

# Washington Elementary School

March 2024

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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.

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# Washington Elementary School March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Kindness Assembly	6 EARLY DISMISSAL <b>Read Across America</b>	7 EARLY DISMISSAL Conferences PTO Movie	8 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY  SEL Day	9
10 Daylight Savings	11 Ramadan Begins	12 Title I Family Literacy Night (3-5) 5:30pm	13	14 PTO Frank's  Dine Out Night End of Trimester 2	15 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY -wear green  PTO Bagel Sale	16
17	18	19	20 3rd Grade Field Trip	21 Dual Language Presentation 6pm	22 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY 	23
24/31	25 Holi Author visit  <b>SCHOOL STORE</b> 	26	27	28  PTO Kindergarten Egg Hunt	29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break 3/29-4/7	30

**REMINDER**



**Early Dismissal**

March 6, 7  
1:30pm



**NO SCHOOL  
Spring Break  
March 29-April 7**

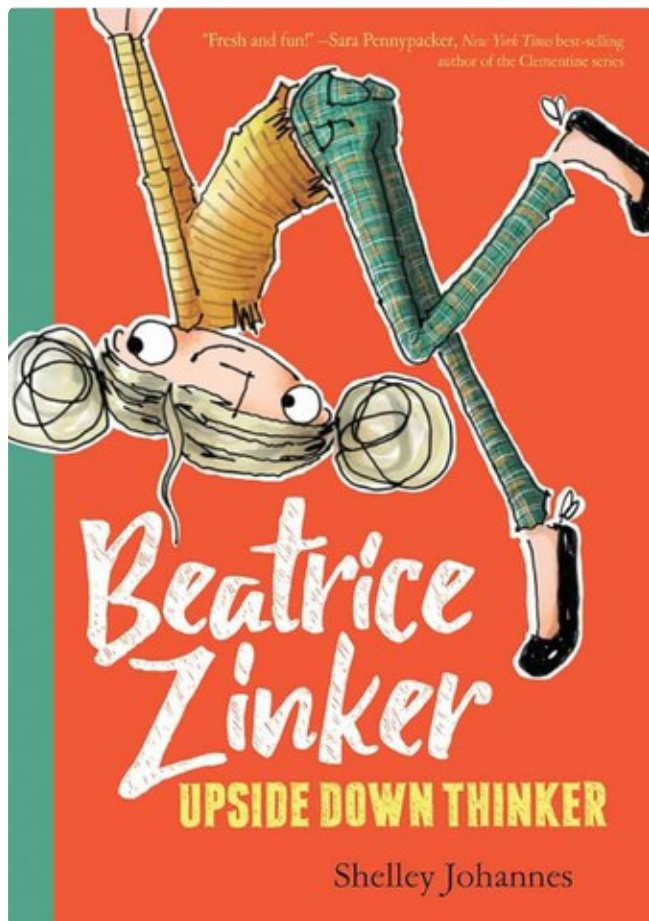
**\*\*UPDATED\*\* 2023-24 Edison Township Public Schools Calendar**

**Student/Family Handbook**

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## The Month Ahead

Mark your calendars .. March is a busy month! We have multiple school spirit days, a Family Literacy Night, PTO Dine Out Night, and the month concludes with an author visit for this year's **One Book One School** book, Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker. In addition, we'll celebrate Read Across America, Daylight Savings, and Ramadan begins this month.



### One Book One School

Classes in all grades have been reading Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker. Students are encouraged to enter our "Upside Down Thinker" contest to be entered in a drawing for a signed copy of the second book in this series. (Entries due March 8)



### Author Shelley Johannes

Shelley Johannes will visit our school on Monday, March 25. We look forward to hearing her inspiration for the character **Beatrice Zinker** and her writing process for the series and Shelley's other books. Students in grades 3-5 can enter a contest to be entered in a drawing to have lunch with the author. (Entries due March 15)

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## Counselor's Corner



ECHO DANCE TEAM  
THE #1 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.**

**ABOUT THE 40-MINUTE VIRTUAL SHOW**

- 30 minute interactive showcase of high energy dancing that captures student's attention and entertains them while spreading a positive message.
- 10 minute lecture period, where each member discusses the negative effects of bullying and why it's everyone's responsibility to respect themselves and those around them.

