Important Information About Ticks***

Ticks don't jump or fly, you can pick them up on your clothes, skin, or hair just by brushing against a leaf or blade of grass they are sitting on. It's a good idea to use repellents with less than 10% DEET and always do a tick check when you come in from the outdoors. Here are some tips on the proper removal of a Tick:

- \*Use fine-pointed tweezers. Grab the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight back with steady but gentle force.**
  - \* Do not use your fingers to remove the tick.**
  - \* Do not twist the tick, which can cause breakage, leaving part of its body in your skin**
  - \* do not crush, prick, or burn the tick, which may cause it to salivate or regurgitate infected fluids.**
  - \*Do not try to smother the tick with products such as petroleum jelly or mineral oil. Ticks can store enough oxygen to complete feeding.**
- It's important to remove ticks the right way, if not, you can push infected fluid from the tick into your body if you squeeze it. To find out how to use repellents and other info on ticks go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) Do not flush ticks down the toilet because they can easily survive in the water. Place it in a sealed container or small plastic bag and deposit in the trash, because the humidity ticks need to survive is lacking inside a plastic bag.



### **A Note of Appreciation...**

I would like to praise Dr. Parsons, Dr. Taylor, the teachers, and staff for doing an excellent job during our lockdown a few weeks ago. In less than 5 minutes they had all children in their classrooms (even from outside) and all doors locked- including classroom and outside doors. I would like to thank the Norman Police Officers who came to guard our school- they gave everyone who was "locked in" a much needed sense of security! As a parent caught in the lockdown, it was great to see the entire Washington staff staying calm and working together to protect our children. I would also like to give a big THANK YOU to Penny Babb, our substitute secretary that day, for doing a very professional job answering the huge number of calls that came in. It's truly a relief to know that our kids are in good hands, and safe in a time of crisis!

Sincerely-  
Belinda Rieger



Washington raised \$1,150.40 for Relay for Life! The Cancer Cancelers Team thanks you for supporting the American Cancer Society. Our fundraisers including Hat Days and the Teacher Talent Show, were lots of fun and we can't wait for next year. We appreciate you Washington family!

***Keep clipping Box Tops! Be sure to save your box tops during the summer and send them with your child when school starts. You'll help get us off to a quick start! Also, please collect your Campbell's Soup labels for Kindergarten teacher Beth York.***

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