Hello Washington Families, I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the school year! I would like to thank all of our parents for their support and flexibility during the first few weeks of school. The students have done a tremendous job of adjusting. It has been great for me to get into the classrooms and start to meet everyone. They are all working hard and having fun. The teachers are leading many excellent activities and projects and I’m sure we are going to have an awesome fall. I am looking forward to meeting everyone. Please don’t hesitate to call with questions.

Go Dukes!
Mr. Yianni Spondyl, Principal
Washington Elementary

REMINDERS

Volunteers: In order to volunteer in the building, all volunteers must complete a volunteer packet, which includes a background check BCI (Ohio)/FBI (Federal). Packets are available in the office.

Student Lunches: Please remember to send in healthy choices with your child when packing their lunch. We ask that parents do not pack pop/soda. Free lunches are available this year and offer many healthy choices.

Emergency Forms: Please fill out the Emergency Medical forms and other online forms ASAP! All families should have received a snap code from our Tech Department explaining how to access those forms through email.

School fees: Your child's school fees may be paid by check made out to Washington Elementary School or by paying online at Payforit.com. All fees for grades K-5 are $30 per student.

Medications: All prescription and non-prescription medications must be brought to the office by an adult with the proper paperwork. Please contact the school with any questions.

Absences: If your child is absent, he/she will be marked as “unexcused” until a note stating the reason for the absence is turned in to the office. If you take your child to the doctor, please request a doctor’s note, otherwise it will not be excused.

Late Arrival: Students arriving after 8:40 a.m. need a pass from the office before heading to class. Students must provide a note explaining the reason they are late and the office staff will write them a pass for their classroom teacher.

Early dismissal: A note must be sent in the morning for a student leaving early. Please pull up-front, under the carport, and call the office at 330-823-7586 for your child to be sent out. If a note is not received, you will need to come into the building and write a note while we call your child down.

AFTER-SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS – BUS/LATCHKEY/PICK-UP

If there is a change in your child’s regular school routine, parents must send a written note to school with their child in the morning detailing the change. For the safety of your child, we discourage phone calls changing a student’s daily routine. If necessary, you may drop off a note or send a fax to the school at 330-823-7465.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following 3rd-5th grade students have been nominated by their teachers as Student of the Month for October. Our 5th grade Kiwanis Student of the Month will be recognized at our school board meeting. Congratulations on your achievement students!

Mrs. Bowser – Alex Reikowski is our Student of the Month. Alex is a kind and helpful, fun friend. He is a hard worker and has been applying himself to tough situations and showing perseverance. Great job Alex!

Mrs. Miller – Bailey Courtwright is our Student of the Month. He has gotten off to a great start this year! He has been working very hard in class. He has also shown good manners. Keep it up Bailey!

Mrs. Croft – Piper Cernansky is our Student of the Month. Piper is an excellent example of a Duke. She consistently does her best, uses good manners, keeps on task and expects to learn. She needs no reminders to do all these things, she just makes good choices and shows others what a good leader looks like. We are lucky to have such a wonderful student in our class. Congratulations to Piper.

Miss Hall – Palin Keller is our Student of the Month. Palin is so helpful and eager to learn. She is a great friend to her classmates, and we are happy to have her in our class this year! Great job Palin!

Mr. Bailey – Lillian Wittensoldner is the Student of the Month in Mr. Bailey’s class. Lillian enjoys math and reading in school. She loves playing basketball and talking with her friends. She also likes spending time with her family. Good job, Lillian!

Mrs. Craig – Kayleigh Shank is the Student of the Month in Mrs. Craig’s Homeroom. Kayleigh can always be counted on to be a positive example for her peers. She is a friend to all of her classmates, gives her best effort when completing classroom tasks and also is willing to help around the classroom at any time she is needed. Kayleigh, continue to work hard on your academics and lead others in our classroom. Your constant positive choices and interactions brighten up every space you are in. Great job Kayleigh!

THE KIWANIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH IS ZANE BETZ!

Zane is an excellent student with a thoughtful and kind heart. He is helpful and often thinks of others. Congratulations Zane!

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY PTO

Our PTO is always looking for volunteers to help during the school day or at school events. Contact our PTO to find out how you can get involved in Washington!

PTO Updates: The mum sale was a huge success with 88 students selling a total of 827 mums. Top seller, Lucas Klaus, received a $50 Amazon card for selling $585.50 of mums. In 2nd place was Lucas Miller, who received a $25 Amazon card for his sales of $553.00. The 3rd place winner Anya May won a $25 Amazon card for her $479.50 sales.

In total, the PTO brought in $14,399.00 with a profit of $4200.00, which was just shy of our $5000.00 goal. The PTO is still accepting donations by check to have Mr. Spondyl spend a night on the roof of the School! The money raised will go towards playground equipment.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!

MUSIC PROGRAMS

November 21 - Choir Performs at Ruritan Vesper Service (Time TBD)
December 7 - Holiday Concert: 3rd Grade Choir (6 p.m.), 4th Grade Choir (7 p.m.)
April 5 - Spring Concert: 5th Grade, Band and Choir (6:30 p.m.)
May 10 - 1st grade (6 p.m.), 2nd Grade (7 p.m.)

STEAM CLUB (BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL)

Steam Club Starts Week of October 4th
Nov. 22 – 24 - No Steam Club
Dec. 20 – 31 - No Steam Club
April 13 - No Steam Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DYNAMITE DUKEs:

The following students in kindergarten, first and second grade were chosen as their classrooms Dynamite Duke. They were chosen because they follow all of the Duke Pride Expectations and are great role models for other students.

Kindergarten: Mrs. Holzer – Addy Christian & Carver Wilcox
Ms. Rovnak – Sydney Albert & Presley Mariol

First Grade: Mrs. Gerber – Bryce Gates
Mrs. Smith – Aubrey Camacho

Second Grade: Ms. Spalding – Evelyn Giannini
Mrs. Wood – Lucas Miller

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