

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL






FEBRUARY 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
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023 			1 EARLY DISMISSAL Teacher PD	2 Groundhog's Day 	3 National Wear Red Day 	4
5	6 Student Council Candy Grams DUE	7	8	9	10 SOUPER BOWL SPIRIT DAY 	11
12	13 PTO Virtual Meeting 6:00pm 	14 	15 Author visit John Schu	16	17 JUMPROPE FOR HEART Wear sneakers 	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL President's Day 	21	22 Bus Driver Appreciation Day	23	24 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! 	25
26	27	28 Family Literacy Night (grades 3-5)				

Kids Heart Challenge Spirit Week

SCHOOL STORE

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

- Doors open at 8:45am
- Students arriving after 8:55am must enter through the front office doors
- Student arrival after 9am will be marked tardy
- Buses and staff ONLY in parking lot at arrival and dismissal

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.

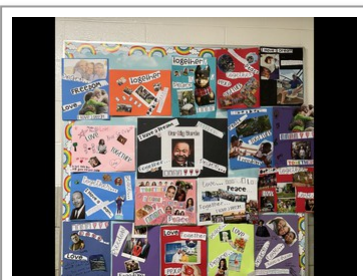


ONE SMALL COMPLIMENT

One small compliment turned into a wonderful connection for these two first graders.

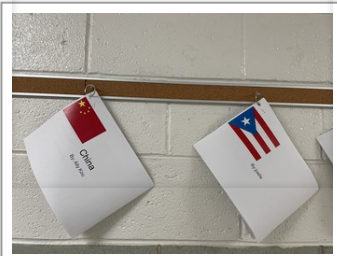
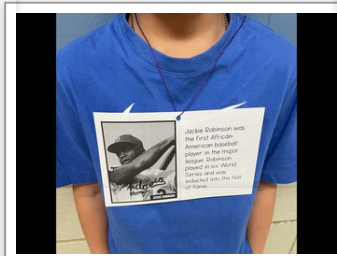
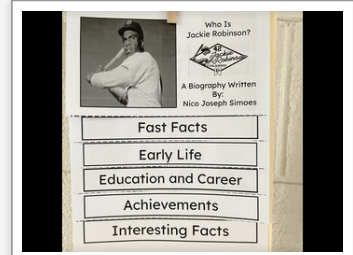
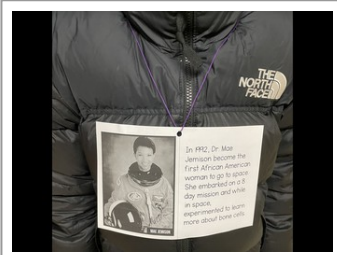
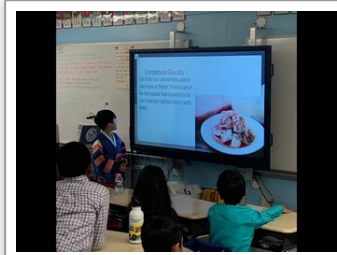
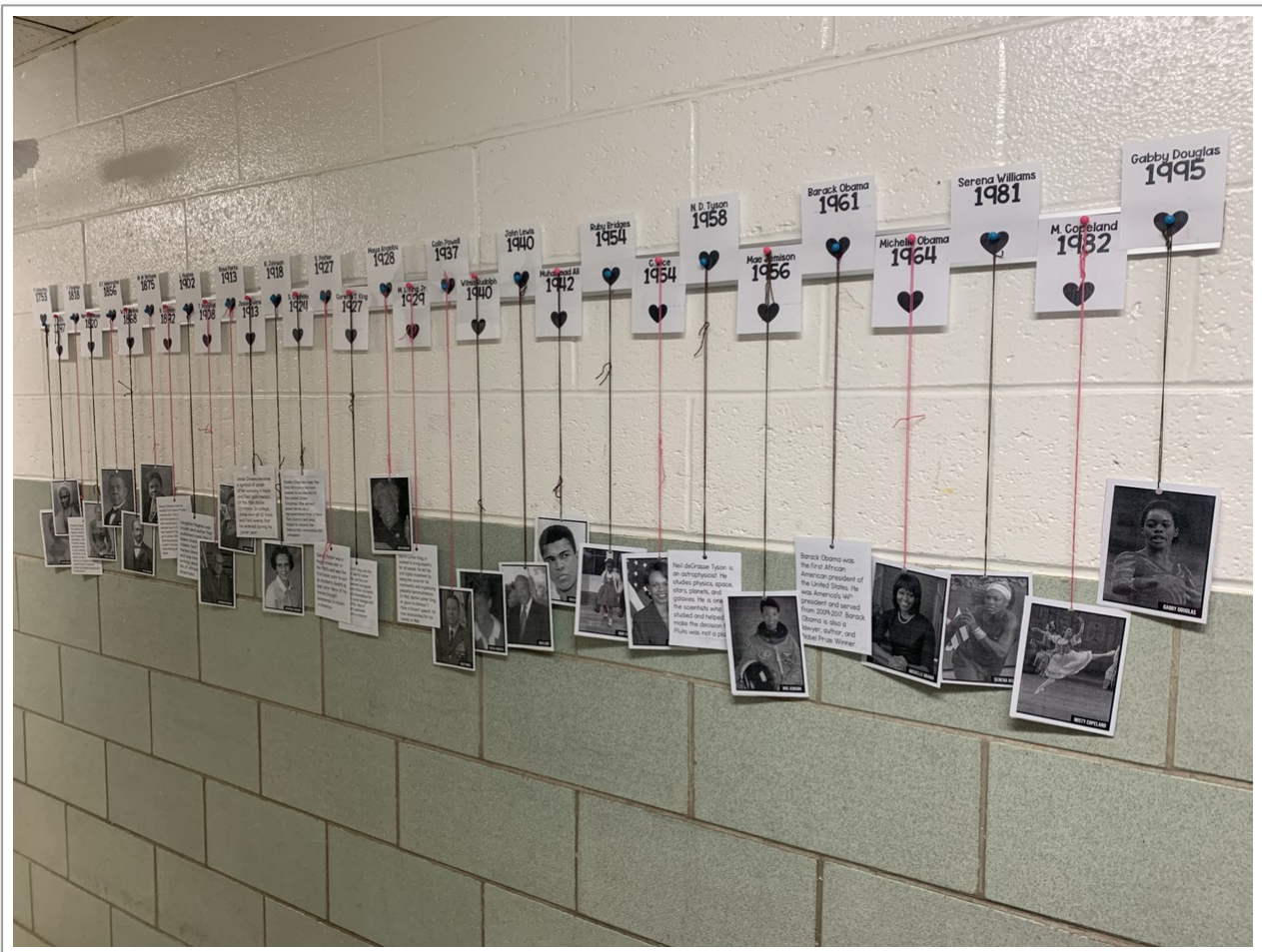
One morning, Atharv complimented Alice on her beautiful, purple hat. He asked questions about where she got it and why she chose the color. It was only through further conversation that Atharv learned that the hat had been knitted by Alice's mom. What an interesting concept for Atharv. A hat made by Alice's mother and not purchased in a store.

