Welcome Washington Families to our 1st Newsletter!

Let us start off by saying that when we are put to a task, Washington will always come through. Even with the over-crowded conditions, our teachers, staff, the PTA and our principal, Mrs. Neville is doing everything they can so in the end our children get the best educational experience.

At the beginning of our school year, we welcomed with open arms our children from Kindergarten all the way to 4th grade. The children quickly grew accustomed to their classrooms.

The PTA has been doing a lot of planning for the children and their families. Yes, some of the events have been postponed for the time being due to mother nature, HOWEVER, we still have plenty of time before the end of the school year to make up for it.

The children really seemed to enjoy the Harvest Hoedown in October and with many first time events, there are glitches to be fixed, but that is how we learn for the next time.

Right before the holidays, the children got to wear their pajamas, enjoy a movie and hot chocolate. The feeling of a giant slumber party was definitely in the air. What a fantastic way to start the vacation.

Winter Wonderland Bingo was postponed BUT we should have a reschedule date by the time you read this letter if not before.

As for you, the parents, grandparents, guardians of our children, we need to hear from YOU! Yes, YOU! We need ideas for projects, class trips, anything at all. We need you involved, we WANT YOU involved.

Please feel free to contact any of us on the PTA Board. It would really mean a lot to show the children and our district that Washington is going above and beyond what needs to be done.

Education can and should be a fantastic experience, we cannot do this alone!

On behalf of the entire PTA board, We hope to see you all soon!

Shari and Terry, Co-Presidents

Washington Primary’s 1st Annual Harvest Hoedown is a Big Hit!

This November brought the 1st Annual PTA Harvest Hoedown to Washington Primary School. Children were adorned with straw hats and glow sticks on a brisk and chilly autumn afternoon. The gymnasium and the rear field were filled, however, with the warmth of school spirit! As a result of the passion and dedication of faculty, staff, parents and guardians, volunteers coordinated a wide array of activities including a rocking dance floor, carnival games and relay races. Mrs. Fretz from Huntington High School also got involved by coordinating student fiddlers to serenade Washington families.

During the “Hoedown” the school community was offered autumn treats for sale by three local merchants. ‘Sweeties Candy Cottage’ offered candy corn and chocolate delicacies just in time for Halloween, ‘Park Avenue Nursery’ had gorgeous mums and scarecrows for sale, and ‘Divine Brine’ offered their tasty pickles on a stick, jams and chutneys.

Inside the school cafeteria, parents and PTA Volunteers were busy feeding hungry families corn and hot dogs provided by Critic’s Choice.

One highlight of the afternoon was the Halloween themed “Mummy Wrap” station, where children had the opportunity to wrap some of their teachers in toilet paper. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Ellis was an especially good sport during this event, where students lined up to wrap her from head to toe.

After the Hoedown, Mrs. Neville, the school principal said, “It was a wonderful way to kick off the school year! It was great to see so many families here!” and kindergartner Aiden Delfino commented, “I liked the cowboy hats, and I liked the CANDY!”

The PTA is looking forward to bringing this event to Washington Primary again next fall. There is a need for even more new volunteers and fresh ideas to add to the fun of the Hoedown. Please contact the PTA at any time. It is never too early or too late to put your name on the list of volunteers.
CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
A Special Request for Parent Volunteers from Mrs. Neville...

Mrs. Luke is being utilized elsewhere in the building, so volunteers are needed to help Ms. White in the library in her place. During these times, volunteers are needed:

Mondays: 12:30-2:45
Tuesdays: 12:30-2:45
Wednesdays: 1:00-2:45
Thursdays: 11:30-1:30

1 person for each of these 4 days is needed. The kindergartners and kindergarten teachers have adjusted well to the bigger class sizes this year, however, we are now asking for volunteers to help out the Kindergarten teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00. This will allow the Aides to do one on one work with the kids while the volunteers do prep work for projects. The time you have to offer, would be a huge benefit for our kindergarteners. Please contact Mrs. Neville to arrange times.

Volunteers would not work their own child’s classroom.

Senior Citizens are welcome to be volunteers!

WASHINGTON PRIMARY NIGHT AT THE BOOK REVUE IN HUNTINGTON VILLAGE

On November 5th, Washington Primary PTA held its first annual fundraiser at the Book Revue in Huntington. Along with the Book Revue, other merchants in town offered their support of our school. Ben and Jerry’s gave back a generous donation from their sales to Washington Primary families. Fantastic Kids Toys and Seattle’s Best Coffee also offered the same incentive. In the end it was a very enjoyable day that lasted into the early evening. Special thanks go out to all of the teachers who gave their time and effort to read stories to the children and to all families who shopped their way closer to Holiday bliss! A special treat was orchestrated by Mr. Malle and his fourth grade music students who put on an amazing musical performance! Mrs. Kilgour and Mrs. Deegan masterfully handled the craft table keeping our kids busy while Moms and Dads could shop to their heart’s content making the evening a huge success. Thank you so much!

HALLOWEEN PARADE:
A huge success. Possibly the best ever!

Halloween arrived a little early this year at Washington Primary and proved to be a day of frightening fun! The parade on Oct. 30th was a huge success! Never before have there been so many princesses and ghouls and vampires and witches galore! Even though the scary stage wasn’t in the gym this year Ms. Quiles made sure it was scary outside at the parade!!

WASHINGTON PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP IS STILL ONGOING!!
We hope your child is enjoying his/her school year so far! They have so much ahead of them and so much to learn! As their parents, we need to stay connected to the school for their sake! That is why it is so important to become a PTA member! As a member you stay plugged in to the Washington Primary policies and events and create positive relationships with the teachers that shape each day for them. Please sign up with the Washington Primary PTA and volunteer your time for your child. We are our child’s greatest advocate for their hopes and dreams...

Membership is only $8.00. Half of that money goes directly back into Washington Primary for special events given for each grade throughout the year. Membership is available all year.

STAY CONNECTED TO WASHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA. TO CONTACT US PLEASE EMAIL US AT WASHINGTONPRIMARYPTA@GMAIL.COM. ALL WASHINGTON PRIMARY INFO CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE HUNTINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3’S WEBSITE AT WWW.HUFS.DU.