**FOCUS ON:**

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Anti Bullying
- Setting goals for yourself

**GET YOUR VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY NOW**  
WWW.ECHODANCETEAM.COM  
INFO@ECHODANCETEAM.COM  
\*Appropriate for grades 3 through 12

**ALSO INCLUDED!**  
A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT EACH STUDENT CAN FILL OUT AFTER THE PROGRAM

**646**

**March 5th Kindness/Antibullying Assembly by Echo Dance Team, NYC**

Students will enjoy an interactive assembly of high energy that captures students' attention and entertains them while spreading a positive message. Each dance team member will discuss the negative impacts of bullying and why it's everyone's responsibility to respect themselves and those around them.

**#SELday**

Join the movement to showcase, promote, advocate, and support social emotional learning

**March 8, 2024**

Sign up today at SELday.org

**SEL4US**

**The Urban Assembly**

## International Social Emotional Learning Day, March 8, 2024

### What is SEL Day?

SEL Day is a global, grassroots campaign for social-emotional learning to support children's academic recovery, mental health, and well-being. SEL champions representing all 50 US states and 87 countries.

On March 8 we will wear the color yellow as part of our school spirit day to symbolize optimism, happiness, and energy.

SEL activities for students include: "I am" Positive Affirmation craft, a body scan meditation, as well as Buddy activities for Balance is Best.

## 5th Grade Parents

Selection of 6th Grade World Language and Electives will take place on the Parent Portal beginning on March 5th at 10am and ending on March 12th at 4pm. An email with instructions will be sent on March 4th through the District. Please see your Middle School Homepage for the 6th grade elective course descriptions.

Every effort will be made to accommodate the selections made for your child, but they are not guaranteed.

## Family Literacy Night (3-5) - Tuesday, March 12

Join us for Family Literacy Night on March 12 for grades 3-5!

We will celebrate literacy with students and families. Join us for a read aloud, craft, and writing activity. Families and students will also get books to take home!

5:30-6 Dinner (pizza)

**Family Literacy Night**  
**Grades 3-5**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
5:30 PM - Dinner  
6-7 PM - Activities

This is a Title I funded event.  
Registration required



Space is limited. One registration per family.

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

**Multiple children? Register once and indicate multiple Washington students will attend.**

This is a Title 1 funded event.

**Register below:**

[3rd grade](#)

[4th grade](#)

[5th grade](#)



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS NOW  
OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!

## Do You Know An Incoming Kindergartener?

Students who will be the age of 5 by October 1, 2024 are encouraged to begin the enrollment process. Use [this link](#) to enroll. Incoming kindergarteners are also eligible to apply to part

of our [Dual Language Program](#). Check out the link and the fliers below for more information on Dual Language Program. Parent presentations will be March 21 and May 14.

Escuelas Públicas del Municipio de Edison

## ACADEMIA DE LENGUAJE DUAL

DISPONIBLE EN SEPTIEMBRE DE 2023

### ¿Qué es?

¡Nuestro distrito se complace en anunciar el lanzamiento de la Academia de Lenguaje Dual Español-Inglés! En este programa, ubicado en la Escuela Primaria Washington, a los estudiantes se les enseñará alfabetización y contenido académico tanto en inglés como en español. Al completar la escuela primaria, los estudiantes se habrán ganado la oportunidad de ser bilingües y alfabetizados en dos idiomas. La investigación ha demostrado que este modelo produce altas tasas de éxito en el conocimiento del nivel de grado mientras desarrolla niveles impresionantes de dominio del idioma.

