



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Tiger Times

November 2017

Important Dates

- * **Friday, November 3rd**
Early Release at 11:27am– End of 1st Trimester
- * **Sunday, November 5th**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour
- * **Thursday, November 9th**
Veteran’s Day Assembly at 2:30pm in Gym
Night at the Movies Concert at 6:30pm in Gym
- * **Friday, November 10th**
No School– Veteran’s Day
- * **Tuesday, November 14th**
Mad Science Night at 6:00-7:30pm
- * **Friday, November 17th**
Early Release at 11:27am– Conferences
- * **Monday, November 20th**
No School– Conferences 12:30-8:00pm
- * **Tuesday, November 21st**
Early Release at 11:27am– Conferences
- * **Wednesday, November 22nd**
Early Release at 11:27am
- * **Thursday, November 23rd and
Friday, November 24th**
No School– Thanksgiving Break
- * **Tuesday, November 28th**
Awards Assembly K-2 at 1:30pm 3-5 at 2:30pm
- * **Thursday, November 30th**
PTO Meeting at 3:30

A Message From Our Principal

Happy November!

The chilly weather has arrived. Hopefully, we do not have a repeat of last year!

If your child is in need of a warm, winter jacket, please let our Main Office Secretaries, Mary and Cindy, know by calling 222-6200. Wal-Mart has again graciously donated several coats to be distributed to school children in need.

We had a great turnout for Donuts with Dads. We would like to thank all the dads, uncles, brothers, and cousins for coming out and spending some time with us. No worries though moms, our annual Muffins with Moms will be later this spring!

November is conference month. Please make time to visit with your student’s teacher sometime during November 17th-21st. If you did not receive a sign-up sheet, please call the main office to make an appointment with the teacher.

Also, we are working hard to make sure students are attending school regularly. The State Board of Education recently passed legislation putting more responsibility on schools to conference with parents of chronically absent students. Cindy, Main Office Secretary, is diligently working to follow up with parents of students who are absent on any given day. Please remember to send a note with your child excusing them from school upon their return, or feel free to call 222-6200 to excuse your student.

Have a great Thanksgiving Break!



...brings to us wonderful colors and the closure of Autumn. Make sure to be prepared for Winter, as it will soon be upon us.



School Delays and Closures

Due to severe weather, power outages, or other emergency situations, our school may be delayed or closed. Please make sure to stay updated and informed of the latest news by checking any of these sources:

- District Website– www.ksd.org
- Facebook or Twitter– find our specific school news at Washington Elementary School
 - Parent Portal in PowerSchool– click SchoolMessenger
- Media– watch or listen to local television and radio stations



Safety First

Please remember to help your child travel safely to and from school. Explain that it's important to avoid horseplay at the bus stop and to stay away from the street, if your child rides a bus. If your child walks to and from school, make sure they do so with a group whenever possible and follow all crosswalk guidelines. And if you drive your child to and from school, please use the designated areas for drop off/pick up. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our main office. Thank you!



A Successful Parent-Teacher Conference

We are excited to hold Parent-Teacher Conferences this month and look forward to sharing with you how your child is excelling at school. Please make sure to note your conference time and date. If you need to re-schedule, contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. We would love to answer any questions you may have on how well your child is doing, along with where they are receiving extra support. Additionally, we will discuss how to best stay connected with you to ensure your child's success throughout the entire school year. See you soon!



Reading Fun

Understanding the meaning of images in books, magazines, and newspapers will boost your child's reading comprehension. To build visual literacy, ask your child to explain what's happening in illustrations and graphics. Or have them make up their own captions to each picture and form a whole new story! The possibilities are endless! Remember to read at least 20 minutes every day with your child!

Honoring Our Veterans

Please join us to honor our Veterans at our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. This year, we will hold the assembly on Thursday, November 9th at 2:30pm in the Gym. Each grade level will be signing a specific song, along with a performance by our 5th grade orchestra! We are grateful for all those who have chosen to serve and are currently serving our country! Thank YOU!



