

February 2012

Washington School Newsletter

Submitted by Melissa Bosnich, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- February 2nd
Market Day
Pickup 4:00 PM
at Parkside
- February 2nd
4th grade boys
basketball
- February 3rd
PBIS incentive
assembly - 10:00
African Acrobats
- February 3rd
4th grade boys
basketball
- February 6th
4th grade girls
basketball
- February 7th
2:05 Dismissal
- February 9th
4th grade boys
basketball
- February 10th
4th grade girls
basketball
- February 14th
Valentine's Day
Room Parties
- February 14th
Spirit Day – wear
red, pink, or purple
- February 15th
Progress Reports
- February 15th
2:05 dismissal
- February 16th
4th grade boys
basketball
- February 20th
No School
President's Day
- February 21st
PBIS Store open
wear camouflage
- February 22nd
2:05 dismissal
- February 23rd
4th grade boys
basketball
- February 24th
PTC Bingo Night
and Pizza dinner



Family Bingo Night and Pizza!

Be sure to join us at our PTC's Family Bingo Night and annual Dinner on Friday February 24, 2012. This year we will be having pizza! Our PTC sponsors this event and encourages entire families to attend. Tickets will be sold ahead of time. It is an inexpensive fun family night! Prizes will be awarded, but the best prize of all is time with family and having fun together. Hope to see you there



Winter Testing

Winter testing has been completed for both AIMSweb and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents on a great testing session! We look forward to continuing our partnership with parents as we work together to help students learn and grow! We appreciate your continued support.

MAP testing is done for mathematics, language arts, and reading. MAP tests are unique in that they are adaptive tests your child took on a computer. That means that the test became more difficult the more questions your child answered correctly. When your child incorrectly answered a question, the test became easier. Therefore, your child took a test specifically created for his or her learning level. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. Students were given cards with their fall testing score so they would know where they were and how they improved. **Lots** of students made great gains and it was wonderful to see how proud and excited they were when they saw their improvement. Teachers use the information obtained in testing reports to evaluate the instruction and skills covered in class and make adjustments if needed to help all students make progress.

Utilizing AIMSweb testing materials helps provide additional data on students' reading performance. This data helps us focus on teaching, learning and problem solving. AIMSweb is also a tool to monitor student progress, address deficiencies, and recheck results quickly and often. Reports for both MAP and AIMSweb will be sent home with your child at the end of February. Be looking for the reports and if you have any questions about them or the testing, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Melissa Bosnich at school, 1.815.223.0301.

The improvements that were made in student achievement are a result of the hard work of the teachers, students, and parents. A critical component of student success is for all three to be working together as partners in education. We thank you for playing an active role in your child's education and are very pleased with what has been accomplished so far this year. Continue reading with your child at home and discussing the stories with them. It can make a significant difference in their reading, which affects all areas of education. If you are looking for additional suggestions on how to help your child continue to improve, contact your child's teacher. They are always willing to help.

Raider Rules

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

Each week, classrooms with lowest number of minor behaviors or those that have shown excellent improvement, have our PBIS mascots, Cami and Hunter, visit their room for the week. The mascots are a boy and girl doll dressed in camouflage to go along with our theme for the year.

January Winning Classrooms

- Ms. Miller (2x)
- Mrs. Patyk (2x)
- Mrs. Kampwerth (2x)
- Mrs. Krich
- Ms. Trigg
- Mrs. Bosnich
- Mrs. Balestri
- Mrs. Hylla
- Mrs. Goddard
- Mr. Janssen

For more district news see the district website www.perued.net

PBIS News

PBIS Store – The first “shopping” day was Tuesday January 24th. Students came to the store and bought items with the behavior bucks that they earned. Items included things like bookmarks, squishy ball, candy, pencils, pens, a Webkinz, lanyards, camo items, etc.

School Wide Incentive – Friday February 3rd, we are thrilled to be having an assembly, African Acrobats to reward the students for their hard work and efforts in following the Raider Rules. This 5-person group will feature:

- African Acrobatics
- Contortions
- Balancing
- Limbo
- Rope Jumping
- Human Pyramid Building
- Juggling
- Hoop Diving

The African Acrobats have performed at:

- Walt Disney Theme Parks
- NBA half time shows
- Resorts
- USO Tours
- Colleges
- Circuses

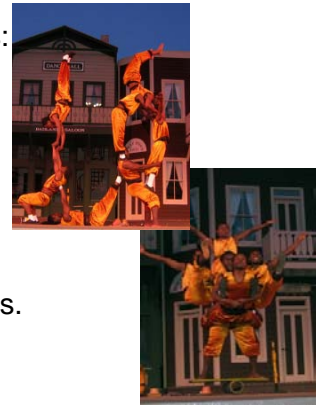
Some student comments about PBIS and the incentives:

“I loved the slinky I bought at the PBIS store. The next time I want to save up to buy a Webkinz.”
~ Ava P.

“I like getting out of class to buy stuff. I like having PBIS at our school because I feel good about it.”
~ Dylon M.

“I liked the parachute army guy and the camo dog chains. I like getting behavior bucks because it makes me feel I did something special.”

~ Jack K.



Box Tops and Soup Labels



Thanks for sending in the labels and box tops. We send them in twice a year and we receive a check for the amount of labels sent in. The money is used to purchase items for the incentives for our PBIS program. The more labels we get the more we can buy! If you are interested in helping to cut, sort, and package the labels to send in for the school, please contact Melissa Bosnich at school, 815 – 223 – 0301. Thanks again for your continued support of Washington School. It is greatly appreciated.



What's going on in P.E.?

submitted by Ms. Bryant

Ms. Bryant has posted some videos on her wiki page of the Washington students performing routine using jump bands. Jump bands are spiraled off of a Traditional Philippine dance called Tinikling. Instead of using bamboo poles the students used long elastic bands that hooked on their ankles. The benefits of jump bands include rhythm, movement, teamwork as well as cardiovascular endurance. Please go to my webpage and click on [Ms. Bryant's Wiki Page](#) to view all the students' videos. They did a great job!!

Valentine Reminder

If your child will be exchanging valentines, please be sure that they use their class list and write out a valentine for each of their classmates. This is a perfect opportunity to talk to your child about not hurting others' feelings. It is a thoughtful gesture to include everyone even if you aren't “friends” with all of your classmates.

