

Washington Intermediate December Newsletter

Change In 4th Grade Music Program Date & Location!!

The 4th Grade music program has been moved from Thursday, December 3rd to **Thursday, December 17th!** It will be held in the **high school auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM.** Students need to be at the high school by 5:45 PM. The 3rd grade program will follow this program and begin at 7:00 PM. There will be a 20 minute intermission between programs to allow 4th grade parents to exit and 3rd grade parents to get seated. This will also allow time for Mrs. Wemhoff to make adjustments! Thank you for your understanding.

Cyber Bullying & Character Counts

The first week of November, Mr. Barry and Ms. Bates talked to every classroom about character issues such as inappropriate language, harassment and cyber-bullying (including text messages). Some recent conversations with students and parents have increased our awareness and the need to address these topics at school during weekly guidance time. We have included some of the points we are talking to students about below and would appreciate you reinforcing these at home.

- * Disrespectful language (cursing, threats, put-downs) have no place at school.
- * Slurs (racial, gender or sexual orientation) have no place at school.
- * Messages sent from a computer or cell phone can be just as harmful as doing it in person.
- * Unwanted or inappropriate text, email or instant messages can get you in trouble at school or with the law.
- * Students receiving unwanted messages should let their parent know immediately.
- * The **majority** of students do **not** use disrespectful language at school.

More information about what parents can do to help students understand Cyber-Bullying can be found by reading an article we have posted on our website under “Current Events” (or search [What Parents Can Do About Cyber-Bullying](#))

The upcoming 2nd quarter midterm also represents our fourth week of using our new Tiger Behavior plan. Students have responded well and our staff continues to consistently enforce the rules we have in place in order to create the best learning environment possible. Students who earn pink Think Sheets for inappropriate behavior in the classroom or at recess have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes – the same as you and I do from our mistakes! Students who repeatedly earn Think Sheets may earn time after school and parents will be notified. We will also be celebrating students who have consistently shown positive behaviors (few to no Think Sheets during the 2nd quarter) with another after school party in early January.

We appreciate your support with all of our academic and behavior endeavors! The bottom line is that we want Washington Intermediate School (WIS) to be a safe, respectful and responsible place for all students to learn and grow. If you have any questions, please contact [Mr. Barry](#) or [Ms. Bates](#) at 623-6630.

Upcoming Dates to Note...

Nov 25 Early Out/Professional Learning Communities
Nov 26-27 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break!
Dec 2 2 hr early dismissal (Professional Development)
Dec 9 2 hr early dismissal (Professional Development)
Dec 17 Fourth Grade Music Program (**6 pm @ HS auditorium**)
Dec 18 2 hr early dismissal (Winter Break begins)
End 1st semester/2nd quarter
Jan 4 Begin 2nd semester/3rd quarter
Jan 6 2 hr early dismissal (Professional Development)
Jan 7 1st Semester Report cards go home

☺ PLEASE NOTE!! ☺

There is a Parent Advisory Meeting on Thursday, December 10th, 7:00 pm. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend! Please join us.