



**November 2017**

# What's the Word?

From  
Washington Primary

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## From the Principals

Tis the season to be thankful! We are so thankful for the wonderful teachers, students, support staff, and families we have here at Washington. You are such a blessing to us and we hope to be a blessing to you. Please know we are just a phone call or small step away if you have any concerns or suggestions.

## From the Nurse

As we enter cold and flu season, it may be difficult to determine when your student should stay home and when your child should come to school. Washington Primary follows the CDC-Centers for Disease Control recommendations in addition to Piqua Board policy as to when a child should not attend school.



Fever- Any time your child has a fever, you should keep them home from school. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (such as Tylenol, Motrin) before returning to school.

Cough- if your child has a cough that is uncontrollable (the student has coughing spells that result in gagging or gasping for air) or your child cannot take care of excessive coughs you should keep your child home from school.

Medications- when your child is prescribed antibiotics, your child must be kept home until the antibiotic has been taken for 24 hours.

Diarrhea/Vomiting- your child should stay home if having diarrhea or vomiting until they have not vomited/ had diarrhea for a full 24 hours.

If you are questioning whether to send your child to school or not, contact the school nurse.

**Courtney Drees RN, BSN**  
**Washington Primary School Nurse**

## Kindergarten Family Night

We want to thank all the families who attended the Kindergarten Family Night on Thursday, October 19. We had over 130 in attendance for the opening performance of "The Big Pumpkin." Our kindergarten teachers did a fantastic job acting out this delightful children's tale.



The students created puppets of all the characters and practiced retelling the story to their families and then they enjoyed making fun faces on their own pumpkins.



## From the Parent Advisory Committee... *Be Actively Involved*

The teachers and administrators at Washington welcome your help and support. Choose to be involved by coming to family nights, programs, and other events. Pick a day and enjoy lunch with your child. Volunteer to help with projects, reading activities, or fitness activities. Safety is a priority and fingerprinting is often required. However, this can be done quickly and free of charge by contacting Ami Fashner (937-773-4321 ext. 6202) to make an appointment.

Parent Advisory Council

## Attendance

### Everyday All Day!

Regular school attendance is very important to the academic success of every child. Washington Primary's attendance rate for 1st quarter was 97.4%, which is fantastic. We are shooting for over 98% each quarter.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

**ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**  
read well by the end of third grade.



**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**  
pass important courses.



**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for graduation.



**COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees.



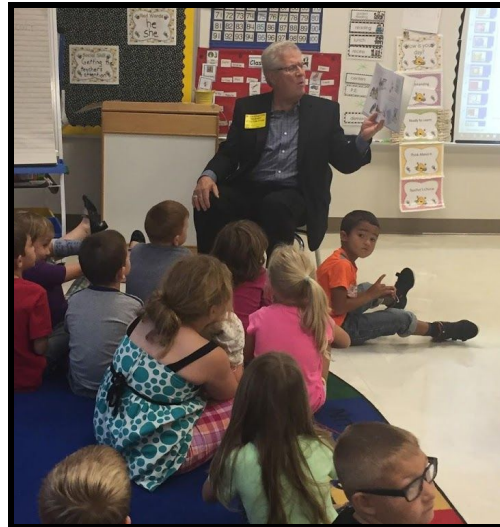
**WORKERS**  
succeed in their jobs.

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



**Attendance Works**  
[www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

## Student Highlights



Our Kindergarten students enjoy storytime with our volunteer readers from the Piqua Rotary.



GO INDIANS! What a great pep rally with the High School Cheerleaders, Pep Band, and Football Players.



Students have a great time participating in our healthy kids obstacle Course.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, November 8

Picture Retakes  
Fundraiser - Pick up Items to deliver 3:30-6:00.

### Thursday, November 9

3rd Grade Musical  
6:30 - DeWeese, Leininger, Zimpfer  
7:15 - Davis, Manson, Smith

### Tuesday, November 14

Kdg. Field Trip to Stillwater Prairie - Green, Rohrbach, Wehrman

### Wednesday, November 15

Kdg. Field Trip to Stillwater Prairie - K-Smith, Patrizio, Robbins

### November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break

### November 27-December 1

Salvation Army Food Drive

## PBIS - We're a Team!

Life is not a journey taken alone. There are many people who come alongside us at every phase in our lives to provide support, encouragement, direction and guidance. In order to strengthen that unity here at Washington Primary, we have created multi-grade teams, which we will call tribes.

On Monday, November 13 all staff and students will be invited to take part in our PowWow in which we will reveal the name of each tribe. Our students and staff will engage in fun activities, learning opportunities and friendly competitions throughout the year. So if your child comes home talking about the hawk, bear, coyote, deer, wolf, or eagle tribe, that's what it's all about.

