

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2023

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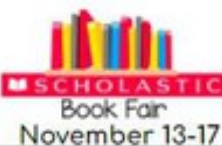
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Washington School Mission Statement

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.

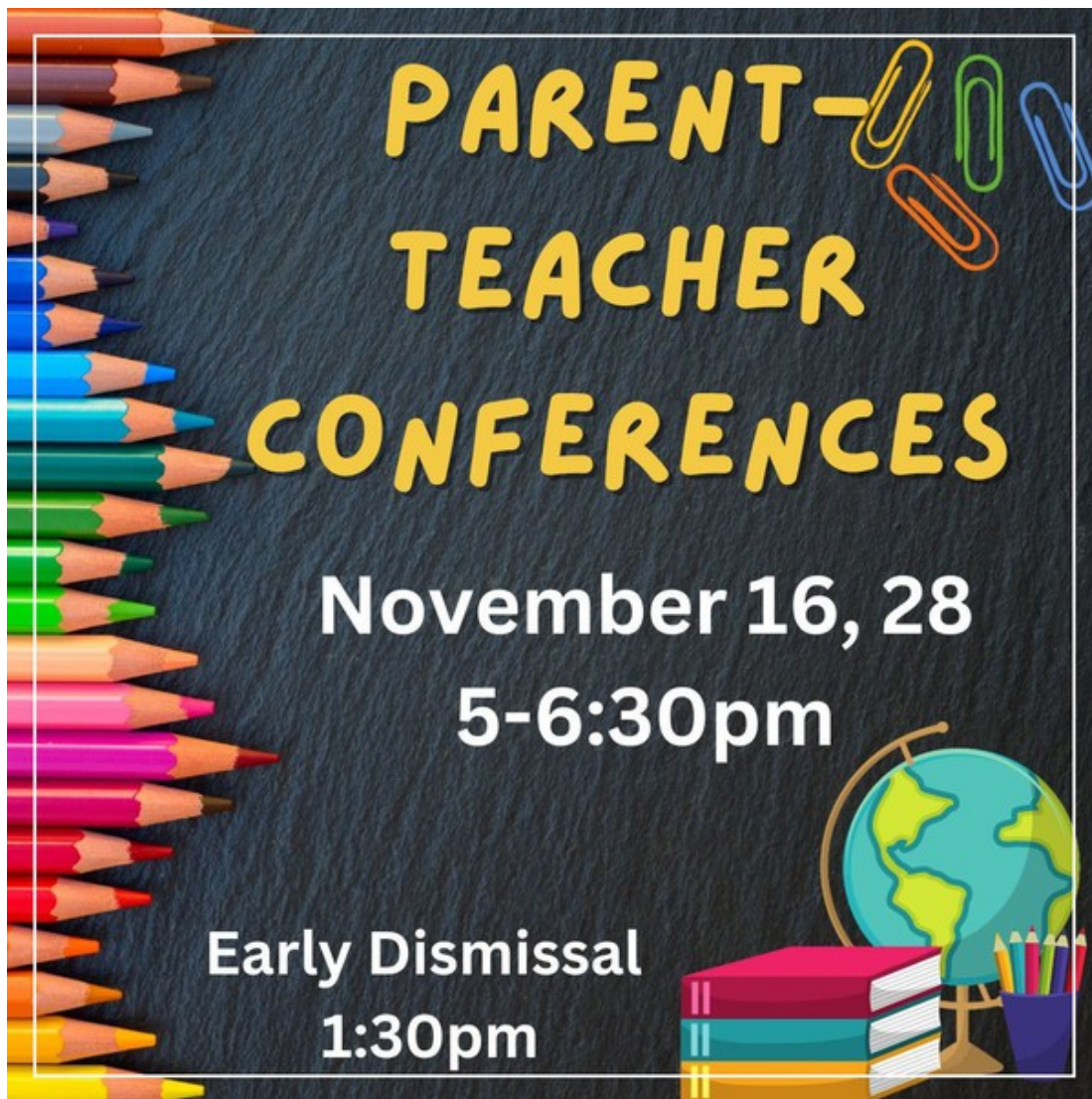
Washington Elementary School November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parent-Teacher Conferences November 16 November 28			1 Edison Parent University 6:30 PM- EHS	2	3 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! 	4
5 Daylight Savings 	6	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day 	11
SCHOOL CLOSED						
12  Happy Diwali	13 PTO PIE ORDER DUE 	14	15	16 EARLY DISMISSAL Conferences <i>Okii Pokie Dine Out</i>	17 Author visit - Antwan Eady SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! PTO Pretzel Sale 	18
Student Council Food Drive						
19 Girls On the Run 5K 	20	21 PTO PIE ORDER PICKUP	22 EARLY DISMISSAL Wear your favorite sweatshirt	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Giving Tree Begins 	28 EARLY DISMISSAL Conferences PTO Movie Event	29 Picture Re-takes 	30	 SCHOLASTIC Book Fair November 13-17	

