



Washington Elementary School News

March 2025

GREETINGS FROM MRS. BORGER

Happy March! February surely did pass us by quickly. We are kicking off the month of March with our Read Across America Spirit Week. Students will participate in more activities throughout the month to recognize and celebrate their love of reading.

We will also hold our Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 PM. There will be fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. We hope to see many of our students and their families there!

Report cards for the 2nd Trimester were posted to the Sapphire Portal this morning. Please log on to view your student's report card. As always, thank you for all you do at home to support your student's success!

READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH

Read Across America is promoted by the National Education Association each year, in conjunction with the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2nd. Washington will celebrate this event by having a Spirit Week, which will be held in the first week of March. Spirit Week flyers were recently sent home with information regarding daily themes your students can participate in. Students and staff will have fun showing their spirit the entire week to honor Dr. Seuss and foster a love for reading.

SPRING PICTURES

Spring picture day will be held on **Tuesday, March 11**. Look for information to be sent home with your student in the next few days. Please notice the following details:

- All students will be photographed; No need to prepay or sign up.
- Parents/Guardians who do not want their student(s) to be photographed can opt out.
- The proof card will be delivered to the school to be sent home with your student(s).
- Parents/Guardians will be able to use the proof card to view/order their package.
- All packages ordered will be shipped directly home.

CANDY SALE FUNDRAISER

Our annual Student Activity Account fundraiser with Chocolates on Broadway is underway and will end **Friday, March 7**. The profits from this annual sale are spent directly on your students for purchasing items like awards, prizes, assemblies, special events, field trips, etc.

Reminder: As with all school sales, we are very concerned about child safety and do not want students going door-to-door soliciting. We recommend that your student(s) ONLY sell to friends and family members. Please do not allow your student to deliver the candy without an adult along to watch over him/her.

Candy sale pick-up for all three elementary schools will be held at **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. The pick-up will be in the Washington Gym on **Wednesday, April 2nd between 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM**. The Elementary PTO will be reaching out for volunteers to help with order pick up. Please let our PTO know if you are available to help on April 2. Your participation in the candy sale is appreciated.

GRADE 3 HAPPENINGS

Spring is almost here and like spring flowers, our students continue to blossom and grow! In math, we just closed out a topic on fractions. On deck for the month of March are a variety of topics including time, capacity, and mass.

In ELA, the students continue to improve their oral reading fluency and reading comprehension skills. Additionally, various grammar concepts are introduced and applied in context through editing tasks and writing. Our students will also begin working on research reports. They will learn how to research and gather information in Library and Technology and then turn their information into a completed report during ELA.

Our STAR students have a lot to look forward to in March. We have started up the GOAT lounge for students who achieve their greatest of all time STAR score or ORF score. From behavioral and academic incentives to assemblies, our days are filled with learning and fun!

GRADE 4 HAPPENINGS

Fourth graders are learning about measurement conversions, area, and perimeter. In Science, they are focusing on forms of energy and experimenting with electricity and magnetism. During Reading instruction, students are reading and analyzing poetry. We will also start reading about Ecology and how we can help make the Earth cleaner.

RELATED ARTS HAPPENINGS

Phys. Ed./Health - A big thank you to everyone who supported the Kids Heart Challenge by donating to the American Heart Association. We exceeded our goal by over \$2,000.00! In Phys. Ed class, we just started our floor hockey unit which will take us through most of March. In Health, we will be covering the Circulatory and Digestive Systems. ~Ms. Sommer

Technology: Students will be working on evaluating what they read, thinking critically, and organizing information as they work collaboratively across content areas to work on their research projects.

Music: In Music class this month, students will continue to work on their foundational music skills. Third and fourth grade students will also be participating in a School Wide March Madness bracket. Spring Chorus is up and running! If your child is attending chorus, please remember to pick them up promptly at 4:00 on Tuesday afternoons.

Art: This month, third grade students will be creating a two-dimensional and three-dimensional cupcake sculpture. Fourth grade students will create a three-dimensional clay monster sculpture!

NOTES FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Happy almost spring! With the warm weather approaching, and the children start to play outside more often, please remember to check for proper fitting of bike helmets and padding. Though their heads might not look larger, they do grow, and a helmet must fit correctly for optimal protection.

Reminder that every Grade 3 student needs to have a dental exam for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have not submitted a completed dental form, please send it in as soon as possible.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The Washington Elementary School Yearbook sale has already begun and ends **April 21, 2025**. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.68. It is a full color yearbook and includes all classes, as well as candid photos of activities throughout the year.

- <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/washingtonelementaryschoolbangor>
- Only a small number of extra books will be ordered, so make sure that you get a yearbook at the end of the school year by ordering during our sale.

UPCOMING PSSA AND COMPLETED BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

The Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA) is expected to be administered in April and May. Third and fourth grade teachers have prepared our students throughout the year by providing strong instruction in both reading and mathematics. Students can also prepare at home by reviewing their math and reading homework, practicing math facts, and reading as much as possible.

Students have also completed their mid-year DIBELS and STAR benchmark testing. Your student's teacher will send these reports home on March 3rd. Students take the DIBELS and STAR assessments regularly to monitor progress and growth. Please support us by speaking with your students about the importance of putting forth their best effort. We use the DIBELS and STAR assessments to guide our instruction in helping our students learn best.

READING TIP: COMPREHENSION

Please continue to read daily with your child. While reading a story, ask your child to retell what was read. Encourage your child to use the following language to capture the main idea and details of the story.

The story was about _____.
First, _____. *Then, _____.* *Next, _____.* *Last, _____.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is open online through the District website. Visit <https://www.bangor.k12.pa.us/> and choose Online Registration on the top of the District Home Page.

If you do not have access to a computer or electronic device, please call **District Registration at 610-588-2163**. Once online registration is submitted and approved, Five Points Elementary School will contact Parents and Guardians regarding a kindergarten screening appointment.

NOTES FROM THE PTO

Greetings from the PTO! We hope everyone had an awesome time at our Ties and Tiaras dance this year! We have planned some more exciting events for the next few months.

Spring Flower Fundraiser: This month we will be running our Spring Flower Fundraiser! Be on the lookout for the flyer! As always, all information and sales will be directly on our website.

Family Movie Night: We will be hosting our Movie Night on March 14th!

Donuts with Grown Ups: We will be hosting our Donuts with Grown Ups again this year! Five Points Dates are March 20th & 21st, Washington's Dates are March 27th & 28th, and DeFranco's date is April 4th. Volunteer sign-ups are on our site for all events.

PTO Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Monday, March 3rd @ 7pm in the Five Points Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

Visit the Bangor Elementary PTO Website for up-to-date information about PTO events and information:
www.bangorelempto.ptboard.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS

3/07	Candy Sale ends
3/11	Spring Picture Day
3/14	PTO Movie Night at Washington 6:00-8:30 PM
3/20	Washington Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 PM
3/21	Act 80 Day/No School for Students
3/27	Donuts with Grownups at Washington
3/28	Donuts with Grownups at Washington
4/02	Candy Sale Pick Up at Washington (5:00-8:00pm)
4/25	Yearbook Online Sale Ends