



Newsletter

FALL 2018



Welcome Back from the PRINCIPAL—Dr. Sara Moore

Welcome back to Washington Elementary!

My name is Sara Moore and I am honored to be the principal at Washington. I have served in various positions in the Bay City Public Schools for the last 22 years, and Washington has always been special to me. It is a wonderful school family to work and grow in. Washington has a fantastic group of enthusiastic, passionate, and dedicated staff with one goal in mind: Doing what is best for kids. Staff, parents and students work together to promote academic achievement, social well-being, career readiness and developing life-long learning skills.

To help us understand how best to communicate with families please fill out the attached survey and return it to the office with your student.

The success of any school is determined by the relationships among the students, families and staff members. My door is always open. I look forward to working with each and every person involved in making Washington a special place to learn and grow!

Parking Lot Issues

We all know how crazy our parking lot can get at the end of the school day. And, we do understand that everyone wants to pick up their student and get on with the rest of their day. Unfortunately, the commotion in the parking lot is resulting in a lot of frustration and causing arguments between parents. A few conflicts have been noticed, and reported already this year. Please, for the safety of our students, **DO NOT block other cars in, and DO NOT use the Entrance as an Exit.**

We cannot stress enough how important it is to be courteous and accommodating to others during these chaotic moments. **Keep in mind that you are picking your student up from a school that is teaching "Kindness" and "Anti-Bullying"**. Please make sure you are setting an example for your children by following these guidelines.



Important Dates to Remember

Sep 7th

Fundraiser Begins

Sep 10th

- Girls on the Run Begins
- NWEA Testing Begins

Oct 11th

Fundraiser Pick Up 1-6 PM

Oct 16

Big Brothers Big Sisters Begins

Oct 19th - 26th

Dental Bus on site

Oct 26th

Halloween Walk Thru 6-8 PM

Nov 6th

NO SCHOOL - Election Day

Nov 9th - 14th

Book Fair

Nov 11th (Monday)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 13th (Wednesday)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 21st, 22nd and 23rd

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

Pathways to Potential (DHHS) = **SUCCE\$\$** for Washington Elementary

The Washington Elementary P2P (Pathways to Potential) program received a **\$1,940** grant from the Bay County Healthy Youth fund at the Bay Area Community Foundation (BACF) for truancy barrier reductions and child incentives.

The P2P program was also awarded a **\$2,060** grant from the Youth Advisory Endowment Fund at the BACF for truancy barrier reductions and child incentives. Both award are divided between four schools with P2P programs.

A BIG Shout out to the following P2P Contributors for attendance incentives!

Essexville



Saginaw



The Front Desk. Who's who, and what they do!

Welcome from the Washington Front Office Staff!!! We are so excited to start off another school year with our students and families here at Washington. If you are not familiar with our Front Office Staff, let us introduce them:

Kristine Rodabaugh - Administrative Assistant (ext 1700). Miss Kristine is the Administrative Assistant here at Washington. She helps Dr. Moore and the rest of the staff with different items day to day. You will see her at the Front Desk in the afternoon.

Tina Mielens - Office Associate (ext 1706) - Miss Tina is our Office Associate. She takes care of the **Attendance and Registration** here at Washington. She has been with Bay City Public Schools for many years and has been a great addition to the Washington Staff. Miss Tina will be the one that you will see in the morning if you come in late to school. You will see her at the Front Desk in the mornings.

Office Staff/Extensions

You can reach the following office staff by calling **894-2744** and then the following extension:

Tina Mielens, Office Associate	1706
Kristine Rodabaugh, Admin Asst	1700
Kelly Hutchison, Family Liaison	1701
Annette Magiera, Psychologist	1769
Lori Ruggles, Service Worker	1704
Carol Wieszczecinski, Nurse	1730
Sara Moore, Principal	1703
Tina Miller, DHS	1728



Weekly School Sales starting soon!

Just a reminder, every **TUESDAY** during lunch hour is School Store. Students can purchase items, such as pencils, stickers, erasers, etc. for a small price. Generally \$1 or \$2 is plenty of money to send for these items.



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY are **PICKLE** sales. This is a fund raising activity for the 3rd grade trip to Mackinaw island at the end of the school year. Pickles are HUGE and only \$1!

FRIDAY as always, is Popcorn Day. The best popcorn in town for only .25 cents!



A Note from Nurse Carol



Wow! Where did summer go? It is great to be back at Washington and seeing your children.

If your child has medication to be given at school, there is **a form that your physician needs to sign**. You can get the form from the office or the Bay City Public School website under the Parent's & Students tab. It is VERY important to not run out of medication at school-it does affect your child's learning. I will call and send notes home when the medications are getting low.

Cold and flu season will be here soon. Check with your physician on flu shots for the family. Take a look at vaccination records and see if any need to be given this year. Vaccination schedules can be checked at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules.

