

WIZARD WORDS

December 12th, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HELP US PLAN OUR 95 YEARS OF WASHINGTON CELEBRATION

2019 will mark 95 years of amazing education at Washington. We are planning to use our traditional Spring Fling / Elective Showcase, scheduled on Thursday, May 16th to not only give our elective students a chance to show off their learning, but also to have a celebration with alumni to commemorate our proud and remarkable history. **BUT, we need help.** If you are interested in sitting on the committee to plan this event, please email me at bgrant@wcpss.net. We will have our first meeting in late January to determine the scope of this event.

Why Wake? Why Washington? Washington's history as a magnet school is tied closely to the decision in 1976 to merge the Raleigh and Wake Co School districts. Magnets were formed with the guiding goals to create diverse schools, maximize facility space, and to provide diverse program opportunities for families. A unified school district has contributed to strong, desegregated schools that meet the needs of **All** families in our community. Breaking Wake into smaller districts, as some have proposed, would result in a resegregation of schools and unequal funding and learning opportunities for children. To better understand the critical value of having a unified, county school system it is important to understand our history.

[This 15 min video](#) highlights the path to a unified district and the critical role of magnets in our healthy, unified system.

~Bob Grant

SNOW DAY MAKE UP INFO

We hope that you all enjoyed your days off for the snow storm and managed the logistics as smoothly as possible. Official make-up days are posted on Wake County School's website here: <https://www.wcpss.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1984>

SCHOOL RATING WEBSITES

Now that Magnet Tour season is upon us, we've realized that many of our online ratings are very out-dated. Please take a minute to provide feedback online so other families touring can see how great our school is.

If for some reason, you feel that you can't give us a glowing review, please reach out to Mr. Grant at bgrant@wcpss.net and let him know what's going on.

We would really appreciate if everyone reading this would take a minute to do a Great Schools review here, plus one other site from the list below:

<https://www.greatschools.org/north-carolina/raleigh/1954-Washington-Elementary/>

If you have time to do a few more, please click through these links and leave your feedback for families that are researching their school options.

<https://www.niche.com/k12/survey/start/?t=k&e=washington-elementary-school-raleigh-nc>

<https://www.schooldigger.com/go/NC/schools/0472001903/school.aspx>

[google.com](https://www.google.com)

Search for Washington Elementary Raleigh

The panel on the right comes up with Google Reviews - click "Write a Review"

STAFF APPRECIATION - COOKIE EXCHANGE

The PTA is hosting a holiday cookie exchange for WES staff in Santa's special holiday lounge on Thursday, December 21st. Staff will be able to come into the lounge, sample some sweets, and prepare a take-out cookie/sweet box to take home with them for the holiday break.

In order for our wonderful staff to take home a dozen cookies, we will need approximately 1,100 individual cookies donated. All cookies or sweets of your choosing need to be in plastic, throw-away containers. You can drop off cookies Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. We will also need some elves to help set up and break down for this event. Please take a moment to decide on how you would like to help, and please list what you would like to bring (perhaps it is a family fudge or cookie recipe) so that we know we can offer a variety of goodies. If an item contains nuts, please list those so we can be sensitive to food allergies.

Thank you for your assistance with this staff appreciation event!

Sign up here to help! <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/HSR1859218735>

SCIENCE FAIR

A vibrant yellow background filled with various science-related icons such as a microscope, test tubes, a globe, a calculator, a lightbulb, a DNA helix, and a person in a lab coat. In the center, a black rectangular box contains the following text:

**WES
SCIENCE
FAIR**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE
DUE BEFORE WINTER BREAK!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ENTER
THE SCIENCE FAIR!

All students wishing to participate in this year's Science Fair need to complete their registration form and return it to the WES office by Thursday, December 20. Forms can be found here: <https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=124292&u=10eqi4xz8p84> Please download, complete, and print your form before the deadline. There will be no empty spots reserved for unregistered projects, so be sure to turn in your Science Fair Entry/Registration Forms by this date.

