May, 2022

School News

Washington Elementary School

A Message from Mrs. Oliver

It is hard to believe that this is the last month of the 2021-2022 school year! Sending out the last newsletter of the year always makes me feel, "Where has the year gone!" It has been extremely rewarding and enjoyable watching how much the children have learned throughout the year.

As summer approaches, one of the most important things you can do for your child over the summer is READ to them and encourage them to read to you! Children lose valuable reading skills over the summer months. Researchers call this the "summer slide." It is very common for children to lose 2 to 3 reading levels over the summer leading to trying to "catch up" in the fall. Reading with your child will help them to maintain what they learned during the year. To develop math skills, playing cards and board games are very helpful.

The Carnival of the Animals
Kindergarten Celebration

Parents, Grandparents and family members are invited to a Kindergarten performance at the Washington School Gymnasium.

Please note that each class will only perform on the designated date at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4th: Miss Parenteau's & Ms. Erickson's Classes

Friday, May 6th: Miss Hanson's & Mrs. Tangquist's Classes

Upcoming Dates

CYC Event at Castle Park, 6–7 p.m.	*May 10*
2W Day Early Release for K, No School Readiness	*May 11*
WES Play Day	*May 13*
Last Week of ECFE	*May 16*
WES PTO Family Picnic, 5:30–7 p.m.	*May 17*
Last Day of School Readiness	*20*
WES PTO/ECFE Advisory Board Meeting	*May 24*
Last Day of School	*May 27*

School Readiness Virtual Music Programs

Ms. Foede, the Washington School Music teacher, has been working with the full day School Readiness classes throughout the year. She will be creating a video to showcase the skills and songs our students have learned throughout the year.

Links to the videos will be emailed to parents in May. Please update the office if your email has changed.

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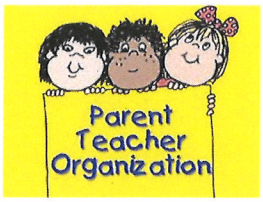
End of Year Notes

The End of the Year WES PTO Picnic Tuesday, May 17th, 5:30—7 p.m.

All ECFE and Washington students and their families are invited to join us for a family fun event, sponsored by the PTO.

Details included in the newsletter.

- Food
- Games
- Raffles



The final PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, May 24th, from 5 - 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided. You may request a Zoom link to the meeting from Mrs. Oliver at deniceoliver@isd593.org

Reports will be shared by ECFE, School Readiness, Kindergarten, and Mrs. Oliver. The agenda will also include a review of the PTO's work during the 2021-2022 School year, the Playground Project, Schoolstore.com, and discuss the Family Picnic. There will also be a special thank you for the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.

Free Grab & Go Summer Meals for ages 0—18

Every Monday—Thursday

June 6—July 28

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

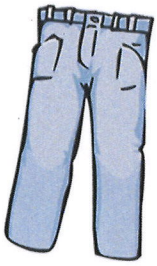
Ray Ecklund Park Complex—The Lion's Shelter

- Children must be present to receive a meal to be consumed on site. Meal cannot be eaten by an adult.
- To-Go meals will not be offered.
- Adult meals are $5 each.

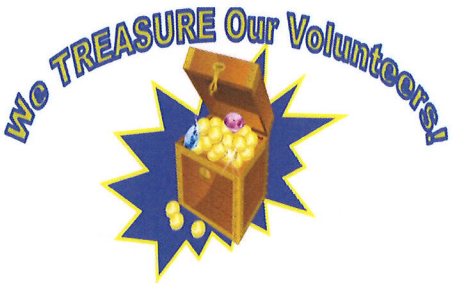
United Way

Pirates Crookston Public Schools

Many articles of clothing have collected in the Lost and Found bin by the entrance of Washington School. You are asked to claim the items by the last day of school. Remaining items will be donated to a charity.



Your student may need a change of clothing because of spilled milk, wet weather, or other reasons. Please send an extra set of underwear, socks, pants, and shirt with your child to keep in their locker to avoid having to bring clothing to school during the day should an accident happen.



Thank you to each parent for contributing to the PTO by attending meetings and events, assisting with projects, and financially supporting events. Your partnership makes a difference in our students' education!

More from Raising Socially Competent Kids

Dr. Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane discuss more on the topic of real relationship skills for a screen-driven world in their book, Raising Socially Competent Kids. The book describes how technology, though it connects people across the world, can actually separate people living in the same house, which results in showing less affection towards each other. Keep specific times of the day as "no-screen zones." Talk to each other in the car, during meals, and before bedtime.

Children draw from their supply of affection during difficult times. As a parent, choose to fill your child's life with affection by listening and responding to your child, doing household tasks together, reading with your child, and hugging your child. Children learn by example. Show your child that real face to face time is best!

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Remember when you are riding in a car, to wear your seatbelt. Here is a poem to help you remember to wear your seatbelt:

I like my seatbelt nice and snug,

Around my hips like a big bear hug.