PTO

Thanks to all who helped with our Jog-A-Thon in October– we had a great time! Additional thanks for helping our school purchase a new laminator and supplies for our Autism classrooms! We will be counting Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels soon so make sure to get them into your child's teacher! Remember the class with the most will earn treats! We will also have a drawing for the 'Bikes for Books' Contest! All PTO meetings will be held the last Thursday of the month at 3:30pm in the library– hope to see you all there! Questions– please contact Jake Millbauer, PTO President at Jacob.millbauer@ksd.org! Make sure to be on the lookout for more fun events throughout the year! We are excited for you to join us!



Meet the Tiger Staff...

Each month we will highlight a group of Tiger Staff members! If you see them around school, please make sure to give them a high-five and a great big thank you!

November Tiger Staff– Support Staff

Para-Educators– **Angie Valdez, Ashlee Reddout, Carla Miller, Christian Moran, Crystal Sleeper, Denise Robison, Ellen Portlock, Jan Cantley, Jennifer Navarro, Jodi Schupp, Kara Lemak, Kathleen Rannow, Kay Michaliszyn, Keiko Fuller, Laura Soper, Mary Jo Mertens, Melissa Nickolaus, Pat Gordon, Sam Zaplen, Stefaie Sellars, Wendi Woelber**

Kitchen– **Alma Medina, Rubi Magallon**

Custodians– **Jenny Matthews, Neftali Lomeli**

Each and every one of these staff members helps our school be a better place, not just with student learning, but with everyday activities! They never hesitate to help out and do so with a positive attitude! Our school is cleaner and safer because of each one of them! Plus, everyone is always well fed! We appreciate all their hard work and are thankful to catch them being PAW-some!

Health News

Please remember that a doctor's note is required for all prescribed and over-the-counter medications given during the school day. Please do not send them with your student. Make sure to contact our nurse with any questions or concerns.

Medications at School

- ◇ Under normal circumstances prescribed oral medication and oral over-the-counter medication should be dispensed before and/or after school hours under supervision of the child's guardian.
- ◇ Medications will only be dispensed at school when failure to receive the medication may result in the student being unable to attend school or to be well enough to participate in learning activities.
- ◇ If a student must receive prescribed or over-the-counter oral medication during school hours, the guardian must submit a Medication at School Form, which is to be completed and signed by both the guardian and a licensed health care provider.
- ◇ Only the amount of medication needed during school hours for the course of the illness/condition is to be sent to school, not to exceed a one month supply.
- ◇ Medications that must be given in half-pill doses must be cut by the pharmacy or the guardian. The school and/or nurse will not cut any pills.
 - ◇ The child's guardian is to bring the medication to school, not the child.
- ◇ When the duration of a medication is complete or out-of-date, along with at the end of the school year, the guardian must pick up any unused portions of the medication. All unclaimed medications will properly be discarded by the nurse.



Ice Cream with Mr. Rettig

Parents/Guardians: If you read the entire newsletter, please write your name, your child/children's name and their classroom number(s) on this article, cut it out and send it to your child/children's teacher by Monday,

November 27th. We will hold a drawing for students to win an ice cream bar with Mr. Rettig! Good luck!



Reminders

Breakfast is served from 8:10-8:30am for all students. Please make sure your child completes breakfast in a timely manner so our gym can be prepared for classes.

Lunch is **NOT** served on any 11:27am Early Release dates.



Mad Scientist Night

Bring your lab coat and make sure to join us for our Mad Scientist Night! Many of our very own teachers will become a Mad Scientist for the night and want to show you all about science!

There will be presentations, hands-on experiments, and a drawing for fun science prizes! We will also have 2nd Harvest available to teach us all about nutrition, food science, and distribute food for families! Come enjoy a fun-filled evening of science!

Who: You and your family

What: Mad Science Night

When: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 6:00-7:00pm

Where: Washington Elementary

Why: Because SCIENCE rocks!



Donuts with Dads

Washington's 2nd Annual Donuts with Dads was a HUGE success! Thanks to all the Dads who enjoyed a donut with us! We were excited to see you again and look forward to seeing you throughout the year!



Jog-A-Thon Fun

So much fun— can't wait to do it again next year!

