

George Washington Elementary Newsletter



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Dear George Washington Families,

Happy Holidays! It is difficult to believe that the holidays are around the corner. This month is surely one of the most exciting months of the year for most of our kids. As we start to experience more winter-like weather, excitement grows. This is a month that is filled with learning, anticipation, and some wonderful opportunities and experiences listed below.

On The Radio

Tune into KOKX on Tuesday, December 6th to hear our own GW students talk about the Hour of Code, Lego Robotics, ST Math, and our Engineering is Elementary partnership with Siemens.

5th Grade Music Program

Please join us at The Grand Theatre on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM, as Mrs. Dahl and our 5th grade students will present A Pirate's Christmas.

PTO

Thank you to everyone who made our fundraiser a success! Our next PTO meeting will be on Monday, December 12th at 5:30. We appreciate your input and hope to see you there.

SIAC Meeting

Immediately following the PTO meeting on December 12, we will hold our School Improvement Advisory Meeting. The purpose of the SIAC Committee is to provide input to the board of education regarding:

- Student achievement
- Student development
- Community partnership
- Effective resource management
- Employee excellence

The SIAC committee will review district data and develop recommendations to the district SIAC Committee, which in turn will present them to the board of education. We invite students, parents, teachers, administrators, and representatives from the local community to be a part of committee.

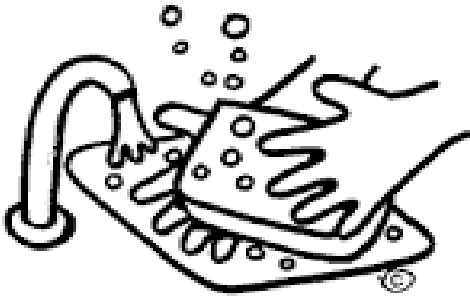
On behalf of the GW staff, we wish all of our students and families a happy holiday season. We hope that 2017 brings continued good health and much happiness to everyone. See you all on January 5, 2017.

Sincerely,
Nicole Nemecek, Principal

From the Nurse's Office:

With winter and cold weather fast approaching so is the cold and flu season. We would like to remind families of a few guidelines:

1. No child with a fever should be sent to school and should be fever free for 24 hours before returning.
2. A parent needs to bring in any medicine to be taken during the day, and must sign a permission form for the nurse's office to administer it.
3. A child with a "heavy" cold or hacking cough belongs at home even though there is no fever.
4. Remember to urge hand washing. This is our best defense against disease.



Staff Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:30 – 3:30

Student Hours: 7:50 – 2:50

WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT DISMISSAL – 1:35,

Bus students 1:25

7:20- 7:50 – Breakfast

7:35 – 7:50 – Students who are NOT eating breakfast may arrive.

7:50 – First Bell –School Starts

7:55 – Second Bell – Tardy bell

2:40 – Bus students dismissed

2:50 – Dismissal Bell

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2016-2017 set by the Board of Directors September 20, 2016

GOAL 1

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ensure that all students have the necessary skills and abilities to be College and/or Career Ready.

GOAL 2

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Develop healthy, productive and contributing citizens who apply their skills and discover their maximum potential.

GOAL 3

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Create meaningful, effective two-way communication to foster engagement between the district and parents/community members to support student achievement.

GOAL 4

EFFECTIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Maximize and align resources to provide increased access to learning tools and facilities that support student achievement and development.

GOAL 5

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

Create a collaborative environment in which employees strive for excellence to enhance and support student learning.

Standards-Based Proficiency Scales

4 = Exceeds Standard—Student demonstrates exceptional skills and knowledge above the standard. Student makes in-depth inferences, applies their knowledge beyond what was taught, and makes connections to other areas.

3 = Meets Standard—Student consistently and independently meets all expectations of the learning target and proves mastery of the content. The student demonstrates proficiency of the standard. *GRADE LEVEL TARGET*

2 = Approaching Standard—Student is approaching mastery of the learning target. Student demonstrates understanding of the learning target with 1 or 2 minor misconceptions.

1 = Basic Understanding—Student meets simpler content consistently and has only partial success with learning target content, due to several remaining misconceptions. With remediation and effort, the student can reach mastery.

0 =Area of Concern—Student does not meet expectations of the course learning target. Student demonstrates little to no understanding of the learning target with some major misconceptions. Student is making minimal progress toward



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