



Inside the Pack

From the Desk of Principal Lockenvitz

ISAT – The ISAT test for 3rd – 5th grade students will be given Monday, February 28 through Friday, March 11. It is important to have all of our students at school and on time every day for this testing. Our teachers have been preparing the students for these tests since the beginning of the year. Students in grades 3 and 5 will take tests in reading and math, while grade 4 students will be tested in reading, math and science. The results of the tests will be sent back to us during the summer and students will receive scores in the fall. We ask that parents help out by making sure students get optimal rest, nutrition and have a positive attitude.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Parent Teacher conferences for students in grades K-5 will be held the week of Feb 14th-18th. These conferences will be conducted similarly to the fall conferences. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they desire a conference. Specialist office hours are posted in the newsletter below.

Washington School Website – If you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet, please check out our new and improved school website at www.District87.org/Washington. We will utilize the website to communicate all announcements and events for the school, in addition to our school calendar of all current and upcoming events. Be sure to check there for all that is happening in Washington School!

Inside the Pack is published monthly by the Washington School PTO to promote communication between the PTO, school, and parents. The newsletter includes PTO updates, committee news, notes from the school office and general school information. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Rajiv Shah via email: rajiv.shah@alumni.illinois.edu or using the submission form available in the school office. The deadline is the first FRIDAY of each month.

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All-School Sing

You're Invited!

General Meetings - Please Come!

April 4, 2011

Board Meetings - Routine PTO

Business - You are welcome!

March 7, 2011

May 9, 2011

Where: Cafeteria

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Join the PTO!

If you are interested in being more involved with your child's school, join the PTO. We are recruiting for next year's PTO Board. If you have any questions, please contact:

Amie Keeton Co-VP, akeeton@scbloomington.com

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Washington School Carnival

Coming Soon.... We will be looking for everyone to help out with donations so this can be the best carnival ever. Flyer will be going out the beginning of March for presale wristbands and tickets.

April 15th...put it on your calendar!!

PTO Corner

Despite the snow and cold, things are still hopping at Washington. Reading Wolves is drawing to a close, Junior Great Books is beginning, the kids are working on music and PE programs, and Carnival planning is in full swing. Don't forget that you can come have lunch with your child any day (just let the office know in the morning if you plan to buy a lunch). Your presence would brighten a dreary winter day!

We hope to have more information very soon about the library renovation plans. Thanks to your generosity with We.Fit.In, we'll be able to make some major improvements to this important learning space.

PE Program

Everyone is invited to our annual We.Fit.In Physical Education Program:

"GAME DAY"

**Thursday, March 10th, at
7:00 p.m.**

Presented by all of our **3rd and
4th grade All-Stars**

Our program has become a tradition here at Washington and we are excited to share this special evening with our parents, family, and friends. Please mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening of entertainment by your Washington Wolves!

Kindergarten

Pre-Registration

Wednesday, April 13th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Registration is by appointment only and we will start taking calls for appointments on March 1st.

Please call the office to schedule an appointment, (309) 829-7034. Please plan to bring your child with you that day. Important items to bring with you to registration include proof of residency, certified birth certificate, and physical/immunization records, vision & dental exams.





Nutrition Matters

Lunch Room Changes?

Julie Fehrenbacher MS, RD, LDN School Nutrition Director

You may have heard that changes are headed to the lunchroom and are wondering:
What? Why? When?

To begin, the school foods program is authorized by federal law. Congress recently made changes we will have to implement. However, at this point, the federal government has only issued draft rules. Final changes will become clear in the next year as final guidance is provided. What we know now is:

What:

- Increase fruit and vegetable portions.
- Decrease starchy vegetables (corn, potatoes, peas).
- Only skim milk if flavored.
- Increase whole grains.
- Decrease sodium.
- Increase monitoring of calories, trans fats, and saturated fats.
- Increase meal prices to match federal reimbursement amount.

Why:

- Improve/maintain the health of children!
- Expose children to healthy food options and encourage good eating habits.
- Increase non-federal resources so that federal reimbursement does not subsidize non-eligible meals.

When:

- Now - skim chocolate milk in elementary schools, more green /orange vegetables, more whole grains, and lower salt.
- Future – next year and beyond, meet the specific guidelines that are coming our way.

District 87 provides well-balanced, healthy meals to our students and will continue to improve and enhance our meals. Please send your students to eat with us!

Thank you for all that you do to help support our Food Service Program!

Contact the School Nutrition Office at 309-827-6031 ext 229 with any questions.

Whether the Weather Be Cold . . .

Washington’s second graders helped each of us to weather the weather a little better when they put on this year’s Second Grade Music Program, entitled “Whether the Weather”. Mrs. Eggleston led the children in a program that combined reading, singing and playing musical instruments. The night featured each of the second grade classes performing a book about the three winter events we have experienced a lot of lately: snow, wind and rain!

The program was held Thursday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m., in the school gym. Because the event is after first Friday in February, the photos will be in next month’s newsletter.

