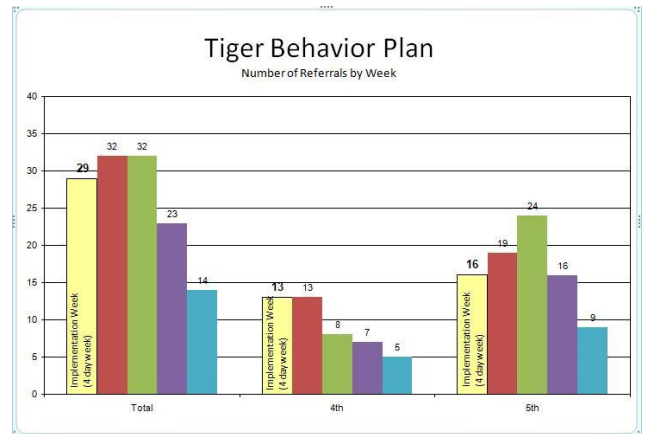


End of School Day Procedures - Please, please, please...make sure you **stop** at the stop sign at the SW corner of the building before and after school. We have had some 'near misses' as students cross the street there! Also, we will begin clearing the entire north side of Washington Street of staff vehicles after school so parents can use the entire area to wait for pick-ups. Please do not double-park on Washington Street as buses have been unable to get through on several occasions.

Behavior Plan Update - We are in our 2nd quarter of using our Tiger Behavior plan and have seen an improvement in behaviors. I have included the graph showing the number of referrals during the first five weeks after starting the plan. There was a decrease in the number of referrals and we have seen consistently low numbers of referrals since that date. I appreciate the parent feedback I have received so far. One change we will make starting this quarter is making



sure the referring teacher writes on the pink Think Sheets before they come home as the students do not always give as much information as parents need! 😊 We will continue to implement the program with as much consistency as we can and hope parents continue to support our efforts and provide needed feedback to help us improve the program!

Parent Advisory Meeting - Our December Parent Advisory meeting was cancelled so our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 pm. The meetings are always open to all parents, grandparents and friends of Washington!

Staff Changes - Our building secretary and lunch program secretary, Brenda Black, will no longer be at Washington Intermediate. We are sad to see her go and wish her the best in her new position. We welcome Elaine Carlson who will be taking over the lunch program duties for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Carlson will also be helping cover some para duties in the late PM as Mrs. Gilliland is student teaching this semester in Essex. Please welcome Mrs. Carlson to the Washington family!

Fundraiser Reminder - Over the holidays, we earned nearly \$10 when parents, staff or community members used www.GoodSearch.com and listed *Washington Intermediate* as their charity of choice! Anyone can help us earn a penny per search (free!!) or GoodSearch will donate a percentage of your shopping online if you start with GoodSearch. If you already shop online, please visit GoodSearch first as they have ties with many popular online vendors such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Best Buy, Kohls, and many more!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the record snows we have received! We are excited to start the 2nd semester and look forward to finishing the year off strong!! ~ He who laughs, lasts ~ Mr. Barry