HELLO / ¡HOLA

Para más información

SCAN ME  
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### ¿Quién puede unirse?

Todos los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Edison son elegibles para solicitar el programa antes del comienzo del jardín de infantes. Cada otoño, crearemos un nuevo grupo de estudiantes de Kindergarten de idiomas que ya son nativos de inglés o español. Estos grupos continúan juntos hasta el quinto grado.

www.edison.k12.nj.us

[Spanish version flier](#)

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## DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

COMING SEPTEMBER 2023

### What is it?

Our district is pleased to announce the launch of the Spanish-English Dual Language Academy! In this program, located at Washington Elementary School, students will be taught literacy and academic content in both English and Spanish. By the completion of elementary school, students will have earned the opportunity to become **biliterate** and **bilingual**. Research has shown that this model produces high rates of success in grade-level knowledge while developing impressive levels of language proficiency.

HELLO / ¡HOLA

For more information

SCAN ME

### Who can join?

All Edison School District students are eligible to apply for the program **prior** to the start of Kindergarten. Each Fall, we will create a new Kindergarten cohort of language learners who are already native speakers of either English or Spanish. These cohorts continue together through 5th grade.

www.edison.k12.nj.us

[English version flier](#)

# January Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to our 233 students who had \*perfect attendance\* in the month of January. Our attendance committee LOVED celebrating those students by giving them a shout out on the loudspeaker and a fun goodie bag. We hope that even more students earned this special award for the month of February. Check out our bulletin board by the gym with all the student names.



## February Recap

### Band & Orchestra Concert







Congratulations to these 5 fifth graders who participated and won a coloring contest with the American Legion of Edison.

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## Lunar New Year

WES students learned about the yearly celebration of Lunar New Year. It is the celebration to mark of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year. Mrs. Ales' second grade class created dragon masks to symbolize a dragon dance, which is meant to bring good luck to the community.



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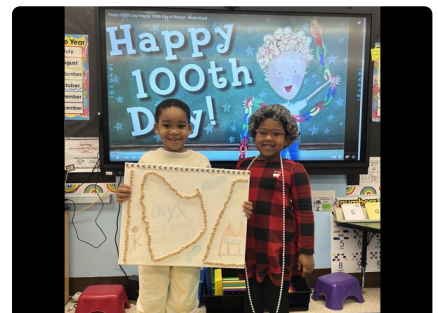
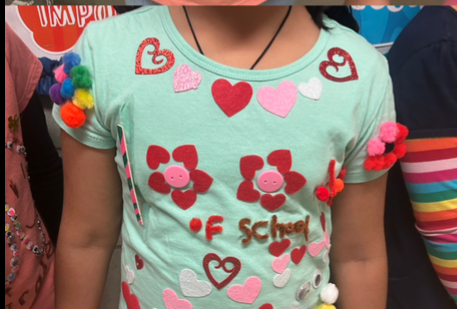
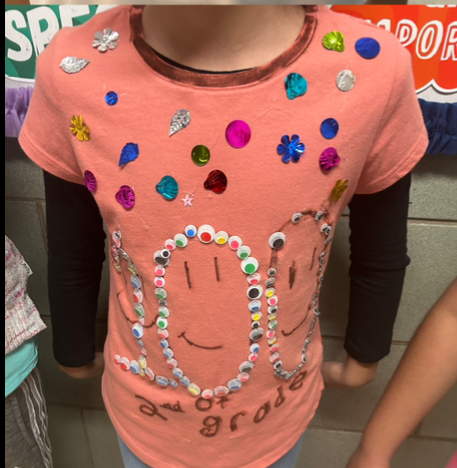
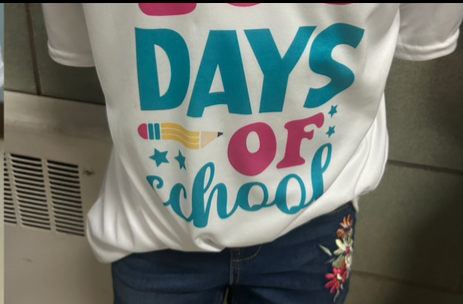
## Black History Month

Our third graders recognized the many contributions of African Americans to America. Students wore the picture of a significant African American each day during the month. Behind each picture was a brief biography that students could read to whomever stopped them in the hallway to ask.





