



# Washington Elementary

## January 2021 Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### JANUARY 2021

1/4-1/22 – Virtual Learning from Home  
End of Second Nine Weeks  
1/25 – School Resumes, Return to Building

#### FEBRUARY 2021

2/11 – Valentine Parties  
2/12 – No School  
2/15 – No School (President's day)

#### STEAM CLUB

No School = No STEAM Club  
The LAST week of STEAM will be May 3-6.

#### SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

1/29 – Orange/Black  
2/5 – Scarf Day  
2/11 – Valentine's Party, Wear Red/Pink  
2/19 – Twins Day  
2/26 – Orange/Black Day

### A Message From Mr. Tausch

Hello Washington Family and Friends,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It's hard to believe that we are now into January, and the second nine weeks will be coming to an end. We will enter 2021 a little differently this year. We will be remote learning through January 22. We will return to in-person learning on January 25. During this time, our remote learning will be very different from what it was in the spring of last year. Attendance is mandatory, and we will be adhering to all attendance policies. Grades will count! We are encouraging our students to do their very best to keep up with schoolwork. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our office.

Just a reminder to those students who are learning through our Dukes Digital Academy. At the beginning of the third nine weeks, D.D.A. students will have the opportunity to rejoin their classmates for in-person learning. Please contact the office if you wish for your child to return to in-person learning.

I believe I speak for everyone at Washington when I say we look forward to making 2021 the best year ever!

**Garry Tausch**, *Washington Principal*

### REMINDERS

#### A NOTE FROM THE CDC:

Cloth masks should be washed after each use. You can also wash it in a sink with dish soap and hang to dry. It is important to always wear and remove your mask correctly. Wash your hands after wearing, handling or touching your mask. Masks, when combined with other everyday steps like staying six feet apart and washing your hands often, help slow the spread of COVID 19. Wash Up – Mask Up – Back Up – Stay Home When Sick!

#### STUDENT MEDICATIONS:

If your child needs to take a prescription or nonprescription medication at school, you must have a Board of Education-approved Medication Form on file in the office. This also applies to cough drops. Handwritten notes are not acceptable, and medication should not be sent in with a student. Thank you for your help on this important safety issue! Forms are available to download from the school website or please call the office if you have any questions.

Check out the exciting events taking place at your child's school!



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## SCHOOL FEES:

If you have yet to pay your school fees, please do so soon. Contact the office with any questions.

## RECESS:

It is starting to get cold outside, and we will be going out as often as possible for recess. Please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. Contact the office if your child is in need of a coat.

## FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:

The program will continue for the entire school year.

## PARENT NOTES:

Send in notes for your child if there is a change in their dismissal routine.

## ABSENCES:

If your child is absent, he/she will be marked as "unexcused" until a note stating the reason for your child's absence is turned into the office. If you take your child to the doctor, please request a doctor's note.

## LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL:

Please provide a note for your child if they arrive after 8:40 a.m. or leave before the end of the school day, 2:55 p.m. Make sure you provide the reason for their late arrival or early dismissal.

## DELAYS

Please check the various news outlets and listen for phone calls from the school district regarding school closings and 2-hour delay days. If we are in a 2-hour delay, students will not be let in the building until 10:25 a.m. There will be no Latchkey services all-day on snow days or 2-hour delay days during the morning session.

## PTO News

The PTO recently purchased a helium tank for the second-grade balloon parade, a 3" button maker for the Duke Pride buttons, and drawstring bags for grades K-1 to carry their iPads back and forth between home and school for remote learning when needed. We would like to thank everyone who supported the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. We sure do appreciate your support. The PTO would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DYNAMITE DUKES:



**Kindergarten:**  
Mrs. Kuntzman –  
**Aubrey  
Camacho** and  
**Colton Herbert**



**First Grade:**  
Mrs. Gerber –  
**Corbin McCombs**  
Mrs. Smith –  
**Avery Yoder**



Ms. Rovnak –  
**Joey Baum**  
and **Mikey  
Drewe**



**Second Grade:**  
Ms. Spalding –  
**Aleeya Boyce**  
Mrs Wood –  
**Ava Grove**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Teachers have nominated the following 3rd-5th grade students as Student of the Month for January. Our fifth grade Kiwanis student of the Month will be recognized at our School Board meeting. Congratulations on your achievement!

### 3RD GRADE



*Mrs. Bowser* – Student of the Month is **Jeremiah Moore**. Jeremiah is a kind and helpful boy. He works hard and when things get tough, he keeps trying. He leads by example and helps his friends. Jeremiah has a great sense of humor and has a wonderful smile. **Keep up the great work, Jeremiah!**



*Mrs. Miller* – Student of the month is **Trent Turner**. Trent has been working SO hard at school this year. He gets right on task and works until he finishes the assignment. He has also been showing very good manners by raising his hand and using kind words. **Congratulations, Trent!**

### 4TH GRADE



*Mrs. Croft* – Student of the Month is **Kennedy Schumacher**. This is a well-deserved honor for Kennedy, as she always does her best and is very friendly and supportive of all her classmates. When recently asked if she could give a gift to every child in the world her response was that she would give them love and time, because there are a lot of children in the world who don't receive that from anyone. This is just one example of what a caring and thoughtful girl Kennedy is. She is an excellent student and always gives her very best. **Congratulations, Kennedy!**



*Miss Hall* – Student of the Month is **Marty Pietz**. Marty is a kind, honest, and friendly person who enjoys helping others. Marty takes responsibility for his work and always does a great job! We are so glad he's part of our class this year. **Congratulations, Marty!**

### 5TH GRADE



*Mr. Bailey* – Student of the Month is **Gavin Lacey**. Gavin is a very kind student. He enjoys studying history and loves gym class. Outside of school, he likes baseball. His team even won a championship! He also enjoys doing activities with his mom! **Great job, Gavin!**



*Mrs. Craig* – Student of the Month is **Brayden Monnette**. Brayden has an awesome personality that he brings into the class with him every day. He is always pushing himself to give his best effort and complete tasks to the best of his ability. While his schoolwork is important to him, he does not miss an opportunity to laugh and enjoy moments with his classmates. Thank you, Brayden, for the laughter you share with all of us and the example of perseverance you set in the classroom each day. **I am proud of you, Brayden!**



## KIWANIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Kiwanis Student of the Month is **Logan Smith**. Logan is a great student and a great helper in the classroom. He is a great example for others to follow and shows awesome leadership skills. He enjoys history in school and likes many sports, including soccer, baseball and basketball. **Congratulations, Logan!**