



Washington Elementary

November 2020 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 6 – End of First Nine Weeks
Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
Pepperoni Rolls Pickup at Door 4 (12-4 p.m.)
- Nov. 11 – Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 12 – Guys with Ties
Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30-8:30 p.m. by Appointment)
- Nov. 19 – Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30-8:30 p.m. by Appointment)
- Nov. 20 – Food Drive Ends
- Nov. 23 – PTO Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Begins
- Nov. 25-27 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- Nov. 30 – Classes Resume

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

- Nov. 6 – Orange and Black Day
- Nov. 13 – Dress Like Mr. Dillon Day
- Nov. 20 – Orange and Black Day
- Nov. 24 – Dress Like Mr. Tausch Day
- Dec. 4 – Orange and Black Day
- Dec. 11 – Twins Day
- Dec. 18 – Orange and Black Day
- Dec. 23 – Wear Your Christmas Pajamas to School Day

PARENTS

Please remember to send a water bottle in with your child(ren) every day. The water fountains are turned off due to COVID-19. We do have a filling station for them to refill their bottles.

A Message From Mr. Tausch

Hello Washington Families,

It seems as though we were just opening our doors here at Washington to begin this 2020-2021 school year, yet fall weather is upon us already. The end of the first grading period is near, and before we know it, Thanksgiving will be knocking at our door. But before we get there, it is now time to schedule Parent-Teacher conferences. Conferences will be Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, and you can schedule them by going to www.myconferencetime.com/washington/.

As we move into November, and as I reflect back upon the first nine weeks, I continue to be amazed at how committed our staff and families are to growing our students socially, emotionally and academically. 2020 has proven to be a year like no other. However, our Washington families and staff are more determined than ever to make this year excellent. Our little Dukes continue to prove to everyone just how incredible and remarkable they are while being faced with adversity.

Finally, I would like to welcome many of our students back from Dukes Digital Academy. The staff at Washington looks forward to seeing these little Dukes in our hallways and classrooms as they begin to transition back to in-person learning. Your safety and health have and will remain our top priority at Washington Elementary.

As always, I want to thank the Duke community for your continued support.

Take care, stay healthy and go Dukes!

Garry Tausch, Washington Principal

REMINDERS

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 the need of a coat.

Please help support our Thanksgiving Food Drive (Nov. 6-20) that will be organized and operated by our Student Council. Our students have been planning for the event and hope to collect and donate hundreds of nonperishable items to local food pantries.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19. Both nights will be from 3:30-8:30 p.m. and done virtually. Conference scheduling will be completed online. A flyer will be coming home soon to give you instructions on how to sign up. Please contact the school with any questions. The link for scheduling is <https://www.myconferencetime.com/washington>.

There is no school Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

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



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Student Council Members: **Keegan Keller, Reagan Frank, Cooper Hallman, Carissa Miller, Frankie Rice and Izzie Mellon.** Mrs. Bowser is the advisor. Student Council's first project will be the Thanksgiving Food Drive, which runs Nov. 6-20. Meetings are held monthly from 9:50-10:20 a.m. (Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7).

STEAM CLUB SCHEDULE:

NO Steam Club Nov. 23-27

NO Steam Club Dec. 21-31

Third-Grade G.I.R.L.S. Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month during lunch/recess; Mrs. Davis is the advisor.

Third-Grade Guys with Ties Group will meet the third Thursday of each month during lunch/recess; Mr. Dillon is the advisor. Shirts are provided but will stay at the building. Students will put them on the morning of the meetings. Shirts are washed periodically throughout the year.

PTO NEWS:

PTO will be selling Texas Roadhouse rolls and gift cards from Nov. 23-Dec. 4. Gift cards make great gifts and their rolls are delicious anytime.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DYNAMITE DUKES:



Kindergarten:
Mrs. Kuntzman –
Carly Rakes and
Beau Ranker



First Grade:
Mrs. Gerber –
Mehloidy Greiner
Mrs. Smith –
Addison Rakes



Ms. Rovnak –
Bryce Gates
and **Hunter**
Kinser



Second Grade:
Ms. Spalding –
Claire McAlister
Mrs. Wood –
Braylee Tingle

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

3RD GRADE



Mrs. Bowser – **Jacob Porto** is our Student of the Month. Being a new student this year, Jacob has made friends and adjusted well to our school. He is a hard worker and asks for help when he needs it. Jacob leads by his example in showing others how to follow the DUKE Pride expectations. Keep working hard and following the DUKE Pride expectations! **Congratulations, Jacob!!**



Mrs. Miller – **Ryleigh Cannon** is our Student of the Month for November. Ryleigh is always looking to go above and beyond what is asked of her. She is very smart, friendly and happy! Keep up the good work, Ryleigh! **Congratulations, Ryleigh!**

4TH GRADE



Mrs. Croft – **Rylynn Coe** is our Student of the Month. You are a great example of what a Duke is. You always are on task, doing your best, using good manners and also being a good friend to everybody. We are so lucky to have you in our class and look to you to continue to be such a great role model for others. Thank you for all you do! **Congratulations, Rylynn!**



Miss Hall – **Clare Keller** is our Student of the Month. We all appreciate how helpful Clare is. She is always volunteering to help other students or do tasks in the classroom. She is always one of the first students to have her hand up to answer a question. Clare is a good friend and is so kind to others. We love having her in our class this year! **Congratulations, Clare!**

5TH GRADE



Mr. Bailey – **Serafina Louwerens** is our Student of the Month. She is a well-behaved student and enjoys seeing her friends at school. Her favorite subject in school is math. At home, she enjoys video games and watching videos on her phone. **Good job, Serafina!**



Mrs. Craig – **Savanna Clough** is our Student of the Month for November. Savanna has worked hard to focus in class and complete her work well. She has already shown significant improvements in her classroom work and has been making great choices in class as well. Savanna is eager to be a good friend to others, and with continued hard work, she will be very successful this year. Congratulations, Savanna! Your desire to push yourself to work harder and do better is awesome to see, and I am proud of you! **Congratulations, Savanna!**



Our fifth-grade Kiwanis student will be recognized at our school board meeting.

KIWANIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Fifth-Grade Kiwanis Student of the Month is **Scarlet Schuld**. Scarlet is an excellent student who is friendly and listens well to teachers. She is lively and fun to be around. She enjoys her brother being on the swim team with her. She would like to visit all 50 states. Her favorite subject is social studies. In her free time, Scarlet likes to swim, play soccer and play video games. **Congratulations, Scarlet!**