Please keep your phone numbers, emergency numbers and e-mails current with the office. We need to reach someone if your child becomes injured or ill. Please keep voice mails available for messages. I make phone calls to home when a child has a bump to the head or face injury. I do not call for simple cuts, scrapes or bruises unless you request a call. Let's plan for a healthy year and the best opportunities for learning.

- Carol Wieszczeinski RN MSN (**Nurse Carol**)

Early PICK UPS

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If you know in advance that will need to pick your student up early, **please be sure to send a note, or email ahead of time**. If you do not know in advance and need to come in to pick your student up, please do NOT call before you come. The office will call your child down when you get to the school. This way, they are receiving as much time in class as possible. It only takes a couple minutes for them to get to the office once you are here.

Please try to avoid coming into the office for early pick up near the end of the day (2:45—3:05), **unless it is an emergency**. The last half hour of the school day is just as important as the rest of the day. There is instruction taking place in the classroom right up to the end of the day, which may result in your student missing valuable information. Also, the interruption to the classrooms is very distracting to the teacher and all of the students, which has a very negative impact on learning.

Bay City Public Schools
DISTRICT CALENDAR: 2018-2019

2018 First Day of School	Tuesday, August 28
Non-School Days (Labor Day)	Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3
Classes Resume	Tuesday, September 4
Non-School Day (Professional Development)	Wednesday, October 10
End of Marking Period (High School & Middle School)	Friday, October 26
Non-School Day (Election Day/Professional Development)	Tuesday, November 6
Non-School Days.....	Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23
Classes Resume	Monday, November 26
Non-School Days (Winter Break)	Monday, December 24 – Wednesday, January 2
Classes Resume	Thursday, January 3, 2019
2019 End of 1st Semester (½ Student Day)	Friday, January 18
Non-School Day	Friday, February 15
End of Marking Period (High School & Middle School)	Friday, March 15
Non-School Days (Spring Break)	Monday, April 1 – Friday, April 5
Classes Resume	Monday, April 8
Non-School Day	Friday, April 19
Last Day for Seniors	Thursday, May 23
Non-School Days (Memorial Day)	Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27
Classes Resume	Tuesday, May 28
Commencements (Eastern High School).....	Thursday, May 30
Commencements (Central High School & Western High School).....	Sunday, June 2
Last Day of School (½ Student Day)	Friday, June 7

Washington Elementary Communication Survey 2018-19

Please answer the following questions with an answer from 1 to 5 as follows:

1 = I Strongly Disagree 4 = I Somewhat Agree

2 = I Somewhat Disagree 5 = I Strongly Agree

3 = Neutral

1) I have been receiving the Email copy of the Washington Newsletter and read it regularly.
1 2 3 4 5

2) I find the information in the Newsletter to be useful and important
1 2 3 4 5

3) I was not aware that an Email Newsletter was being sent out
1 2 3 4 5

4) I do not have/use my Email often and have not been receiving/reading the Newsletter regularly.
1 2 3 4 5

5) I prefer a hard copy of the Newsletter.
1 2 3 4 5

6) I use Facebook regularly to communicate with family/friends
1 2 3 4 5

7) I regularly check the Washington Elementary Facebook page for upcoming events/information.
1 2 3 4 5

8) I would be more likely to read information on Facebook than in a Newsletter.
1 2 3 4 5

9) I like to be notified about upcoming events
1 2 3 4 5

10) During the school year, I receive the Sunday evening call out regarding the upcoming weekly events/activities
1 2 3 4 5

11) I listen to the entire call out message when I receive them
1 2 3 4 5

12) I am not receiving the Sunday evening call out regarding upcoming events/activities
1 2 3 4 5

13) I would be interested in being part of a "Parent Group" that meets regularly to discuss and help impact school improvement issues such as academic success/help, bullying, social events, etc.
1 2 3 4 5

Student (optional) _____ Parent Name (optional) _____

Additional Comments/Issues _____

Transportation Reminder



It is very important that your student knows how they are getting home each day. There are frequently schedules that change weekly or daily. Please make sure this is communicated to the school.

Students or parents often contact us asking for a student go home on a bus with a friend or relative. It is a district policy that students cannot ride on any bus other than the one they are assigned to. If your student truly does need to ride an alternate bus for one or more days, you must authorize it through the **Transportation Department @662-4416**.

Once it has been approved you **MUST** let Washington know so we can get the information to the teacher. If you have any questions, **please contact the office @894-2744. Thanks!**

Upcoming Non School Days
Wednesday, Oct 10th
Tuesday, Nov 6th
Wednesday, Nov 21st
Thursday, Nov 22nd

Did you know?

Students in South Korea are expected to stay and clean the classroom after the lessons are over.

No running out of the classroom as soon as they bell rings for them!



Please **complete the survey on opposite** side, sign the bottom portion and have your child return ENTIRE page it to their teacher.

_____ Yes, I have read the Fall 2018 Newsletter

Student _____ Parent (optional) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

Any comments, concerns, suggestions, or congratulations are appreciated!

"Student Section"

A person I respect, and Why: _____

