

## Dates to Remember!

- Nov. 2-4<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTA Meeting
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 9-14<sup>th</sup> – Food Drive Week
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – November Birthday Table (Note: change of date!)

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### Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the LLC. Please join us and invite someone new to come along with you! We will have a special presentation by John Henrikson our school social worker regarding how to help students with anxiety about school and school expectations. Dr. Niemiera will also provide an update on technology in the building. In an effort to encourage attendance and participation, we will be offering **child care** for children of walking age and up during the meeting. Please follow the signs to the gym where you will need to sign in/out your child. We are also offering the assistance of a Spanish speaking **translator** during the meeting to help bridge communication for anyone who would find this helpful. Since the Book Fair will also be taking place it is a perfect opportunity to attend both! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Shine at [lshine@ameritech.net](mailto:lshine@ameritech.net) or 668-6101.



It's not too late! You still have time to be a member of the PTA! Only \$5 goes towards:

- Field Trips
- Cultural Arts/School Assemblies
- Birthday Lunches

- Book Fair
- Science Enrichment
- Art Education for all Grades
- Spring Fling Dance/Mixer
- Digital Document Readers for Classrooms
- And more...



### WANTED: GRANDPARENTS OR SENIORS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PTA!

Joining children and seniors can be rewarding in so many ways. Kids and seniors both can learn so much by working together. Retired? Have some extra time to volunteer? Maybe you worked in a field needing help. You can help at Washington Elementary in so many ways:

- LLC – volunteer your time to work in the library, schedule flexible
- KIDS Day – be a part of the year end outdoor fun day
- Fun Fair – Various positions available that could use your help!
- Pancake Breakfast – January event, schedule flexible
- Beautification – Spring plant sale and gardening of the grounds
- Publicity – Inform local papers of Washington events

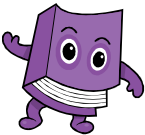
🔒 And so much more...

Please contact Lisa Shine at: 630-668-6101 if you can help work with the PTA and students on these events!

You want more for your money? You'll also get a free Washington Family Directory (purchased separately, cost is \$5). Moms AND DADS, please join the Washington PTA (no volunteering required)!!! Questions? Contact Michelle Adams 630-784-9924



Want to help but short on time? Please call us to be Bakers or for Food Donations for various events throughout the year. No need to be Paula Deen to donate baked goods. Email Michelle Adams: [adams1607@comcast.net](mailto:adams1607@comcast.net) if you'd like to be on the list to help out!!!



### The Book Fair is Almost Here!

Our annual book fair is going to start on Monday Nov. 2nd. You can preview the books from 9am-3pm and the book fair is open for sales 3pm-9pm. Monday night is also **Family Reading Night from 6:30pm-8:30pm**. This is a night where you and your family can come and get a book and read a bed time story together in the LLC. The book fair continues on Tues. Nov.3rd 9am-9pm and the last day is Wed. Nov.4th 9am-6pm. This is an important event for our school that can encourage reading in your students and help you get your holiday shopping for your family and teacher appreciation gifts checked off the list. At the book fair each teacher will have a wish list of favorite books that make a nice gift for them to keep in their classrooms. The book fair also goes to help fund our library and provide more books for our students! So come on out and show your support for reading and learning through stopping by the Book fair. **We are still in need of volunteers** to help with sales during the book fair hours. Please consider helping out and call Sandi Helm at 630-665-6252 to sign up for a shift.



This past Wednesday, students participated in the 1st Cultural Arts assembly of the year. Jerry Jacoby presented "Real Character is NO Accident", and the students loved it. The emphasis was on character issues, such as honesty, respect and courtesy. With age-level stories and experiences, the children truly seemed to grasp the ideas from the program. There was plenty of listening, laughter, and participation in spirited songs.

There are 4 more assemblies scheduled for the year, with the next one on Tuesday, November 17th. This program is called World Music Tour. Students will "journey from continent to continent learning about different cultures and the music that is part of what makes them special." Parents are welcome to join the students and teachers at the assembly at either 1:30pm (K-2) or 2:30pm (3-5).

It is through parent support of the PTA that students are able to experience these assemblies. Monies raised through our fundraisers make these important assemblies possible. Please show your PTA support so that we can continue providing programs that give our children opportunities to learn in creative ways outside of the classroom setting.



### Spirit Wear Is Here!

Show your school spirit and order some Washington wear! There are t-shirts, sweatshirts, and some new items, like a fleece jacket and a pigment-dyed heavyweight sweatshirt, particularly nice for Dad. Take a look at some samples on the bulletin board (by the main entrance) when you come to school. Place your order by Monday, November 9th and have your items before Winter Break. Order forms were sent home in a previous newsletter. If you need a form, they are available outside the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Pecharich at 630-871-6769.



Thank you to all parents who helped out with the **Halloween Parties!** The children truly appreciate the fun activities and treats you provided for them. Your dedication to the students is what makes Washington School truly a remarkable place. Please make sure to fill out a party record form. This is helpful to future party planners for that grade. Then pass along the binder to the Holiday Party Coordinator. (If there is no one listed as the coordinator, pass it along to the first name on the list.)

Also, a big thank you to all volunteers who helped clean up our school ground on **Make A Difference Day** last Saturday! The school looks beautiful!

Thank you to Jeff Messer for organizing our **“Walk to School Day”** this month.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE WEEK OF THE 9TH-13TH.....**

Washington school families always have a lot to be thankful for this time of year. So while we are thinking about what we are thankful for let's do a little bit of giving as well. A great way to give back is by donating food to our community. The food pantries have been hit very hard this past year & any help we can give would be greatly appreciated. The Food Pantry is in need of the following: All Canned fruit & vegetables, tuna, coffee, all baby food, brown paper bags, all types of pasta, soups, and all types of toiletries. Just sending an extra roll of toilet paper or paper towel will help them out. Please give what you can.