Sneakers for PE Class!

Make sure that your child packs their sneakers in their backpack before they head out the door on snowy, slushy days.

This will also prevent them from calling you at home or work with a plea to get their sneakers to school before PE class.

PTO Online!

You can find a copy of the PTO’s Minutes and Newsletter online through the Washington web site. Just go to the website at: www.district87.org/washington/ then look under “For Parents” for the PTO page.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 18th is a NO SCHOOL day for students. It is a day for parents to conference with teachers as needed. Please consider scheduling a meeting if you have not yet met with your child's teacher this school year, or if you have any special concerns. Many of the teachers will be available throughout the week, not just on Friday. **Please contact the teacher or office to set up a conference if you are interested, 829-7034.**

Mrs. Anderson:
Feb. 14 8:00-8:45am, 3:15-4:00 pm; Feb. 15 & 17: 8:00-8:45 am ; Feb. 18 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Mrs. Singhal:
Feb. 14-17 7:30 am-8:30 am; Feb. 14 3:45-5:15 pm; February 17 3:45-5:00 pm

Mrs. Eggleston:
Feb. 15-17 7:30-8:30 am, 3:45-5:00 pm

Ms. Picone:
Feb. 15 3:15-4:15 pm

Mrs. Geggus:
Feb. 14-17 Before & after school by appt. (at Oakland)

Miss Evans:
Feb. 16 7:30-8:30 am (if this time doesn't work for you-please call or email Evansa@district87.org to schedule an appt.)

Mrs. Szabo:
Feb. 14-17 7:30-8:30 am; Feb. 14-15 3:45-4:45 pm; Feb. 17 3:45-4:30 pm

Mrs. O'Neill:
Feb. 14 3:30-5:30 pm; Feb. 15: 3:30-4:45pm

Mrs. Chiles
Feb. 14-16 7:30-8:30 am, 3:15-5:00 pm

Mrs. Dunlap (Art): please email Dunlapp@district87.org

Mrs. Micks (Art): please email Micksd@district87.org

Mrs. Warren: please email Warrensh@district87.org

Need Volunteers for Market Day



Market Day flyer distributor

This person would come to Market Day pickup on Feb. 28 and March 28, between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., to pick up flyers for the next Market Day order. The volunteer then has to rebundle the flyers into stacks with the appropriate number for each classroom. Since the flyers come in 25-count bundles, this will mean only adding or subtracting a few, according to the list we'll provide. The volunteer will then put the bundles in the teachers' mailboxes. This task would take about 15 minutes each time. Since it is such a quick task and the flyers are bulky, the task should be done at school, preferably before the office closes at 4 p.m.

Market Day pickup coordinator

We need one person who can commit to being at each Market Day pickup between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. and direct the volunteers, who will be different each month. Training will be provided. There are only three pickup days left this year: Feb. 28, March 28, and May 9.

Market Day backup coordinator

In the event that an emergency should arise, we would like to have another person trained in placing Market Day orders and directing the program. It would be great to have someone start soon, but it's particularly important to have someone in place for next year.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, please contact Cindy Linton, Market Day Coordinator, at Linton862@comcast.net or 287-9323 or Patty Kelly, kellyskid2@aol.com or 585-0298.



Market Day.
Family of Fundraisers™

What's news!

2nd Grade

100% of the profits from February's sale will be divided up among the teachers of the 2nd grade.

Important Dates

02/21 Written order forms turned into the office
 02/23 Online orders placed by 11:00 pm
 02/28 Distribution in the cafeteria between 3:45-5:00

Washington School Goal

Our goal each month is to sell \$3,500 in Market Day products. If we can reach this goal the featured grade will receive \$525 to spend as they choose!

Please go into www.marketday.com and place your order today!

Contact Cindy Linton with questions.
linton862@comcast.net

We Need Your Help!



Box Tops:

An Important Source of PTO Funds



Please cut the Box Tops for Education (shown above) from the General Mills products you use and bring them in to school. Ask your family to save them for you as well! Our school gets 10 cents per boxtop and that can really add up!

Turn in your General Mills Box Tops with your child's name, teacher's name, and grade on the back of each for a chance to win a \$5 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Two lucky winners are selected each month! Any questions contact Noelle Burns at nburns@cbhoa.com.

Congratulations to our Box Top Winners for February, **Owen Joslin (K) and Giselle Bauer (5th)**. They each received a \$5 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Last year, **\$1000** was raised through the box tops program.



Web and Email Info:
 District: www.district87.org
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Washington Students Showcase Their Talent!

It's late Friday afternoon, and the gymnasium is buzzing with excitement! Students, grades 2 through 5, anxiously await their turn to take the stage and demonstrate their talent for their classmates. Elissa Howard, a third grader, is waiting to sing a Swift song. Fourth grader Hansen Hao is up next; he will be playing his violin. As each act



leaves the stage, the rest of the children cheer, and busy fifth graders swoop in to rearrange the equipment, check the roster, and call the next act.