I make it click so the driver will know,

I'm buckled up and ready to go!

When riding a bike, always wear a helmet and use the same rules as a car. Stop at stop signs and look both ways before crossing the street. Watch the traffic lights for the red, yellow, or green light. Here is a poem to help you remember what to do when you come to a stoplight:

Red on Top

Green Below

Red means "STOP"

Green means "GO"!

Yellow means "WAIT"!

Even if you are late!

When you go anywhere this summer, never go by yourself...please take a friend. Always check with your parents first, to make sure it is ok to go somewhere.

"Take a friend" if you are going to play at the park.

"Take a friend" if you need to leave an area to go to the bathroom.

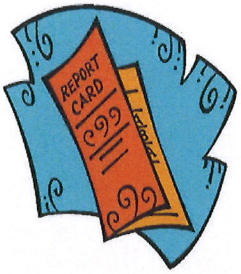
"Take a friend" if you are looking for something at the store."

And remember to never go anywhere with a stranger. We want you to be safe... always taking someone with you will keep you safe!

More Ways to Show Kids You Care

1. Keep the promises you make.
2. Wave and smile when you part.
3. Point out what you like about them.
4. Catch them doing something right.
5. Ask for their opinion.
6. Be curious with them.
7. Introduce them to friends and family.
8. Let them solve most of their own problems
9. Let them talk about how they feel.
10. Be consistent.

4th Quarter report cards will be mailed to parents after June 1st.



Character Words

- **Respect**
- **Kindness**
- **Caring**

Washington School students focus on a character word each week. The words listed above were featured in May. Ask your child what each of these words mean. Help your child understand by demonstrating these words in your home.

The Celebrate the Young Child Collaborative invites you to an evening filled with fun stations, yoga, a storybook trail, art, and a light dinner as you imagine if you were

"Going on a Bear Hunt"

Tuesday, May 10th

5:30—7 p.m.

Castle Park

This event is sponsored by Crookston Public Schools, Crookston Public Library C.A.L.L. Committee, Polk County Public Health, RiverView Health and Tri-Valley Head Start.

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx

Crookston Community Education "Mini" Summer Camps will be offered to children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5. Information will be sent home with students in early May. Please register soon as classes will fill quickly.

Washington School PTO Picnic

For: ECFE, School Readiness, and Kindergarten Families

Tuesday, May 17th 2022
Washington School Playground
@ 5:30-7:00
If it rains or is too cold, the picnic will be moved to the Crookston Sports Center.

The evening will include food and fun outdoor activities!!!

Hot dogs, chips, giant pickles, ice cream cup, juice & water will be sold.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the picnic for a chance to win a Bike or Summer Activity Basket.

All proceeds from the picnic will help with the cost of fieldtrips and educational materials for the classrooms.

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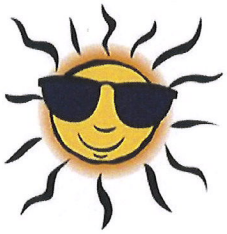
Picnic Games and activities will include:



- Soccer
- Basketball
- Sandbox Toys
- Scoops and Balls
- Playground Fun
- Tug-of-War
- Face Painting
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Paint the School ☺

Raffles

Drawing will take place at 6:30.

Buy chances to win a...

$1.00 per ticket
OR
6 tickets for $5

Bike

Summer Activity Basket

Food and Raffle tickets will be for sale at the door.

EAT UNITED

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

FREE LUNCH for all youth ages 0-18 years!

Adults 19 years and older can purchase a meal for $5.00

When: Monday through Thursday

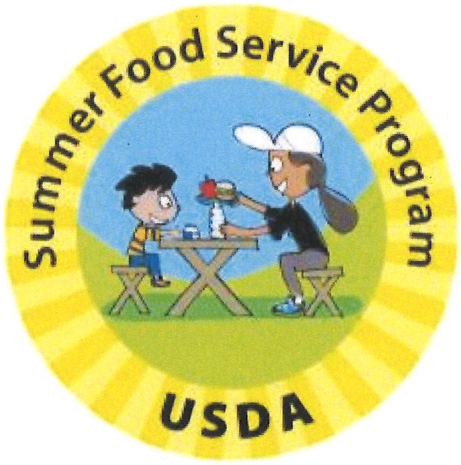
Starting Date: June 6

Ending Date: July 28

CLOSED: Week of July 4 – July 7

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Serving location:



Ray Ecklund Park Complex (Highland Park) – The Lion's Shelter

Please note the following will be enforced:
Children must be present in order to receive a meal (one meal per child).
Meals must be consumed on site. To-Go Meals will not be offered.
Adults cannot consume their child's free meal. Adult meals can be purchased for $5.00 each.

Questions?
Contact Anna Ogaard-Brekken, Food Service Director
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