

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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LET THE RENEWAL OF SPRING BE YOUR CUE TO LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY'S EMOTIONAL WELL BEING. HERE ARE SOME TIPS THAT WILL HELP GIVE YOUR FAMILY A FRESH START.

Foster relationships. Good relationships can be buoyant, whereas difficult ones can be upsetting. Because relationships with family and friends affect the way we feel, it's important to encourage children to forge solid connections, to learn about give-and-take, conflict resolution and to develop and use strategies that will keep interactions on an even keel. If you want to raise a child who can stand up for what they believe in then encourage your child to share their opinions and know their beliefs are worthy.

As parents, we all want successful, happy, well-adjusted kids who are also kind, empathetic and compassionate. At the end of the day, we can help by sitting back and reflecting on the following questions. How do we as parents ensure that our children have the empathy and integrity that we dream they would? How do we fight selfishness, self-absorption, complacency, bullying and isolation and teach our children to care? As parents, we have a moral imperative to rethink how we teach our kids to care in a hurried, complex and data-driven world. In fact, individual and societal success depends on our ability to do so. Look for small teachable moments. Your child's moral growth is an ongoing process that will span the course of a lifetime. The moral knowledge, beliefs and habits you instill in them now will become the foundation they'll use forever. And at the end of the day, children who develop the traits early on are more likely to have happy, productive relationships in both their professional and personal lives as adults.

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**STUDENT ATTENDANCE:
PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE RIGHT AWAY IF
YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FOR
IN-PERSON OR DISTANCE LEARNING.**



NEW FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROCESS AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 12
IN-PERSON STUDENTS: TAKE HOME 2 MEALS IN ONE BOX FROM SCHOOL EVERY MON, TUES, THURS, AND FRI.
DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS: PICK UP A BOX WITH A WEEK'S WORTH OF FOOD EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

Dear Washington families,

It has been a long year since we had to close the school for in-person learning, so I am very excited to once again share in the joy and laughter our students bring every day as we have started in-person learning again at Washington Elementary. We are slowly and safely opening our school and classrooms and look forward to seeing our students continue to thrive and grow.

I would like to reiterate that we are committed to the safety of our students and staff. Our staff will work diligently to keep our school, children, staff, and parents safe. We will take necessary precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and clean off high-contact areas. All staff, parents, guardians, and students are expected to follow the promoted safeguards, such as completing a daily wellness survey for each student at home before coming to school, wearing a mask at all times, maintaining a safe distance of 6 feet from other students and staff at all times, washing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues, avoiding others who are sick, and staying home if ill.

I appreciate your tremendous support and understanding as we venture forward to reinvent our school designs to optimize learning for our students in a safe and healthy environment. I know you share my renewed sense of excitement to receive our students back in-person. I appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we navigate the new ways of doing things to maintain everyone’s well-being while providing an equitable, rigorous, and meaningful learning experience for all.

–Mr. Hernandez, principal

Calendar / Schedules

**TIGERS ARE
RESILIENT!**

**TIGERS STAY
THE COURSE!**

**TIGERS DO
EVERYTHING
CON GANAS!**

March 1 - April 30
OPEN ENROLLMENT

Wednesday, April 7
and April 14
VIRTUAL PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES (BY PARENT
REQUEST ONLY)
7:45-9:30 AM
AND AFTER 12:45 PM

Monday, April 12
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC)
MEETING, ZOOM, 5:30 PM

Friday, April 23
4TH QUARTER PROGRESS
REPORTS AVAILABLE IN AERIES
PORTAL AND SENT HOME WITH
IN-PERSON STUDENTS

In-Person (AM) Schedule
Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri
AT SCHOOL
8:00-11:00 AM
AT HOME - INDEPENDENT WORK
12:20-3:00 PM

Distance Learning (DL)
Schedule -
at home every day
MON, TUE, THURS, FRI
INDEPENDENT WORK
8:00-11:00 AM
ON ZOOM WITH THEIR TEACHER
12:20-3:00 PM

Every Wednesday -
All students at home
ON ZOOM WITH THEIR TEACHER
9:30-11:00 AM
INDEPENDENT WORK
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM