



September 2018

What's the Word?

From

Washington Primary

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the quality life for you child.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- 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.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Punctuality Matters too!

Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement. Here at Washington Primary, the doors open at 8:30. Students may eat breakfast from 8:30 - 8:50. Students are to be in their classrooms, ready to learn at 9:00. Any student arriving after this time will be considered tardy.

Weekly Attendance Drawing

Each week we will put all students who have no absences or tardies into a pool and draw 4 names - one student from each grade level. These students will get a certificate of attendance, their picture on our attendance board, and a little treat.

From the Nurse

Necessary Absence from school

Although regular attendance is very important, we understand there are times when children will become ill and need to stay home from school. The following are some guidelines to use for deciding whether your child should be called in and excused from school:

- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Active head lice (one day excused absence for treatment)
- Strep throat – until 24 hours of treatment (or a doctor's note)
- Scabies – until 24 hours of treatment (or a doctor's note)
- Pink eye – until 24 hours of treatment (or a doctor's note)
- Chicken pox – until all pox are scabbed over and dry
- A severe cold with constant sneezing and/or persistent cough
- Impetigo – open, seeping sores around the mouth or nose, until 24 hours treatment (or a doctor's note)
- A rash accompanied by other symptoms such as sore throat, temperature, and or swollen or tender glands

Sweet Treats

Due to medical concerns in the class, we are asking that you help keep Washington Primary a safe and healthy place for all student by taking some factors into consideration before sending treats in for your child's birthday or classroom celebration.

We have students with certain allergies, including allergies to red food dye, milk, eggs, peanuts, and gluten. Therefore, any treats MUST be store bought with a nutrition label. Students will not be permitted to pass out homemade goods. If you have any questions about what allergies may be present in your child's classroom, please call and speak with our nurse, Mrs. Drees.



Weekly Attendance Drawing Winners - August 25.

PBIS & PAX

Everyday our students recite this pledge loud and proud on our morning announcements. They earn Pride Cards for their classroom for demonstrating these behaviors in all locations in the school. For every 10 cards, the class earns a fun reward.

Try saying the letters RRK to your student and listen to their response.

**RRK! Everyday!
Be Respectful,
Be Responsible,
And be Kind!**

Piqua Pride is Community Wide!

Our teachers are implementing a new program this year called PAX. PAX is a latin word that means Peace, Productivity, Happiness and Health. PAX creates a nurturing classroom environment that teaches the students the skills needed for positive social behaviors and self-regulation. Our motto:

I'm a PAX Leader! I better myself. I better my world.

Title I Parental Notification

As part of our federal program requirements, we must notify parents when their child/children attend school that receives federal funding. Piqua Central Intermediate, Springcreek Primary, and Washington Primary all receive Title 1 funding. Title 1 funding is provided to schools that have high percentages of students on free and reduced lunches. All title 1 buildings use funds to reduce class sizes by increasing the number of teachers, provide professional development to teachers, and/or provide supplies for parental involvement activities.

Student Highlights



Students practice bus safety with Mr. Wion.



Students are learning about behavior expectations in improve learning with Mrs. Vosler.



Students in 1st grade are working on their writing skills.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 6 -

-Washington Primary Fundraiser begins.

Monday, September 17 -

-Woodwind Quintet Performance for 3rd graders during class

Tuesday, September 18 -

-Constitution Day - Proud to be an American - Wear Red, White, and Blue

-Fundraiser Ends - Please have all order forms and money turned in by this date.

Thursday, September 20 -

-Rachel's Challenge Presentation K-3

Friday, September 21

-Interim Reports

Wednesday, September 26

-Early Dismissal 1:30

Thursday, September 27

-Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 3

-Orchestra and You Performance for 2nd Grade

Thursday, October 4

-Family Night -
Pizza & BOOK BINGO!
K&1 4:45 - 6:00
2nd & 3rd - 6:45 - 8:00

School Attendance Video

<http://absencesaddup.org/importance-of-school-attendance/>