

October 2008

# WASHINGTON NEWS

## SPECIAL EVENT

### WASHINGTON PTO FUNDRAISER BEGINS OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>



The students and staff of Washington School need your help and support to raise \$3, 000 to fund several projects that will benefit this year's fifth graders.

This year's fundraiser money will be spent to

- (1) purchase items for our Bullpup Store,
- (2) purchase new playground equipment,
- (3) fund our Spring 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition and Promotion and
- (4) fund our end-of-the-quarter reward parties, trips, and activities.

On Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> your child will come home with the following fundraiser items:

- A colored brochure of Bulldog items
- An order form which consists of two pages
- A money collection envelope

- A prize list

We are not asking you to take your child door-to-door – simply show the brochure to family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. **Please do not allow your child to sell door-to-door!**

**Our fundraiser will run from Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Important Fundraiser Information

- **Please note that students will be collecting money for the fundraiser items at the time of the sale.**
- Orders and money may be turned in any time between October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. We would like to encourage students to turn money in daily.

- Since the Washington PTO is sponsoring our fundraiser, no sales tax will be added to your order.

- **Please have customers make checks out to Washington School.**

- All monies should be placed in the money envelope and returned to the school no later than Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

We really do appreciate your support of our fundraiser since this is the major source of income for our student activities!

### **Mark Your**

### **Calendar**

- October 6th—Fundraiser Begins
- October 7th—Parent Teacher Conference, 4:00—8:00
- October 9th—Fire Prevention Program
- October 15th & 16th—Students go to Corn Maze
- October 21st & 22nd—Quarterly Reward Activities
- October 23rd & 24th—No School
- October 27th—31st Red Ribbon Week Activities

### **Need a Unique Inexpensive Gift?**

**Smencils—scented pencils made from recycled paper—are the perfect solution!**

**\$1**

**Available only at Washington**

## COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES QUALITY TEACHERS

Quality Motors and Cable One have teamed up to recognize outstanding Independence public school teachers. Each month all the public schools select a teacher to forward to the district office based on the following criteria:

- Positive relationships with students, parents and staff
- Demonstrates enthusiasm and joy of learning

- Demonstrates professionalism in all aspects
  - Provides a positive learning environment and high expectations for all students
- Demonstrates dedication to students and the profession

Students at Washington School nominate teachers and provide reasons for their nomination. Washington’s Teacher of the Month is selected from those student nomi-

nations. The Board of Education Office then randomly draws a name from the building nominees to become the USD 44 Teacher of the Month.

Quality Motors provides a new vehicle for the teacher to drive during the month. Cable One furnishes a gift certificate for fine dining.

**Washington’s Teacher of the Month for October is Michael McCambridge. Mr. McCambridge is a first year teacher who teaches physical education classes at Washington and St. Andrews.**

## WASHINGTON SITE COUNCIL FORMED FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Washington School Site Council members for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows: Heather Bryant, James Engman, Darin & Kay Hamlin, Susan Morrow, Brian & Kim Newton and Janna Rinck. School personnel serving on the Site Council include Carrie Agosto, Jason DeLong, Marilyn Mann, Glenda Winkleman, and Debbie Toomey.

Site Council members

- serve as a liaison between the school and the community.
- help the Washington staff evaluate student programs and school improvement initiatives so that we may provide our students with the best education possible.

engage in problem-solving and decision-making efforts to improve student achievement and parental involvement.

Throughout the year Washington staff members will

- share school improvement information and student data,
- share school strengths and weaknesses,
- collaborate with other Site Council members to solve problems and develop strategic plans for our school.

Site Council meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:45 pm in the conference room at Washington.

### Student Comments:

- “Mr. McCambridge is funny and makes hard things fun.”
- “Mr. McCambridge thinks of new, fun things to do in PE.”
- “Mr. McCambridge encourages us to be healthy and active.”
- “Mr. McCambridge is awesome!”