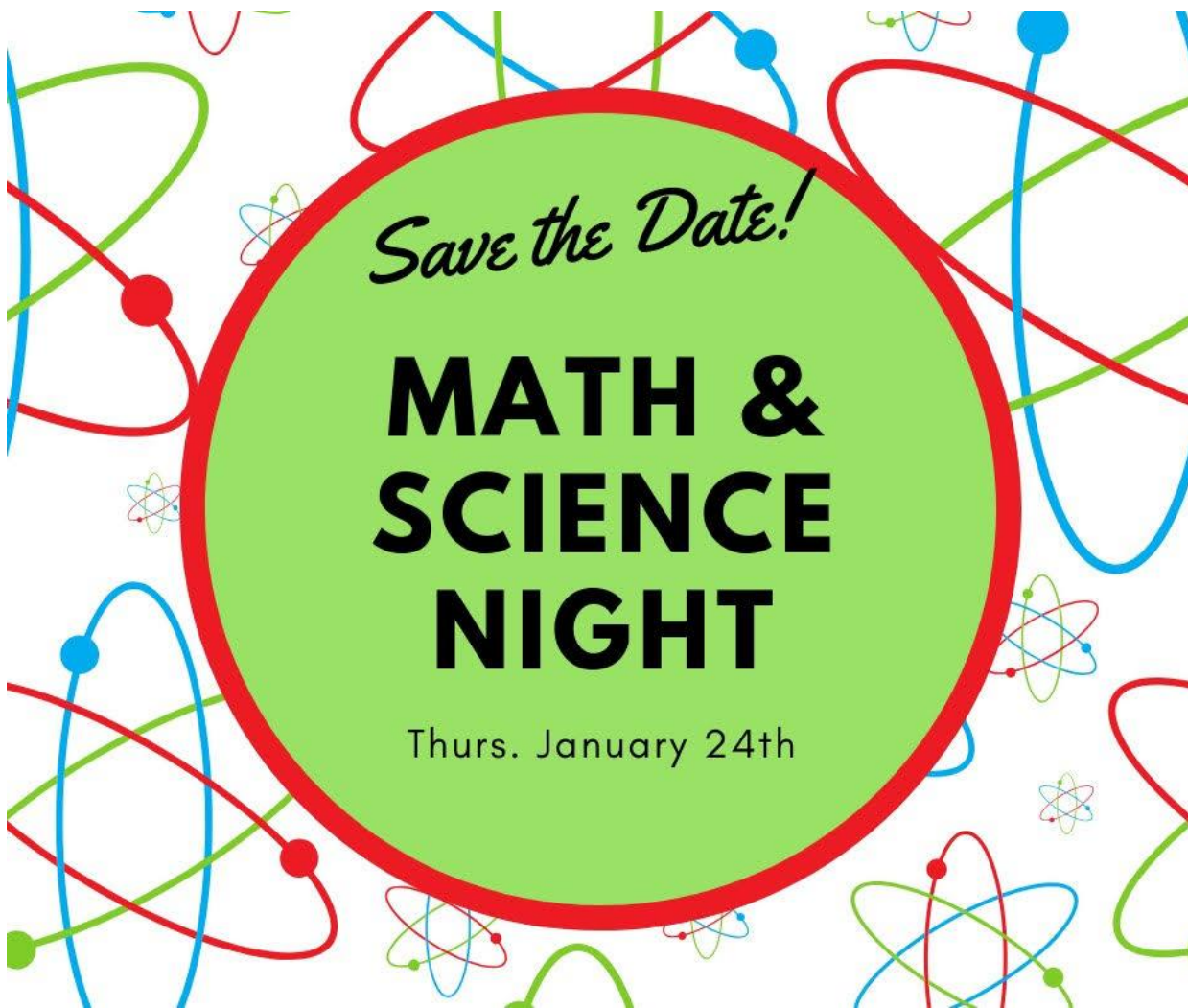
Science Fair Important Dates:

-) **Thursday, December 20** — Entry/Registration Forms Due
-) **Thursday, January 24** — Check in from 8-9am. Projects due in WES Cafeteria no later than 9am.
-) **Thursday, January 24** — Awards Ceremony will be during Math and Science Night (6-8:15pm). ALL PROJECTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE END OF THE EVENING! Winners going to regionals will be registered at the end of the evening. PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT!
-) **Saturday, February 2** — Regional Science Fair Competition in Durham

A complete list of the Science Fair Rules can be found

here: <https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=124289&u=253y9vc7xy2> Please read ALL rules carefully. Failure to follow rules can result in your project being disqualified from judging.