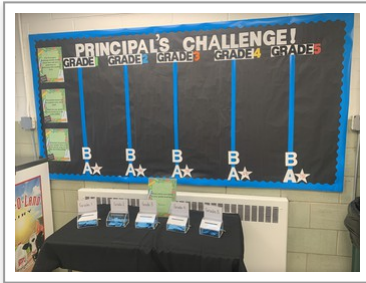
A few weeks had passed when Alice came to school with a special gift for Atharv. His very own knitted hat! Alice had asked her mother to knit a blue hat for her special friend. What a generous act of kindness from both Alice and her mother. All started by one genuine compliment!



THIRD GRADERS LEARN ABOUT CULTURES AND HONOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The third graders have been learning about different cultures around the world. They created presentations representing a culture of their choice to teach their classmates about that culture. The third graders are honoring Black History Month by learning about influential African Americans from the past and present. Each student is creating a biography of a famous African American by reading articles and books. In addition, they are wearing a necklace each day of the month with a biography of a famous African American. They will wear the necklace all day and hopefully have many opportunities to discuss their famous American with peers and other teachers. They are focusing on the message of peace and equality.





BACK TO BASICS: THE PRINCIPAL'S FACT FLUENCY CHALLENGE

Ready, Set, Practice....

The Principal's Challenge is a school wide fact fluency activity that will be administered every other week to students in grades 1-5. The challenge runs through the end of April.

All students started the with Challenge "A" asking them to add digits up to 10. Once a student achieves 80% on a challenge, that student will automatically be bumped up to the next level. If the student does not attain at least 80%, they will repeat the same challenge on the next challenge date. Each challenge will get increasing difficult.