### **HOMEWORKKANSAS** **WEBSITE AVAILABLE**

Tutors are available 7 days a week from 4:00—11:00 pm at [www.homeworkkansas.org](http://www.homeworkkansas.org)  
Spanish-speaking tutors are available Sunday—Thursday.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **GIRL SCOUTS STILL RECRUITING**

It's not too late for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls to join girl scouts. Junior Girl Scout Troop 262 meets Thursdays at 5:00 pm at Riverside Baptist Church. The church is located at 2515 South 10th Street. Young ladies who are interested in joining the troop should plan on attending one of the Thursday meetings. Transportation can be provided if needed by contacting Dawn Winters at 988-2579 or Heather Werner at 330-2941.

**2ND QUARTER BINGO  
CARD DEADLINE IS  
DECEMBER 18TH**

### **SAFE INTERNET USE FOR PARENTS**

- Talk with kids about Internet safety
- Make sure computer is out in the open – not in child's room
- Have kids show parents the sites that they use
- Parents should make sure that they know passwords that kids use
- Parents should have their child teach them applications/ software/and Internet sites
- Limit time on the Internet
- Find out how to use the "history"

Good sites:  
www.missingkids.com (Internet codes kids use online),  
www.cybertipline.com

### **FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING!**

**PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING THE WASHINGTON STAFF ON:**

**OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 – 6:30 pm**  
**OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 8:00 PM**

**We would like to encourage 5th graders to attend conferences with their parents.**

## **RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES SLATED**

October 27th-31st is National Red Ribbon Week. This week has been set aside to focus attention on the dangers of drug abuse and to offer healthy alternatives to illegal drug use and abuse. Washington school has chosen the theme "Vote to Live a Drug Free Life" for our Red Ribbon Week celebration.

The staff and students of Washington will celebrate the benefits of a drug free life through several fun activities during the week:

Monday- "Kick Drugs Out of My Life": Students are encouraged to

help us kick off Red Ribbon Week by wearing red clothing. Red ribbons will be tied to the trees to remind the community of our commitment to stay drug free. Red ribbons will be handed out to students to wear throughout the week.

Tuesday- "Elect to be Drug Free": Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. A mock presidential election will be held.

Wednesday- "Put a Cap on Drugs". Students may wear their favorite cap during school today.

Thursday- "Sock it to Drugs". Students will be encouraged to wear wild and crazy socks today.

Friday- "Run Your Own Life, Stay Drug Free". All classes will participate in a 1/2 mile Fun Run to promote a healthy drug free life style. Students should wear their running shoes.

FACT: 40% of all 10 year olds have tried cigarettes. The cigarettes were supplied by classmates. Most of those students reported that their parents had not talked with them about the dangers of smoking.

## **SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

In order to stress the importance of giving of oneself and helping others, the Washington staff has implemented a very special program that recognizes students who engage in positive behaviors/actions that demonstrate a responsible, helping nature. These are students who serve as role models for a particular behavior for that week.

Each week staff members nominate Students of the Week who are recognized during our weekly Student Recognition Assembly.

If you have the opportunity, please congratulate our Students of the Week for a job well done!

- Jordan Ashford
- Ally Driskel
- Catlyn Beyers
- Collin Bean
- Tina Bradshaw
- Brooke Drumeller
- Morgan Elstun
- Hilda Garzon
- Megan Greer
- Max Jones
- Michael Lopez
- Marcus Martinez
- Jordan Mason
- Matt Mason
- Isaiah Mayfield
- Breeze Reed
- Terrell Shaw
- Shane Shobe
- Mason Smith
- MacKenzie Strycker

## **QUALITY WORK RECOGNIZED**

Washington staff members are stressing to students that quality in your written work, in your behavior and in your attitude towards school is an extremely important life skill. Students who turn in quality work have their assignment displayed on our "Quality Work Wall".

The following students were recognized for their quality work during the month of September:

- Tina Bradshaw
- Jaycee Bright
- Abby Cauthon
- Taylor Chapman
- Chelsea Cushing
- A'Nessa Denny
- Lucas Dunn
- Aron Elias
- Morgan Elsten
- Jessikah Fowler
- Kennedy Froebe
- Taylor Gilfillan
- Dalson Hamlin
- Paige Hufferd
- Natalie Jarvis
- Max Jones
- Michael Kirchoff
- Paige Kyle
- Sha'la Lewis
- Michael Lopez
- Matt Mason
- Isaiah Mayfield
- A.J. Montgomery
- Hadleigh Palmer
- Vance Peyton
- Elaine Pinales
- Breeze Reed
- Noah Ring

- Jordan Rutledge
- Carmen Stidham
- Jessica Stookey
- Mackenzie Strycker
- Joshua Trombold
- Chandler VanKirk
- Alex Wesselowski
- Clayton Williams
- Moriah Yates

Please help us congratulate these students for taking pride in their work!