It has taken a long time to get to today's rehearsal. Fifth graders Jarrod Hocesvar and Cole Bahan have meeting with Mr. Lockenvitz since September to put the show's 26 acts together. Jarrod and Cole, are the Talent Show's directors (unless, as Cole explained, something goes wrong . . . then Mr. Lockenvitz is in charge!). Cole and Jarrod wanted to direct the show last year because it looked like so much fun, but were too late signing up. This year, they got started early! The recent snow days this week put a small blip in the show's preparation schedule, but the students are determined to be ready on time.

The Talent Show will take place Friday, February 11, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the gymnasium (Washington students will get a preview Friday morning during school hours). The show will feature talent of all sorts, including singing, dancing, gymnastics, instrumentals, and even --- to my surprise --- pogo-stick dancers!!!!



(Because of the timing of this month's newsletter publication, we will have to wait until next month to see photographs from the actual event.)

Written by Eileen Backman

Around the Bend

February 11th – Washington's Annual Talent Show! Come by at 6:30 to see all the talent our students can muster! The program will be held in the gymnasium.

February 14th – Valentine's Day programs and parties will take place in all the classrooms. It will be a special day for all!

February 22nd – The 2nd graders will take a field trip to the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts to see performance of "Giggle, Giggle, Quack." The show is based on the very funny sequel to the popular book by Doreen Cronin, "Click, Clack, Moo."

March 2, 2011 – Washington Students will celebrate the 14th annual National Education Association's Read Across America Day (and birthday of the beloved children's author Theodore Geisel, best known as "Dr. Seuss") with a Dr. Seuss Read Aloud, taking place in the school's Learning Center.

March 10, 2011 – Mrs. Szabo will lead the 3rd and 4th graders in a heart-pumping Physical Education Program. Join them in the gymnasium at 7 p.m.

March 21st to March 25th: SPRING BREAK!!!! Have a great time everyone!

Door Prizes will be given
away throughout
the event!



Grand Prizes
will be awarded via random
drawing to one child and one
adult participant!

Please join us:

The Bloomington Public Library Foundation
presents its 2nd annual indoor miniature golf
fundraiser at Bloomington Public Library

Sunday, February 13, 2011

1-5 p.m.

205 E. Olive St.

Tickets cost: \$4 in advance; \$5 at the door

*Advance tickets can be purchased at the
Circulation Desk on the Library's lower level and on the Bookmobile.*

*Tickets have no cash value.
No refunds.*

**Funds raised will be used to purchase sound-field
speaker systems for the Library.**

February 2011





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>*Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Science Club-3rd</i> 3:15	2 <i>*Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Chess Club</i> 3:15-4:15 pm <i>Band Recital</i> 7 pm	3 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Girl Scouts #1126</i> 5:30 pm <i>Brownies #1138</i> 6 pm	4 <i>Talent Show</i> Rehearsal 3:15pm	5
6	7 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>PTO Meeting</i> 6:30pm	8 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Science Club-3rd</i> 3:15-4:15 pm <i>Girl Scouts #1083</i> 6 pm	9 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Chess Club-</i> 3:15 pm	10 <i>Dental Clinic</i> <i>Boy Scouts 33 Den 2</i> 6:30 pm <i>2nd grade music</i> program 6:30 pm <i>Basketball 3:30-5pm</i>	11 <i>Talent Show Preview</i> 9:30 am <i>Talent Show</i> 6:30 pm	12
13	14 <i>Valentines Day Parties</i> <i>Girl Scouts #1290</i> 3:15pm <i>Basketball 3:30-5pm</i> <i>Daisy Scouts #1165</i>	15 <i>Basketball 3:30-5 pm</i> <i>Science Club-3rd</i> 3:15-4:15 pm <i>Cub Scouts 33- 6:30</i> pm	16 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Chess Club-</i> 3:15 pm	17 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Girl Scouts #1126</i> 5:30 pm <i>Brownies #1138</i> 6 pm	18 <i>Parent/Teacher</i> conferences- No School	19
20	21 <i>Presidents Day-</i> NO SCHOOL 	22 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Science Club</i> 3:15-4:15 pm <i>2nd Grade Field Trip</i>	23 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Chess Club-</i> 3:15 pm	24 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm	25 <i>Basketball</i> 3:30-5 pm <i>Dr. Seuss Read-Aloud</i>	26
27	28 <i>ISAT Testing Week</i> <i>Girl Scouts #1290 3:15pm</i> <i>Basketball 3:30-5 pm</i> <i>Market Day pickup 3:45 pm</i> <i>Girl Scouts #1083 6pm</i> <i>Daisies #1165 6pm</i>					

*Parks & Recreation Basketball- Boys- Monday/Wednesday 3:30-5:00 pm
 Girls- Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm

March 2011



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20 First day of Spring 	21 Spring Break- No School	22	23 	24	25	26
27	28 Market Day Pickup 3:45 pm Daisy Scouts #1165 6 pm Girl Scouts #12 3:15 pm	29 Spring Pictures	30	31		
						