

Washington Elementary School

January 2023

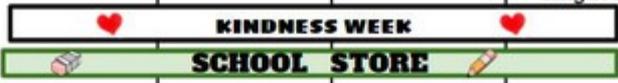
Student/Family Handbook



Washington School Mission Statement

At Washington Elementary School, we foster a student-centered community where all students are inspired to discover their own passions, accept and appreciate the differences in one another, and make reflective and responsible choices that will make the world a better place.

2022-23 Edison Township Public Schools Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 School Re-opens	3	4	5	6  SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY	7
8	9	10	11 EARLY DISMISSAL	12	13  Jump Rope For Heart Assembly <i>wear red</i>	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day	 KINDNESS WEEK SCHOOL STORE			20 Kindness Sing-A-Long	21
22 Lunar New Year 	23	24 Family Literacy Night (K-2)	25	26 Kindergarten Fingerprinting	27  SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY <i>End of MP2</i>	28
29	30	31				




Early Dismissal
January 11
1:30pm



January 16th
SCHOOL CLOSED

Be prepared for bad weather!

When bad weather strikes, school may be closed early (1:30pm) or start late (10:30am).
PLEASE be sure to have a back up plan should either of these schedule changes occur.

Families will be notified of any school schedule changes via phone call, email, and social media. It is important that your emergency contacts be up to date and you have a "Plan B" for how your student should get home on an emergency early closing.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>
Regular Day	8:55 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Delayed Opening	10:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Early Dismissal	8:55 a.m.	1:30 p.m.



Barnes & Noble Night

It was wonderful to see and hear some of our talented students perform at our Barnes and Noble Night event. Students from Mrs. Rokosz's 4th and 5th grade chorus performed a few seasonal songs. After the chorus performed, all students who were in attendance led the audience in a festive sing along of traditional holiday favorites. We even heard some parents joining in! Mr. Mosley continued the entertainment by having his advanced band and orchestra students perform a few festive pieces. It was a wonderful way to kick off the start of the holiday season!



WES Press Newspaper Club-December Newsletter

Volunteer Fingerprinting Program

A volunteer fingerprinting program will be conducted on January 26th (date change) for kindergarten and students new to our school in grades 1 to 5. This program is under the direction of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department. These fingerprints will be for parent records only. No fingerprinting records will be retained by the Edison Police Department or the School District. A letter and form will be going out next week.

[Fingerprinting Letter to Parents](#)



W.E.S. Kindness & Teamwork Week

School Spirit Activities January 17-20, 2023

<u>1/17 Tuesday</u>	<u>1/18 Wednesday</u>	<u>1/19 Thursday</u>	<u>1/20 Friday</u>
 <p><u>In class, write Kind Words</u> about a classmate or a teacher on the kindness confetti circles provided. Cut your confetti circles out and give it to Mrs. Scammacca.</p>	 <p>Never let anyone feel left out! Wear Red or clothing with hearts to show you care. <u>Be the one</u> to include others!</p> 	 <p><u>Show your Classroom Teamwork!</u> Everyone in your class wear the same color or <u>do something</u> to show your class spirit (Teacher Choice).</p>	 <p>Appreciate our Differences! Mix it up! Wear mismatched socks or clothing.</p> 

Every year during the month of January W.E.S. celebrates New Jersey's No-name calling Week, January 17-20, with Kindness and Teamwork Week. We conduct activities and lessons that promote teamwork, collaboration, and the art of compromise. Our school family will enjoy a school spirit week where there is something special planned for each day.

During our monthly **Leadership Buddy Activity**, Buddy Leaders in 3-5th grades will work with their K-2 Little Buddies on teamwork and fairness by playing board games or cooperative building with legos. Younger buddies will learn the importance of fairness and good sportsmanship.

Curriculum Connections: Our Physical Education classes will infuse the importance of teamwork in accomplishing the goals of a group. In Art, 5th grade is collaborating to create a positive word wall through paper tie dye and printmaking. K-4 will create kindness links in Art for our schoolwide display—"Linked together by Kindness and Love". In Music, students will learn songs about Kindness for a schoolwide sing along.

Research has found that children who perform acts of kindness and prosocial behaviors on a regular basis tend to have higher self-esteem and a sense of self-efficacy.



TITLE I FAMILY LITERACY NIGHTS

Tuesday, 1/24 Grades K-2

Tuesday, 2/28 Grades 3-5

Join us for Family Literacy Night on January 24 for grades K-2!

We will give an overview of the Phonics First program and demonstrate some phonological and phonemic awareness activities. We will teach you strategies on helping your children at home in decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling).

Students will play some phonics games and complete a take-home craft!

5:30-6 Dinner (pizza)

6-7 Presentation/Activities

Space is limited. One registration per family.

Your child must be present in school the day of the event.

Multiple children? Register under which grade level presentation you would like to attend.

[Kindergarten Sign Up](#)

[First Grade Sign Up](#)

[Second Grade Sign Up](#)



ALL IN

Poster Contest

2023 Instructions and Guidelines

Contest

The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE) invites all United States public, charter, and vocational school students in grades 1-12 to enter its 14th annual ALL IN Poster Contest!

Formerly known as "Inclusion Works", the contest launches during National Inclusive Schools Week on December 9, 2022, and will end on May 5, 2023.

At the end of the contest, a grand prize winner is selected, and all winning submissions will be displayed in a poster exhibit on our website.

The contest has taught countless students the importance of inclusion for more than 10 years. When all students are included, everyone shines!



Check out the WES homepage for poster contest instructions and criteria.

Upcoming Events:



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
JANUARY 6 & 27



Kickoff Assembly
Friday, January 13th
WEAR RED



School Store

OPEN



**Get your paws on some fun
school supplies at the WES
School Store!**

The school store will be visiting your classes:

January 17th-20th

Parent Helpdesk & Technology Support

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