

A photograph of Washington Elementary School, a modern building with a stone and concrete facade. The building has a sign that reads "WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" and "MAIN ENTRANCE" and "BUS ENTRANCE". The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "Washington Elementary School News" is overlaid in black, and "April 2025" is overlaid in purple.

Washington Elementary School News

April 2025

GREETINGS FROM MRS. BORGER

What an exciting month of March we had! We celebrated Read Across America with a fun Spirit Week filled with special themed days. We also invited guest readers into our classrooms to share a favorite book. Thank you to those who were able to take time to visit Washington Elementary and share your love of reading with our students!

We finished off the month with a Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils Dino Dig assembly! Third and fourth grade students were able to see and touch real fossils discovered by paleontologists, Mike and Roberta Straka. Students were then able to break into pairs to "dig" to discover more rocks and fossils on their own.

We also held our annual Washington Family Literacy Night on March 20th. This year's theme was "Washington is Out of This World!". Families participated in space themed literacy and STEM based activities including make and take moon rocks, space crafts, astronaut yoga, a scavenger hunt, and even a read aloud on the "Magic School Bus".

Please be sure to review the important PSSA information that was sent home via email on April 3rd. I am looking forward to another great month of learning and growth, hopefully accompanied by some warm spring weather!

SPRING BREAK

Spring break will begin on Friday, April 18th and will continue through Monday, April 21st. We will return to school on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

PSSA TESTS

Our third and fourth graders have been working hard getting ready for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). PSSA testing will occur on the following dates:

ELA – April 23-25

Math – April 29-30

Make-ups – Ongoing from April 28 through the first week of May.

Please help your student(s) be well prepared by ensuring they get plenty of rest each night, begin the day with a good breakfast and arrive at school on time. Testing will begin promptly at 8:35.

FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES

We have some exciting field trips coming up at the end of the school year. Parents will be invited to chaperone and will be eligible if they meet the district guidelines to volunteer. Current clearances need to be on file in the Washington office before the date of the trip.

If you intend to be a chaperone or volunteer, prior to signing up, please contact the main office at 610-599-7014 to verify your clearance status. Please visit the district website at <https://www.bangor.k12.pa.us/Page/899> for volunteer guidelines and links to renew or apply for your clearances.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Happy spring! As the weather gets warmer and children start playing outside, please remind your students to wear their helmets when riding their bikes, scooters, etc. Please check to ensure your student(s) are wearing appropriate clothing and footwear to school. Shirts with sleeves instead of tank tops, and shoes with backs that secure on the ankle or heel. Flip flops, sandals and high heels are not safe for stairs and outside recess. Remind them to also avoid poison ivy!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The Washington Elementary School Yearbook sale will end on Monday, April 21, 2025. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.68 plus tax. It is a full color yearbook and includes all classes, as well as candid photos of activities throughout the year.

You can place your yearbook order at <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/washingtonelementaryschoolbangor>.

Once the orders are processed, the books will be distributed during the last week of school.

Only a small number of extra books have been ordered and will be available on a cash and carry basis, with first come first served. There will be no waiting list.

NOTES FROM THE PTO

Donuts with Grownups: We hope everyone enjoys Donuts with Grown Ups! A huge thank you to our wonderful cafeteria staff for the delicious donuts and our amazing school police officers for assisting with parking and safety. Thank you to all of our families for coming out to enjoy breakfast with the kids.

A few reminders: First, please send in your Weis receipts. Second, any and all information you are looking for is on our website. Please make sure you check it for information. There is also still time to join the PTO. You can pay the \$10 family membership fee directly on the site. Third, check out our FB page for our monthly auctions. You don't want you to miss out! Our current basket raffle is valued at \$175. This includes a family 4 pack of 1 day Crayola Experience tickets. The monthly basket raffle is just \$5 per entry!

Teacher appreciation week will be next month, please be on the watch for more information. We request each graduating class to donate specific items. Each year, our Slater families go above and beyond with generous donations for our teachers. With your help, we are looking forward to making this our best year yet.

We will have two PTO meetings this month. First is Monday, April 7th @7pm in the Washington Cafeteria and the Second will be held Monday, April 28th @ 7pm in the Five Points Cafeteria. Happy spring!

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

www.bangorelempto.ptboard.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/02	Candy Sale Pick Up at Washington 5-8pm
4/10	PTO Sponsored Donuts with Grownups 7:30-8:10am
4/11	PTO Sponsored Donuts with Grownups 7:30-8:10am
4/12	Slater Family Network Silent Auction @ Five Points
4/18	Easter Holiday/District Closed
4/21	Easter Holiday/District Closed
4/23-4/25	PSSA – ELA testing
4/29-4/30	PSSA – Math testing
4/28-5/9	Ongoing PSSA make-ups