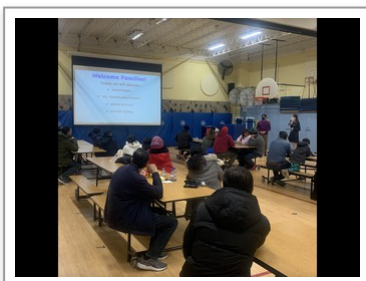
How can you help your child be successful with this challenge? Practice your facts! If you need flash cards, as your teacher.



K-2 LITERACY NIGHT

Thank you to those families and staff members who joined us for our K-2 Family Literacy Night.

Staff members provided families with an overview of the Phonics First program and demonstrated some phonological and phonemic awareness activities that are used in school. Staff taught strategies on helping children at home in decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling).



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE FAMILY NIGHT

We had a wonderful turnout for our ESL family night. It was a great opportunity for our families to connect with one another and learn about our school programs, the testing process, and all the resources available to our students. We look forward to our next family night!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



FEBRUARY 1



FEBRUARY 3



DUE FEBRUARY 6

HEART HEALTH CHALLENGE

Get Ready for SPIRIT WEEK!

FEBRUARY 6-10

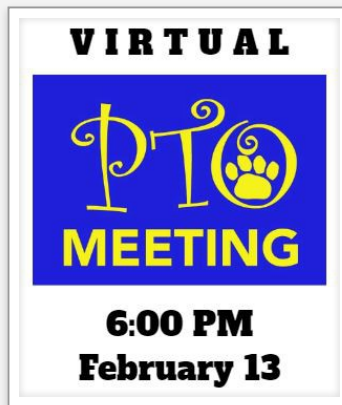
Be The Torch and join the American Heart Association's team of [Heart Heroes](#) to help kids with special hearts and make our school community healthier. Your student will learn about taking care of their own heart and emotional health this week!

Click on the heart hero's picture to meet them and click on their name to do a fun activity with them!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Wear BLUE like BAXTER and DREAM</p>	<p>Wear GREEN like MARLEY</p>	<p>Wear RED for BREEZE!</p>	<p>Wear YELLOW like HYDRO!</p>	<p>Wear a jersey for the "Souper" Bowl</p>
<p>Be thoughtful and help your classroom TEAM by joining your school's Kids Heart Challenge!</p> <p>Visit www.heart.org/khc and search for your school's name. Here's how to register! Receive a torch wristband!</p> <p>Don't forget to sleep at least 10 hours tonight!</p>	<p>Spend 60 minutes (that's 1 hour!) with your family today being active, then log into your KHC headquarters to send at least 10 E-cards and emails to your friends and family to challenge them to move more too!</p> <p>Here are some ideas on how to be active!</p>	<p>Keep the air and your lungs clean by NOT smoking/vaping!</p> <p>Be a leader in your school and be the first to download the Kids Heart Challenge app!</p> <p>These collecting sheets bring our heart heroes to life when scanned with the app!</p>	<p>Choose water today over sugary-drinks!</p> <p>Who else like water? Finn! Complete FINN'S MISSION to earn your own Finn's Lifesaver!</p> <p>Join the 1.8M Families Learning Hands-Only CPR</p>	<p>Wear your favorite sports team jersey or shirt to celebrate the Super Bowl!</p> <p>Student council is collecting soup donations for our local food pantry. Thank you for your support!</p>



FEBRUARY 13



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FEBRUARY 17



FEBRUARY 20

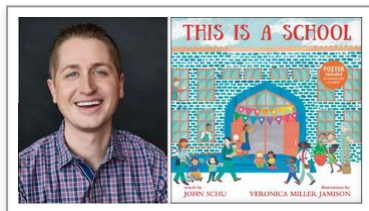


FEBRUARY 21-24



FEBRUARY 24

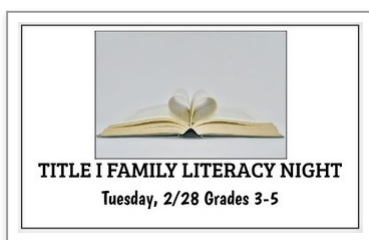




AUTHOR JOHN SCHU IS COMING TO WES!

John Schu has made a career out of advocating for the people and things he cares about most: kids, books, and the people that connect them. He is the author of [This Is A School](#), our school wide read aloud that kicked off our school year. We are excited to meet Mr.Schu!

 johnschu.com/



FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

February 28th

Grades 3-5

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.

[Grade 3](#)

[Grade 4](#)

[Grade 5](#)

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