2023-24 Edison Township Public Schools Calendar



Student/Family Handbook



Parent Teacher Conference Letter

Carta de las conferencias (español)

Parent Teacher Conference Letter (DUAL LANGUAGE)

Carta de las conferencias DUAL LANGUAGE (español)

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT ATTENDANCE IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A missed day of school is a lost day of learning. Please follow our attendance policies and do your best to send students to school if they are feeling well enough to attend.



🏠 News From Our Camp Bernie Trip 🏠



Each year our 5th graders enjoy a day trip to Camp Bernie in Port Murray, NJ. This year's activities included archery, climbing tower, sensory awareness, and vertical playpen.

YMCA Camp Bernie began as a working farm in 1872. In 1956, 248 acres were purchased by the Bridgewater YMCA. The property was then renamed YMCA Camp Bernie after Bernard Forster, the

to his endless work for the people of his community and their children.

The Dining Hall was originally a barn, with the basement area being utilized as the stables and carriage area. The back chapel section was originally the chicken coop, with the recreation hall as the hayloft. In 1957, the barn was made into YMCA Camp Bernie's Dining Hall with a fully equipped kitchen.

The Main house located in the center of YMCA Camp Bernie was a colonial style farmhouse built in 1865 and first used as the Administrative Office in 1956. Today it is utilized as staff housing for employees.

Student Performs at World Culture Festival

Student Andrew Huang (grade 4) had the opportunity to perform in the World Culture Festival in Washington, D.C. Congratulations Andrew on being selected to participate! As stated on the Art of Living website:



"The purpose of the World Culture Festival is to send a message that the whole world is one family and we can all coexist with our differences. It is an opportunity for leaders from all segments of society – business, politics, religion, academia – to come together and renew their vision to work for the common welfare.

The Festival provides a platform for the preservation of local and indigenous traditions through music and dance as well as the opportunity for everyone else to relish and enjoy. This is a movement for the revival of universal human values such as love, compassion, and friendliness."

Counseling Corner Newsletter

November 2023

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough..."

What does it mean to be grateful?

This month in our elementary schools, we are celebrating gratitude. Having gratitude, or being grateful, means that we are thankful for the good things we have in our lives. These good things can be people, places, experiences, material items or really anything that exists in our world that brings us happiness. Showing gratitude



means that we take time to think about how lucky we are when good things happen, no matter how big or how small. Take some time to reflect on what you are grateful for with your children to continue the discussion about gratitude at home.

Counseling Corner

Check out the latest about gratitude from Edison's School Guidance Counselors.

Click this [link](#) to access the November newsletter.

October was Fire Safety Month



Students were able to participate in fire safety drills with the Edison Fire Department and the Middlesex County Fire Academy fire trailer.

The Fire Safety Trailer is a mobile, travel trailer that is a scaled down to a kid sized house. The trailer interior is designed with a walk through a kitchen, living room and bedroom. As the students walk through, they are instructed to spot fire hazards and will practice simple methods of eliminating potentially dangerous situations. At the conclusion of the tour, the students will be able to exit the 'house' by escape ladder.



Clubs at W.E.S.

Many great opportunities to join a club this school year!

.....ALREADY RUNNING....

- Girls on the Run-Gr.3-5
- Comic Creations-Gr. 5. More grade levels to come
- Art/Spanish-Gr.3-4
- Newspaper-Gr.4-5
- Mission Possible-Gr.3-5

....COMING SOON....