MATH & SCIENCE NIGHT



VOLUNTEERING WITH THE PTA

Committee Members Needed! Our **Science Fair** and **Math & Science Night** are scheduled for Thursday, January 24th. We have experienced committee chairs to lead both committees, but they need help! Please volunteer to be a committee member and help us plan these great events. They can't happen without lots of help from our parents! Please contact

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please sign up below or email wesgtpa@gmail.com.

Link to Volunteer Sign Ups: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/HSR11083112220>

SAVE THE DATE(S) - SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS ARE BACK!!!

We had great fun at Jumpstreet last week! Our upcoming Spirit Nights are scheduled for the following dates, put them on your calendar!!!

Thursday, January 10th



Cameron Village Chik Fil A
2000 Cameron St, Raleigh, NC 27605
5:00 - 8:00pm

MUST tell cashier that you are here for Washington Spirit Night AND
15% of proceeds go back to our PTA!

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JELLYBEANS
SUPER SKATE CENTER of CARY

Private Event for Washington Magnet.
Come show your school Spirit!
Located at 1120 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh NC

Welcomes
Washington Magnet Elementary
Private
School Spirit Skate!

5:15PM-7:00PM

\$6 Admission \ \$1 skate rental
Admission charge applies to all except non-skating

Everyone is welcome to stay during our public session from 7-10PM at no additional charge.
Must arrive before 6:30PM.

Private Family Skate! Parental supervision is required for this event.

The logo for Washington Magnet Elementary, featuring a blue star with the school name and "CT" below it.

WAKE ED PARTNER'S READ PARTNERSHIP

Washington has been selected by the WakeEd Partnership in Raleigh for their Partner's Read Literacy Program! They will train our volunteers and provide books (actual hard copies the kids can take home with them!) to support 1st Graders at Washington who are not yet reading on grade level.

We need 4-5 volunteers who are available during school drop off for 10 Fridays this spring, from 8:50 - 9:20am. Dates are: February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10.

Please email wesgtpa@gmail.com to sign up.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE



If you do any online shopping with Amazon this season, please consider using this link. Start here, then log in to your Amazon account like your normally do and they make a donation to our PTA!

smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1383300

PTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to our 200 families who have joined our PTA this year! We have almost 600 students at Washington, so we are hoping to have more families officially join our PTA.

If you can't remember if you joined or no, just login to your MemberHub account and look for the star next to your name. All official members get a gold star!

Being a PTA member supports both WES and NCPTA. You are granted voting privileges to elect our officers each spring and have a voice in passing our annual budget at general PTA meetings. In addition to these privileges, WES PTA members are also automatically State and National members as well...so you get all the discounts outlined here:

<https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership/Save-Money-with-Member-Offers>

Join WES PTA online HERE: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.store>

UPCOMING EVENTS

-) Early Release - Friday, December 21st
-) No School - Winter Break - December 22nd - January 2nd
-) First Day Back to School - January 3rd
-) Spelling Bee Final (6:00-8:30pm) - Tuesday, January 8th
-) Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A - Thursday, January 10th
-) PTA Board Meeting (9:30-11:30am) - Friday, January 11th
-) Weather Make-Up Day (School in Session) - Friday, January 18th
-) No School - Holiday - Monday, January 21st
-) Science Fair / Math & Science Night - Thursday, January 24th

Stay in Touch with the PTA

Email: wesgtpta@gmail.com

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