## **Accelerated Reader News**

### **Congratulations**

#### **\*25 AR Point Readers\***

**Logan Bruce**

**Paige Kyle**

**Aleni McCaffery**

**Scotty Quisenberry**

**Will Satchel**

**Ean Weidner**

#### **\*50 AR Point Readers\***

**Paige Kyle**

**Aleni McCaffery**

**Ean Weidner**

#### **\*75 AR Point Readers\***

**Aleni McCaffery**

**Ean Weidner**

#### **\*100 AR Point Readers\***

**Aleni McCaffery**

**Mrs. Baxter's Class—all students have passed an**

## **What Teachers Do in Their Spare Time?**

By A'Nessa Denney, MacKensey MacRae,  
Ean Weidner

Teachers actually have a life away from school -

- Mrs. Toomey enjoys playing with her grandchildren, reading, gardening, and go arrowhead hunting.
- Mrs. Mann enjoys reading and spending time with her husband.
- Mrs. Jefferson likes to read and watch her niece and nephew play at the beach.
- Ms. Baxter likes playing with her horses and dogs.
- Mr. De Long likes to "hang with family".
- Mrs. Hufferd loves spend time with family and go to car shows.
- Mrs. Cline likes to play with grandchildren and go to ball games.
- Mrs. Miller likes to read and pick beans from her garden.
- Mrs. Flatt likes to play with her kids and go shopping.
- Mrs. Simwina likes to walk her dog, grade papers, take her kids to their soccer games, and read.
- Mrs. Bryant likes to sew, read and scrap book.
- Mrs. Tincher likes to read, watch movies with her husband
- Mrs. Winkleman likes to listen to music, (and plays some music too) and do things with her daughter.
- Mr. Long (the night janitor) likes to go fishing.
- Mrs. Strycker likes to do Suduko and read.

### **What's New at the Washington**

#### **Library,**

**by MacKensey MacRae**

Mrs. Tincher said that we have new books coming in all the time. We have a new laptop cart we will use in tech class. Come in and enjoy the new reading bench and bean bags.

## **WHAT ARE MENTORS?**

Mentors are people from the community that volunteer to come once a week for 30 minutes. Students and mentors are matched up and spend time reading together. The students look forward to seeing their mentor each week and it is fun to see the relationships that build between our mentors and their student. This year we have 48 mentors that are working with 72 students. We would like to thank and recognize them for giving their time to our students!

Verola Acheson, Carrie Agosto, Wilma Andrews, Doc Belcher, Erin Bruce, Jana Burjes, Jeff Chubb, Rita Cline, Peggy Coder, Dixie Coffey, Dan Delich, Tammy Delich, Eileen Dierks, Pete Dierks, Peggy Falstad, Joan Farless, Carole Farthing, Colby Flatt, Carolyn Follmer, Kay Hamlin, Norma Herard, Amber Jefferson, Bob Kirks, Laura Kirks, Estella Lister, Dolores Lowmaster, Beverly Maxwell, Doug Maxwell, Steve McBride, Becky Meissler, Diane Mitchell, Theresa Pautler, Graham Reeves, Helen Reeves, Michelle Rockey, Shirley Sanborn, Corky Sanford, Martha Sauder, Nellie Roberts, Mary Sasse, Mr. Schmidt, Suzy Trombold, Sharon Viets, Jennifer Ward, Gregg Webster, Kirsten Webster, Kathy Woods, Betty, Wohltman.

We can always use a few more mentors. If you are interested please call the mentoring room (332-

## **Skippers Of The Month**

By Haylie Eades

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>
Paige Hufferd	4:00
Carman Stidham	3:56
Haylie Eades	13:26
Emily Mitchell	2:25
Kristina Johnson	6:46
Tina Bradshaw	4:32
Taylor Chapman	4:02
Cheyenne Wade	5:03

**The all time record holder is DeAndre Walker – a former 5<sup>th</sup> grader - with a time of 14:01!!!**