- Environmental-Gr. 4-5
- ESL- Gr. 1-5
- Chess-Gr.3
- Coding-Gr.3
- Gadgets, Games, and Gizmos-Gr.2-3
- Crafty Creators-Gr. 2-3
- Potter Time With Penny- Gr. 3-5
- Readers Theatre-Gr.2
- Break the Internet- Gr.1

Washington Elementary School Newspaper Club

WES Press Newspaper 2023-2024

HOME OCTOBER Edition Meet the Authors!

docs.google.com

Parent Helpdesk & Technology Support

Upcoming Events

2023 Washington Elementary School Thanksgiving Food Drive

Every year, our Student Council collects food for Washington School families in need of some extra help during the holiday season. We ask for your generosity to help our selected school families. This a great opportunity for your child to learn about and demonstrate citizenship! We are asking for donations specified by grade level. We greatly appreciate anything that you can send and request that you do not send in anything that will perish prior to Thanksgiving day. Remember, a little goes a long way! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

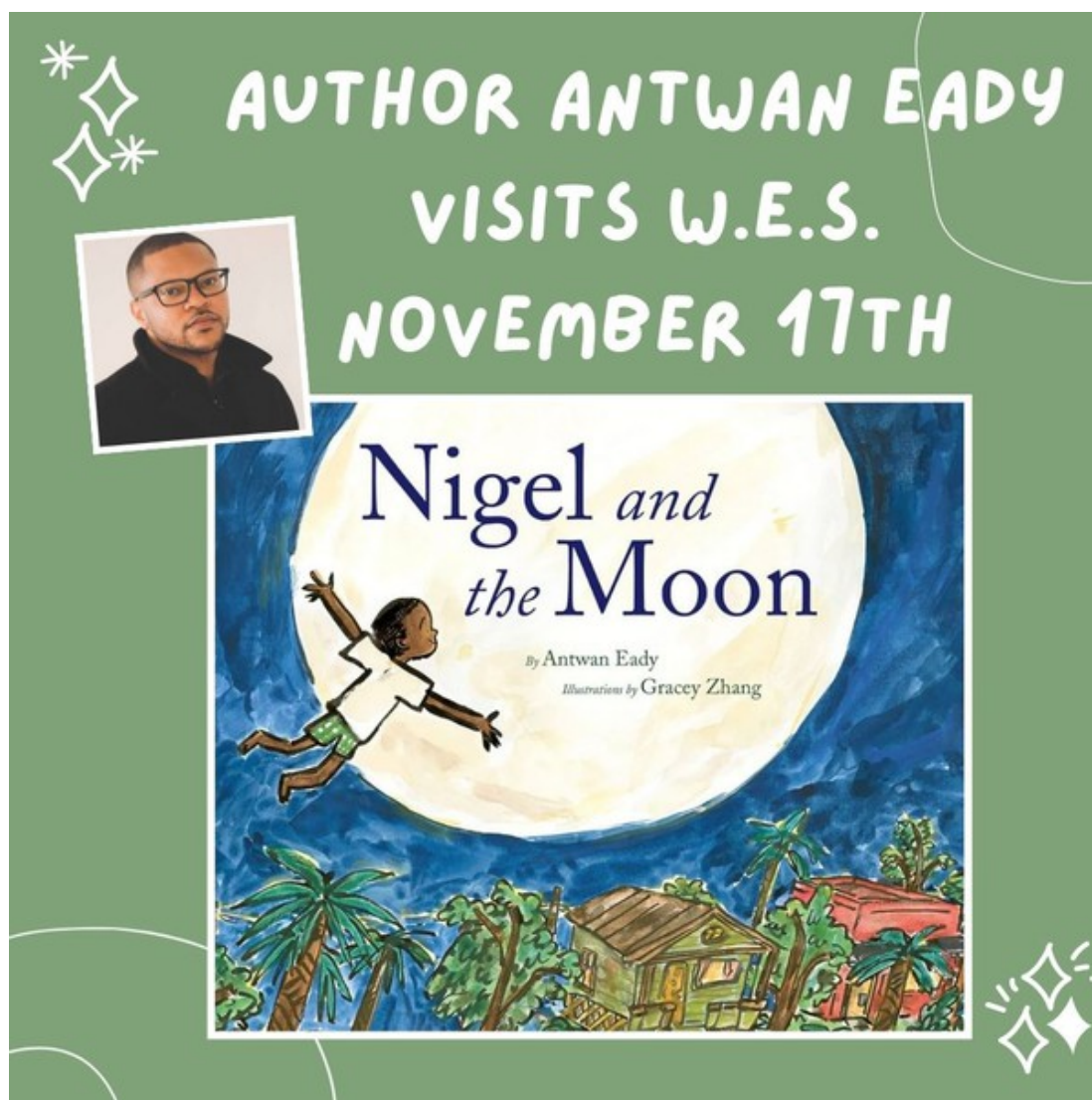
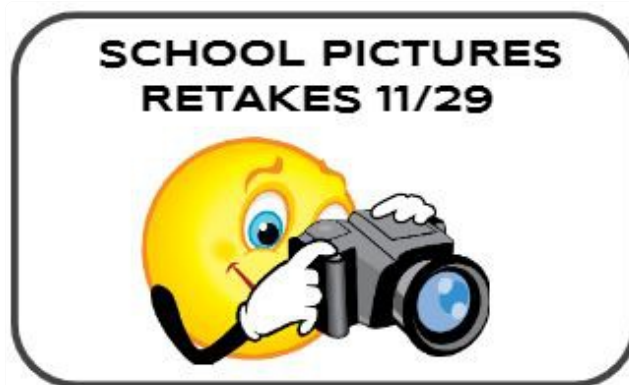
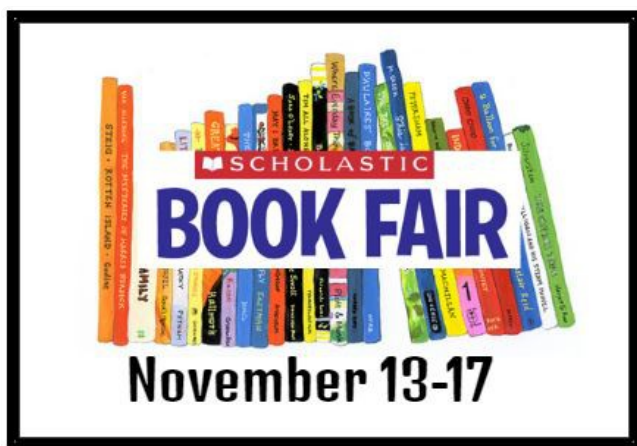
PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY OPENED OR EXPIRED FOOD ITEMS.