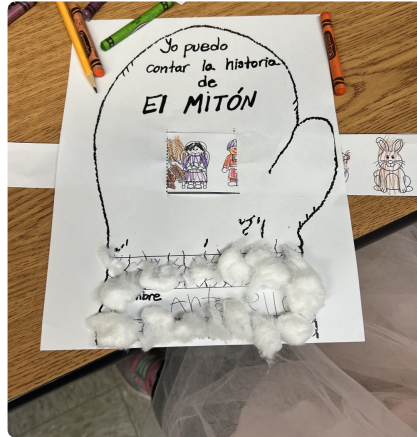
## 100th day of School





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## Family Literacy Night K-2



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## Kids Heart Challenge



Washington School has been participating in the Kids Heart Challenge for 16 years. This year we raised the most money ever, \$6,811.07. All students participated in a culminating glow in the dark jump rope competition to conclude their month long study of heart healthy behaviors.

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## Edison Township Education Association

Our WES staff and students raised \$1,300 for the ETEA. Funds collected will support Kiddie Keep Well, Buddy Ball of Edison, and the ETEA Scholarship Fund. Students participated by buying raffle

tickets for a chance to "pie a teacher". Staff participated in a spirit day and played in the charity volleyball tournament.

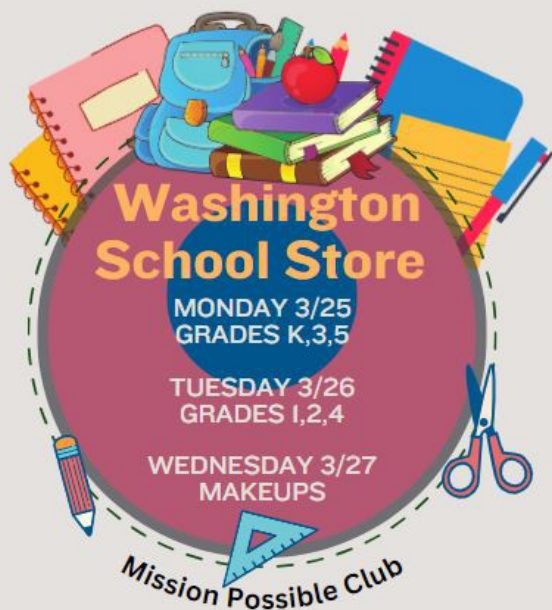


## Upcoming Events



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS  
MARCH 8 & 22





## SPRING PICTURES APRIL 9



## AROUND THE WORLD AT WES

Save the Date  
Thursday, April 11th  
5:30- 7:30 pm

We are excited to host our 1st  
**Around The World at WES!**

This is a multi-cultural event to recognize, appreciate, and share snapshots of the families in our school- where we come from, our cultural backgrounds and family traditions. Be on the lookout for family sign-ups and more information to follow.

With your help, we hope to make this an unforgettable event!



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# Parent Teacher Organization

## Birthday Gram Flier

Apparel Sale-Last Call 3/18

## Someone Special Dance



# WES PTO CINEMA PRESENTS



**WHEN:** March 7th (this is a SINGLE SESSION day - 1:30 dismissal)

**WHERE:** Washington School

**TIME:** 1:30 - 3:30pm \*STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 3:30PM from Door 7  
(kickball court off parking lot)\*

**COST:** \$8.00

\*Admission includes a water bottle, fruit snacks, and snack\*

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## PTO Dine Out Night: Frank's





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## March Rainbow Bagel Sale



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