

Washington Elementary School

DECEMBER 2022

WASHINGTON SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

At Washington Elementary School, we foster a student-centered community where all students are inspired to discover their own passions, accept and appreciate the differences in one another, and make reflective and responsible choices that will make the world a better place.

**2022-23 EDISON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CALENDAR**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 EARLY DISMISSAL SCHOOL STORE	2 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! 	3
4	5	6 Holiday Sing-a-Long BARNES & NOBLE 5:30pm	7 EARLY DISMISSAL Teacher PD	8	9 PTO Holiday Craft Night 6-8pm	10
		SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR				
11	12	PTO HOLIDAY STORE			16 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! 5th grade Pretzel Sale	17
18 Chanukah Begins 	19	20	21	22	23 EARLY DISMISSAL	24
25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31
SCHOOL CLOSED---WINTER BREAK						Happy New Year!

School Re-opens January 2



Early Dismissal

November 29

December 1, 23

1:30pm

STUDENT/FAMILY HANDBOOK

Congratulations

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Alexandra Mendoza

Service Professional of the Year Mrs. Andrea Ingram



HOLA AMIGOS

Highlight on second grade Spanish class! They have been learning everything about the calendar including numbers up to 30, the 7 days of the week, the months of the year, the year and the seasons in Spanish. In addition, this marking period Second Grade is working on different body parts culminating in a project that include writing, reading and speaking about the body parts.



HIGHLIGHT ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education, students participated in a cup stacking event in conjunction with the World Sports Stacking Association. The goal was to have over 638,503 students world wide cup stacking on 2 designated days to break the world record. Over the course of the 2 days, Washington School had 398 students participating during PE. We are awaiting notification from the WSSA to see if the record was broken. The students really enjoyed the activity! The students are currently doing cup stacking this week in PE.



THE EARTH WITHOUT ART IS JUST "EH"

Welcome Mrs.Conte to the WES staff! After being acquainted with each other and learning the rules and expectations of the Art room, students dove right into some creative fun! Kindergarten and Self Contained classes were learning that primary colors can show emotion and were inspired by the text I'm Not Just a Scribble.

Grade 1 classes were focusing on types of line and incorporating their knowledge into a colorful shooting star. Grade 2 and 3 also studied line in centers with drawing, stamping and cutting several types of line. Their final project in the line unit was a 3-d paper sculpture using at least four types of line. Grade 3 took the challenge even further and sculpted lines based on answers to questions about themselves. Grade 4 and 5 are influenced by a street artist named ThankYouX and his abstract cubism. Each student will create their own cube and together assemble a grade level mural. Future lessons plan on incorporating the season of giving, winter flare, and a tip of the hat to artists such as Van Gogh, Romero Britto , Robert Indiana and Heather Galler.



LEARN. DREAM. LIVE. RUN

Girls on the Run is a positive youth development program that inspires young girls to stay true to themselves and live free from societal stereotypes. Washington Elementary School proudly participated this fall in this empowering program. WES teachers and Girls on the Run advisers, Kristen Coyne, Michelle Ring, and Marissa Simoes led 11 of our students through a structured 12-week curriculum and a training program ending in a 5k run. Their goal was not to turn girls into marathon runners, but to inspire them to be healthy, confident and embrace their inner strength.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

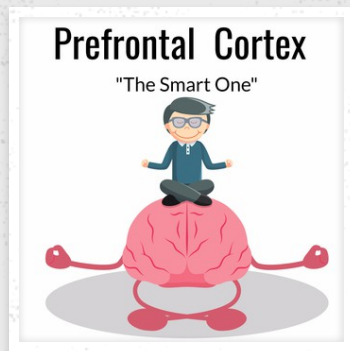
Mrs. Ales' new club has been bringing reading into Action! Second grade Reader's Theater students are enthusiastically participating in their before school club. Reader's theater is a highly motivational reading strategy that provides a context for authentic reading. Students are gaining increased reading motivation, developing fluency, increasing comprehension and integrating speaking & listening with authentic text. This new club was offered to second graders this fall and will be offered to first graders in the spring!

WES PRESS-OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

MINDFULNESS CLASSROOM LESSONS

We are proud to again host Angie Harris, certified [Mindful Schools](#) instructor, to teach Mindfulness lessons with all our students. Ms. Angie works with homerooms K-5 to teach students strategies in mindfulness to support their social-emotional well-being.

Recent lessons this month included a deep dive into brain science and teaching students about the different parts of their brain, which control students' emotional and physical responses. Please see pictures below and we encourage you to ask your children about what they have learned with Ms. Angie.



STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON MINDFULNESS LESSONS - 4TH GRADE

"Mindfulness has helped me relax my emotions from everything that I have been through for the day."

"Mindfulness help me by being calm...I can do the rollercoaster breathing to help me so I can feel better."

"I like when Ms. Angie talks to us about how important mindfulness is."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WHEN

TUESDAY, DEC. 6TH, 5:30PM

WHERE

55 PARSONAGE ROAD
EDISON, NJ

Washington School is Proud to Host:

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Menlo Park Mall, Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 2022, 5:30-8:00pm



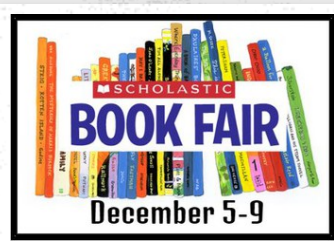
Featuring:

- Special Guest Readers – Your Teachers!
- Musical performances by our 4th & 5th Grade Chorus ~ 7:00pm
- Musical performances by our talented Washington School students ~ 7:10pm
- Washington School Advanced Orchestra Performing Musical Selections ~ 7:20pm
- Washington School Band Members Performing Musical Selections ~ 7:40pm

Drop by anytime that day with a voucher (on the back of this flier) and you can help raise money for Washington School!

Can't attend the book fair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online on 12/6/2022 by entering Bookfair ID 12639902 at checkout. A percentage of all purchases will benefit Washington School!



Washington School
Pretzel Sale

Friday, December 16th



PTO Holiday Sale



December 12-16



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
December 2 & 16

PARENT HELPDESK & TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

STAY CONNECTED WITH WASHINGTON SCHOOL



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