



WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 29, 2017

HOME OF THE COUGARS



Our Mission Statement is to assist and empower students to reach their full potential in a safe environment.

March 31st	End of 3rd Quarter – <u>Non- Student Day</u>
April 3 – April 7	Spring Break
April 6	PTA Papa Murphy’s Fundraiser Night
April 10th	School Resumes
April 11th	ISAT Testing Begins for Grades 3 - 6
April 12th	PTA meeting in Library at 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
April 12th	Talent Show Auditions in the Gym at 1:45 – 3:00 P.M.
April 14 & April 17	Talent Show Practice in the Gym at 2:45 – 3:45 P.M.
April 18th	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal in the Gym at 1:45 – 3:00 P.M.
April 19th	McTeacher Night at McDonald’s from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
April 20th	Talent Show - School Performance at 9:00 A.M. Family Performance at 6:00 P.M.
May 1 - 5	Kindergarten and New Student Registration for 2017-2018
May 1 - 5	Spirit Week Sponsored by Student Council

IDAHO STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST (ISAT)

What do I need to know about the state test?

What should students know and be able to do? State standards are designed to spell out what is expected of students. Many states use standardized tests to measure whether students are meeting the standards. These tests are very important for individual students.

RIGHT BEFORE THE TEST:

- *Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep. Provide a good breakfast.
- *Don’t be too anxious. Say, “This test is important. I know you will try hard to do your best.” Your confidence will be contagious.
- *Please review the attached ISAT schedule and plan for your child to be at school on these dates. We need to insure that all students (Grades 3-6) take these tests.

***** PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE *****

Use test scores to understand how your child is doing in school. When standardized test scores arrive, they can be surprising. Here are some common parent concerns followed by possible explanations.

My child’s score is low, but her grades are high. Sometimes kids simply have a bad testing day. Ask your child’s teacher what the test score tells her about your child’s achievement.

My child’s score is high, but her grades are low. She may not be working up to her ability. Talk with her and the teacher about possible needs, such as greater challenges or help with organization.

My child’s score is low, and so are her grades. Something is keeping your child from mastering essential skills. Meet with the teacher to plan for your child’s improvement and success.

Remember that a single test score has limited meaning. If you’re concerned, talk with your child’s teacher. You want your child to do well, and the school does too.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandy Maras,
Principal

5th/6th Grade Science Fair:

All 5th and 6th grade parents are invited to our science fair this Thursday, March 30th from 8:30 - 10:30 in the gym. Students' projects will be judged during this time. You are welcome to visit during this time, enjoy their exhibits, and encourage the spirit of inquiry among our students.



Student Council News:

Congratulations to our new Washington Student Council for second semester!

Joseph Uzabel - Student Council President
Gage Ramsay - Student Council Vice President
Secretary

Cameron Kramer - Student Council Treasurer
Emily Ballard - Student Council

Student Council Spirit Week May 1st - May 5th :

Monday- Hobo Day
Tuesday- Star Wars / Harry Potter
Wednesday- Twin Day
Thursday- Favorite Holiday
Friday - Sports



PTA NEWS:

Parents, please mark your calendar for these upcoming events in April:

- Pizza night at Papa Murphy's on Thursday April 6th. Stop in anytime of the day to purchase a pizza.
- Next PTA meeting is Wednesday April 12th at 8:00 am in Library. Everyone welcome to attend!
- Explore Art fundraiser program on Wednesday April 26th from 4:30-7:30pm. Contact Rebecca Appl for more information at 208-627-3888.
- Teacher Appreciation on Monday May 1st, bring a flower to your teacher.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with night skiing fundraiser by purchasing tickets from us. We sold 350 tickets for the season, which raised \$1,750.
- Reminder to join our Facebook group "Washington Elementary PTA". Here we post info about upcoming events and activities.

PE News:

Jump Rope for Heart - Congratulations Washington students! We earned \$615.00 for the American Heart Association to help children with heart problems. Our top fundraisers were sisters, Peyton and Hannah Bennett, who each raised \$140.00. Thanks and remember to exercise and take care of your heart. ~Teresa Kemink, P.E. Teacher

Washington's Got Talent 2017!!!

~All events are in Washington Elementary school gym.~

Auditions: **Wednesday, April 12 @ 1:45 - 3:00**

****Bring Audition forms with you****

Practices: **Friday, April 14 @ 2:45 - 3:45**
(Optional but encouraged!) **Monday, April 17 @ 2:45 - 3:45**

Dress Rehearsal: **Tuesday, April 18 @ 1:45 - 3:00**
(Required!)

Performances: **Thursday, April 20 @ 9:00am for students and teachers**
Thursday, April 20 @ 6:00pm for family and friends

Spring Break = Practice! Practice! Practice! :)

Charis Uzabel 828-446-6570 Rebecca Appl 208-627-3888 Robin Stevens 208-610-3361

Box Tops For Education: update



Emma Hilton brought in 200 valid box tops and Gracie Howard brought in 127 valid box tops. They were the top two collectors for the school. Thank you, girls!! Please continue to collect Box Tops through the summer.

KINDERGARTEN & NEW/TRANSFERRING STUDENT PRE- REGISTRATION: MAY 1st – MAY 5th

When registering your child these three things are required:

- ❖ Complete immunization records: 5 DTP, 4 Polio, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 MMR, 2 Varicella, and 2 Hepatitis A
- ❖ Certified Birth Certificate (not a hospital copy)
- ❖ Proof of physical address (like a current utility bill)

Registration will be held May 1st – May 5th at Washington Elementary School from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Idaho law requires that students provide complete immunization documentation in order to attend public school in the state of Idaho. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2017. For enrollment into first grade, a child must be 6 years of age on or before the first day of September. If you are unsure of your child's school attendance zone, please contact the School District Transportation office at 263-3522. Until all required documents are provided and paperwork is complete we will not be able to place students on a class list for the next school year.

*****Please note that Idaho Law requires that immunization records must be SIGNED by a physician or their designated representative.**

ISAT Schedule 2016-2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
8:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>10-Apr</i> NO TEST	<i>11-Apr</i> 4th ELA	<i>12-Apr</i> NO TEST	<i>13-Apr</i> 6th ELA	<i>14-Apr</i> 5th ELA
8:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>17-Apr</i> 3rd ELA	<i>18-Apr</i> 4th ELA Performance Task	<i>19-Apr</i> NO TEST	<i>20-Apr</i> NO TEST	<i>21-Apr</i> 5th ELA Performance Task
8:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>24-Apr</i> 3rd ELA Performance Task	<i>25-Apr</i> 4th Math	<i>26-Apr</i> NO TEST	<i>27-Apr</i> 6th Math	<i>28-Apr</i> 5th Math
8:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>1-May</i> 3rd Math	<i>2-May</i> 4th Math Performance Task	<i>3-May</i> NO TEST	<i>4-May</i> 6th Math Performance Task	<i>5-May</i> 5th Math Performance Task
8:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>8-May</i> 3rd Math Performance Task	<i>9-May</i> 5TH SCIENCE	<i>10-May</i> NO TEST	<i>11-May</i> 6th ELA Performance Task	<i>12-May</i>