November 13 - November 17, 2023

Please bring in the following items

Grades K-1	Side Dishes (rice, potatoes, stuffing, etc.)
Grades 2-3	Staples (tuna, pasta, cereal, dessert, etc.)
Grades 4-5	Cans (soup, vegetables, fruit, juice, etc.)
Any Other Classes	(breads, desserts, pudding, jello)



Order a signed copy of the book and a plush toy!

Order your child a **signed** copy of Nigel and the Moon and/or a plush toy!

Follow the link [HERE](#). Enter promo code **WASHINGTON** for free shipping.

Washington's address: 153 Winthrop Rd. Edison, NJ 08817

Orders are due by Wednesday, November 8 to guarantee delivery by the author visit on November 17.



REMINDER



Early Dismissal

**November 16, 22, 28
1:30pm**



**SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS
NOVEMBER 3 and 17**

Parent Teacher Organization



WASHINGTON SCHOOL PTO PIE SALE

**GET YOUR ORDERS IN!
DUE 11/13**



- PUMPKIN
- PECAN
- APPLE
- CARAMEL APPLE
- CHERRY
- BLUEBERRY CRUMB

PTO GIVING TREE

Make them smile with your donation

**Donate a new, unwrapped
gift for someone in need
11/27 through 12/12**





Parent-Teacher Organization Membership Letter

Birthday Gram Flier

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Thank you to the over 60 families who entered a pumpkin in to the contest. Voting ends Tuesday 10/31.



Fall Festival

A fun-filled night of dancing, games, henna tattoos, Day of the Dead mask making, and food! What a great way to celebrate the many holidays we celebrate around this time of year at WES. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night possible! Congratulations to our costume winners!





☆☆ Halloween Festival Costume Contest WINNERS! ☆☆☆

🎃 Pumpkin Patch 🎃



Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our October events a success!



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