

Welcome to Washington Elementary School's home page. This web page is designed to provide you with up-to-date information about our school. Please take time to explore the various links and visit often to see new entries.

Washington Elementary School, located at the corner of President and Bridle Lane in Wheaton, serving about 400 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Our purpose, in collaboration with parents and our community, is to bring the joy of learning to each child by creating a safe school environment where students are challenged and actively engaged as learners.

Our entire staff is dedicated to increase student achievement for all students and to meet that goal, students are provided with a high quality educational experience focusing on the total child. In addition to their classroom experiences, our students in kindergarten through fifth grade participate daily in a physical education program. Students in first through fifth grade also receive instruction in vocal music and art each week.

Our Library Learning Center (LLC) offers students a place to study, check out books, and conduct research. Students access the LLC during whole class times, with small study groups, and as individuals. Students also access computers both in their classrooms and in the LLC in order to extend and support learning. You can access the Library page by linking to the Classrooms and Departments to learn more about the Library program.

Washington school offers several extra-curricular opportunities for students in grades 3 through 5. If your child is interested in music, he or she can participate in our chorus program starting in third grade. This program meets once a week outside of the school day and performs during our winter fine arts concert as well as during a spring concert. Fourth grade students can elect to participate in orchestra and fifth grade students can participate in either orchestra or band. Both of these music groups also perform throughout the school year.

In addition to our music offerings, we also have opportunity for student leadership. Fifth grade students are able to apply to be one of our safety patrols. This program is an important part of our safety program at Washington School. At the start of each school year, students in each classroom, grades three through five, elect a classroom representative to serve on the Student Council. In addition to representing his or her own classroom, each student council person also represents one of the primary classrooms. Student Council meets twice a month and has been instrumental in planning and implementing a Multi-Cultural Day, and Eco-Fair, and many spirit activities.

Our school would not be what it is without the tireless work of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Through the PTA, students are able to access programs such as our Spanish Lunch and Learn Language program, Battle of the Books, Author Visits, and Hands on Science. Additionally our PTA provides several excellent cultural arts programs throughout the year.

In addition to programs within the school day, our PTA also provides many activities for the whole family including an Ice Cream Social at the start of the year, Spirit Nights throughout the year, a Pancake Breakfast in January, and a Fun Fair in late February or early March. The PTA most recently supported the school's goal to purchase digital document cameras and data projectors for the classrooms.

Thank you for visiting,

Sandy Niemiera, Principal