

A photograph of Washington Elementary School, a modern building with a stone and metal facade. The building has a sign that reads "WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" and "BANGOR, PA." The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS" and "SEPTEMBER 2024" is overlaid on the top part of the image.

# Washington Elementary School News

## September 2024

### **New School Year**

The school year is off to a good start. The first day of school began with all of the students excited to meet their new teachers. With the assistance of our staff, everything went very well and continues to improve each day.

### **Open House**

The Washington Elementary Open House event was held on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and it was a huge success! Students and their families were able to explore the building, visit their homerooms and meet their teachers. We would like to thank all of the families who participated in this event.

### **Sapphire Parent Portal**

Sapphire is our online student information system. This online system will give you access to your student's information, attendance, report cards and other forms of information.

The **2025 Digital Packet** is located in the Sapphire Parent Portal and replaces the paper packets that were sent home in past years, on the first day of school. The Digital Packet needs to be completed every year. The packet is necessary so we have the most updated contact information, annual authorization for your student to be photographed, to use school technology and general information for our school nurse. If you have not yet completed your 2025 Digital Packet, please do so as soon as possible.

Use the following link: <https://bangorsdsapphire.k12system.com/CommunityWebPortal/Welcome.cfm> to create a web portal account, update your student's information and/or complete your student's 2025 Digital Packet.

### **Washington Elementary School Webpage**

Washington Elementary School has its own webpage. There are two different ways to access our page:

1. Linked from the District website (<https://www.bangor.k12.pa.us/>) – Locate **SCHOOLS** and click on the Washington link.
2. Washington Elementary web address <https://www.bangor.k12.pa.us/Domain/12>

Our webpage is a great resource for important information, such as a calendar of events, building announcements, monthly newsletters, and classroom supply lists. It will also give you access to district forms, student links and any information you may be looking for.

## Nurse Notes

Welcome back to school! Please send dental and physical forms in as soon as possible. If your student needs any medicine (prescription or non-prescription) administered during school hours, a medical note must be submitted from a physician. Please do not send any medicine in with your student, as it must be delivered to the nurse by an adult.

### Important Information You Need to Know

- If you need to speak with your student's teacher, the best method of communication is a phone call between 7:40 - 8:10 A.M. Many of our teachers take advantage of email and Class Dojo communication. If you have provided an email address in our Sapphire Student Information System, your student's teacher may contact you electronically. Feel free to discuss this option with the teacher to determine the most effective way to communicate.
- Our phone and email communication system works well, but it is only as good as the information that we have. Please be sure to update your phone number and email address so that you can be notified of the latest information. Click the link below if you need to update your contact information.  
<https://bangorsdsapphire.k12system.com/CommunityWebPortal/Welcome.cfm>
- Please remind your student to follow the bus rules by sitting in their seats properly, using an inside voice, keeping their hands and feet to themselves, and always obeying the bus driver.
- **The doors to the school do not open until 8:10 A.M. Please do not leave your student outside before this time, as there is no one to supervise them.**
- **The doors to the school close and lock at 8:30 A.M. If you bring your student to school after 8:30, you must escort them into the building and sign them in.**
- **If you'd like to participate in the student drop-off and pick-up, please contact the Main Office to register and receive the number assigned to your family's vehicle.**

### PTO

Visit the Bangor Elementary PTO Website for up-to-date information about PTO events and information:

<https://bangorelempto.ptboard.com/>

### Coming Events

8/22	Washington Open House 6:00-8:00 PM
8/30	No School for Students/Offices Open
9/02	Labor Day/District Closed
9/03	Washington Picture Day
9/09	PTO Fall Porch Package Fundraiser Begins
9/16-9/20	Scholastic Book Fair (Held During Student Library Related Arts)
9/20	PTO Fall Porch Package Fundraiser Ends
9/23	No School/Act 80/Teacher In-Service
9/30-10/4	PTO Fall Porch Package Fundraiser Order Pick up 9:00am - 5:00pm - at Heinsohn Farms