

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

3165 LANSING AVE NE SALEM, OR 97301

OFFICE HOURS: 7:45am – 4:30pm

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:25am – 2:50pm

Every Wednesday: 9:25am – 2:50pm

503-399-3193

Greetings Washington Community,

Hard to believe we are already in October! Our staff has taught, and students have learned procedures and expectations during the month of September that will support great academic growth throughout the school year. I wanted you to know that we are focusing on two specific goals as a school this year that will increase student achievement and growth. Our first goal is to provide specific and targeted reading interventions for students who struggle with reading. This new system will allow teachers and instructional support staff to be more intentional with regards to specific areas of reading need. We have purchased several research-based intervention curriculum programs to support students. The second goal is professional development for staff, we are focusing on building the capacity among our staff to provide professional development for each other. I invite you to our Title 1 presentation on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm in the library to learn more. Thank you for being a wonderful and positive influence on your child (ren).

Have a wonderful day!

Mr. Stenlund, Principal Washington Elementary

REMINDERS ABOUT DISMISSAL

Here are a few ways parents can help us create a safe, respectful and positive environment when picking students up from school:

- Please do not park in neighbor's driveway or near intersections where the curbs are marked in yellow.
- Do not block streets, stop in intersections or crosswalks and please obey crossing guard's instructions.
- Schedule appointments during non-school hours. If an emergency arises, please keep in mind, the office will not release students after 2:30pm.
- Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of end of the school day.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

All Washington Elementary students receive a free breakfast and lunch.

If your student brings a sack lunch, please remember they must also take a vegetable and fruit item from the cold buffet to receive a free milk. **Milk only is \$.40.** If there are unopened milks on the sharing table, students may take one at no charge.

If your student is late to school, they may ask for breakfast before heading to class.

SYNERGY/PARENTVUE

Synergy ParentVUE is a tool to help families stay informed about their student's progress. This tool can be used to access your student's grades, attendance information, and also to communicate with teachers. Students will have access to the same information using Synergy StudentVUE.

For students that are new to the district, parents should have received their activation key through their student's communication folder. If you misplaced yours, or did not receive your synergy access key, please contact the office 503-399-3193.

NURSES CORNER

3 BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS:

Teach the importance of hand washing: Prevent the spread of germs by teaching your child to wash their hands before eating, after using the restroom and after sneezing and coughing.

Get back into bed-time routine: The National Sleep Foundation recommends that kids between the ages of 6 and 13 get nine to 11 hours of sleep, so plan your child's bedtime to account for earlier mornings. Getting a good night's sleep is crucial to your child's health and ability to learn and play at school.

Plan a visit to your family doctor: Make sure your child is up to date on any immunizations and get a flu vaccine.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

4th - Dental Screening

4th - Family Movie Night

10th - No school for 6-12 grade students

11th - No school

17th - Title 1 Presentation at 6pm

21st through 28th - Dental Sealants

ABSENCES

Schools are held accountable for student attendance, but more importantly, regular attendance is crucial for student success. Many of the lessons at school require direct instruction that can't be replicated through worksheets or reading assignments. Therefore, we ask the following:

- Make regular attendance a priority in your family.
- Make family vacations during school vacation periods if at all possible.
- When your child is tardy or absent, send a written explanation within three days of the absence.
- A medical note will be required to excuse absences that extend beyond three days.

(For more information regarding district policy on absences, please read parent handbook, page 4.)