

Washington Elementary School News

OCTOBER 2026

Principal's Message

Hello Washington Families! It is hard to believe that we are already welcoming the month of October! September was a productive month as students stepped back into the routine of the school year. I am so proud of the STAR behavior our students are exhibiting in their classrooms, around our school building, and on the bus.

October brings exciting events around the community and also here at school. Students will have the opportunity to participate in our Spirit Week from October 26th through October 30th. During that week, boys and girls will attend a Pep Rally assembly to celebrate the Bangor vs. Pen Argyl rivalry football game. The month will end with our annual Halloween Parade. Please see the attached documents to read more about these upcoming events. I am looking forward to another month of fun, learning and growth at Washington!

~Amanda Borger, Principal

Washington Slater Shirt Sale

We love celebrating our Slater pride here at Washington and are excited to share an opportunity for our Washington families to purchase some Washington branded Slater gear! Purchase a shirt or sweatshirt and represent Washington Elementary out at community events and on our #OneSlaterNation days. The sale will run from October 5th through October 16th. If you are interested in purchasing a Washington Slater shirt or sweatshirt, you can do so by scanning the QR code on the left, or clicking this link. Proceeds from the sale of each shirt will come back to Washington to benefit our students!



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Counselor's Corner

BULLY-FREE
ZONE

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Mrs. Keenan will visit each classroom to provide students with lessons about bullying, kindness, and strategies for handling difficult situations.

We also want to help students understand the difference between rude, mean, and bullying behavior. While rude or mean behavior is never acceptable, bullying involves repeated behavior or an ongoing misuse of power that causes harm. Our goal is to help students recognize the difference, develop appropriate coping strategies, and know when to ask an adult for help.

We encourage all students to wear ORANGE on Unity Day, October 21st, 2026, as we come together to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion for all!

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Upcoming Events

- October 2nd: #OneSlaterNation Day- Wear Slater Gear/Colors
- October 5th-16th: Washington Slater Gear Sale
- October 12th: Act 80 Day- No School for Students
- October 14th: Picture Retake Day
- October 21st: Unity Day- Wear Orange to School
- October 26th-30th: Rivalry Spirit Week
- October 27th: Pep Rally
- October 30th: Halloween Parade

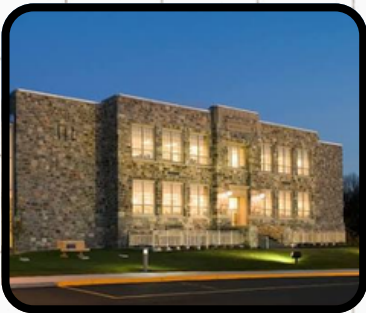
Nurse Notes

Happy October! As the weather gets cooler remember that students go out daily for recess and they might need a jacket. Please write your student's name on their jacket in case it gets left behind on the playground or turned into our lost and found.

With fall comes cold and flu season, please remind your student(s) to keep their hands out of their mouth, wash their hands often, use a tissue when needed and cough into their elbow. Most importantly, please do not send your student to school if he/she is sick.

If you have a completed dental form for your third grade student, please send them in as soon as possible.

Thank you! ~Chrysa Policelli, School Nurse



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Third Grade Happenings

We are very busy throughout our Third-grade classrooms! After learning the expectations for STAR behaviors throughout the school, the students have had the opportunity to show us what they learned. Students are now earning STAR stamps towards fun activities like our Fall Carnival.

In math, we are learning about multiplication and division. These skills will become the foundation for many other topics we will explore this year.

The students have been reading and writing about animal adaptations. Throughout this unit, we are not only gaining knowledge about animal adaptations, but also learning reading strategies, grammar, writing strategies, and exploring various literary elements. All of our students are also continuing to work on spelling and phonics skills. We are looking forward to the months ahead and can't wait to see what our students achieve next.



Fourth Grade Update

Fourth graders had a great time on our field trip to downtown Bangor! Students were able to visit the Heritage Center, Library, Fire House, and The Local Scoop. This field trip taught our students about the local organizations and businesses that are available to all of our community members.

Fourth grade is learning two-digit multiplication and estimation for Math. In Science students are learning about the concepts of Life Science by studying the topic of Observing Nature. In Reading the students have been working on the skills of main idea and details, cause and effect and summarizing using informational texts and literature. Students have also been writing informative essays

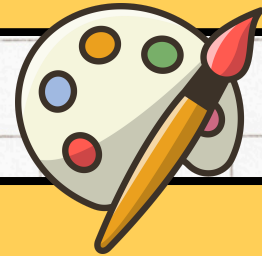
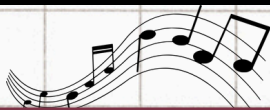


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Notes from the Library

September is a busy month for the Washington Library! Students received orientation to become familiar with our Library procedures and organization. They began checking out books too! Please remember to take good care of our books by keeping them away from food and drinks. Be mindful of animals as well. Books may look like a tasty treat to them.

Our third and fourth graders also spent some time on Beanstack. This app will allow them to track their independent reading minutes on a virtual reading log. They can also see what books their friends are reading and participate in reading challenges. Our first challenge will run during the month of October. The goal is to read and log 300 minutes during the month. If they log 300 minutes on Beanstack, they have a chance to earn a gift card to Crumbl Cookie or Five Below! Fourth grade will have the opportunity to participate in the Washington Book Club. Be on the lookout for signups during class



Music, Technology, and Art News

In October, students are reviewing rhythms, singing familiar songs, and playing fun musical games to reinforce key music concepts. Through singing, movement, and hands-on activities, students are building confidence and strengthening their musical skills.

In technology class, we will be learning about digital citizenship, which helps students learn how to use technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully. The students will learn how to make good choices online, protect personal information, and treat others kindly in digital spaces.

In the Art room, our third-grade artists are wrapping up a project centered around circles! Students viewed the work of Wassily Kandinsky and Jasper Johns as inspiration to create non-representational watercolor circle collages using a grid. We discussed the color wheel and complementary colors. In fourth grade, students discussed, and are just wrapping up, the work of the master printmaker, Hokusai. Hokusai is famous for creating a woodblock print called "The Great Wave". Students used watercolor pencils to create unique wave scenes inspired by color theory (warm vs. cool). This project was also a great opportunity to work on brush control when painting

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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. Your student's 26-27 Digital Packet forms are located in the Sapphire Parent Portal. This 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 26-27 Digital Packet, please do so as soon as possible. The Digital Packet needs to be completed every year.



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Helpful Information and Reminders

- ✓ Our doors open at 8:10 AM each morning. Please do not leave your child outside before this time. If you arrive after 8:30, please park your car in a space and escort your child into the building to sign them in for the day.
- ✓ If you would like to participate in parent pick up, please contact the Main Office to register and receive the number assigned to your student.
- ✓ Toys and valuable items should be kept at home. Please check your student's backpack to make sure they are not bringing toys or valuable items to school.
- ✓ Check out the Elementary PTO website for up-to-date information about our PTO events! <https://bangorelempto.ptboard.com/>.