

# WIZARD WORDS

A newsletter from Washington Elementary and Washington PTA

October 12th, 2018

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Washington GT is fortunate to have an amazing staff of dedicated teachers. Over the course of the year, for each Wizard Words, we will share a video highlight of a staff member who has joined our team in the last 2 years. This will give families a chance to get to know our staff.

Use this link to learn more about Ms. Shauna Curran one of our second grade teachers. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqwFdNZprLosEzQ1atRfhm6l502mI5Do/view>

Next Thursday, October 18th, is the annual Fall Picnic. This is a great opportunity to relax with your family and meet other families/classmates from our school. To help families attend childcare will be provided from 3:50-5:00 pm for families who are attending. You will pick up and sign out your child on the playground by 5:00 pm. A sign up form will go home on Monday, October 15th.

~Mr. Grant

## Shining Star Fundraiser Update



Thank you to those who have donated to our fundraiser! So far, we are at 46% of our goal of raising \$20,000 to support our school THIS YEAR. Without your help, we will not meet our goal and will have to drastically alter our budget. This tax-deductible donation supports to many of our programs...classroom funding, elective grants, band and orchestra repairs, Arts & Letters Night, Science Fair, Math & Science Night, Spelling Bee, Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, Refletions, Equipment for Field Day, Technology needs, the list goes on...

If every student's family donated \$35, we would be at our goal, but any amount helps!

If you have not yet donated, please send in your form to school or click here to donate online: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.store/>

## **Volunteering with the PTA - Room Parents Needed!!!**

We need you!!! Please consider "Stepping Up" and sign up to be a Room Parent or Committee Member this year. The following teachers are still looking for Room Parents: Mordy, Holt, Wall, Curran, Baker, Lebiezdinski, Bailey-Martin, Coia, Contrerra, Davis, Parker, Laney, Marathe, Pleasant, Campbell, Caslin, Eacret, Mitchell, Kichowski, Metz, Reynolds, Sagolla-Slamp, Smith (Music). Thank you to Kindergarten & 5th Grade Room Parent Volunteers - those grades are covered!

The PTA is hosting an additional evening Room Parent training session on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30pm at Amy Thomas' home.

Link to Volunteer Sign Ups: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/HSR11083112592>



COME ONE, COME ALL  
TO CELEBRATE FALL!

# FALL FAMILY PICNIC

WES PLAYGROUND  
**THURS. OCTOBER 18**  
5:00 - 7:00

BRING A PICNIC FOR YOUR FAMILY OR  
BUY DINNER FROM MOE'S



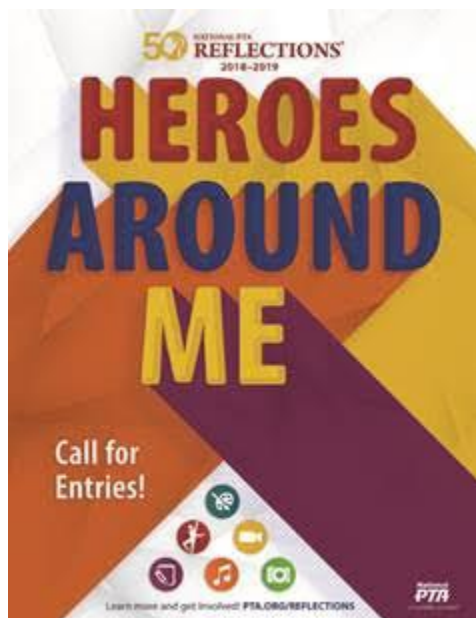
## Fall Book Fair is Coming Soon!

The Book Fair will run Monday, November 5th - Friday November 9th. Book Fair will only be open during school hours, except for Thursday, November 8th at Arts & Letters Night. This will be our only Book Fair this year, we are not planning on hosting one in the Spring.

We need volunteers to help set up on Friday, November 2nd, to work during the book fair (registers, organizing, assisting classes, etc) and to break it all down at the end. Please sign up here if you can help, no prior experience necessary: <http://signup.com/go/oMracYC>



## Reflections 2018-2019



The 2018-2019 theme *Heroes Around Me* will spark imagination and creativity in school and at home.

Entry Drop off Deadline: **October 22<sup>nd</sup> –26<sup>th</sup>** in the front office

Please find attached entry form and rules .

<https://youtu.be/TSvo7vS4Hgg>

North Carolina PTA provides the opportunity to participate in the National PTA Reflections program. This year marks the **50th Anniversary** of the program! Reflections encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves by giving positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Since it was founded in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson, millions of students have benefited from this program.

Reflections Awards Program Students in Pre-K through grade 12 create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts.

### Reflections Theme Search Competition

National PTA Reflections sponsors a student-focused Theme Search Contest annually to determine a future program theme. **Students may submit up to 5 entries. If your theme is selected as one of the five winning entries advancing to National PTA for final judging, NCPTA will contact you to submit additional required paperwork.**

The 5 winning entries selected to move on to the National competition and represent NCPTA will be featured on the NCPTA website and be recognized at the NCPTA State Reflections Celebration in the spring. The student who submits the winning entry at the National level of judging will receive \$100, and his or her theme will be announced at the next Annual National PTA Convention.

**Theme Search Entries must be completed by October 31.** [Click here](#) for a list of past themes, as these will not be considered for future submission.

The Theme Search Online Submission is open. [Click here](#) to enter.

Questions????? Please contact Manjri Lall [mlall@mycomedical.com](mailto:mlall@mycomedical.com) or Ayesha Zafiruddin [ayesha.zafiruddin@rune.org](mailto:ayesha.zafiruddin@rune.org)

### Passive Fundraising Info

**Passive Fundraisers:** Passive Fundraisers allow WES PTA to earn money from companies like Amazon, Harris Teeter, and Box Tops for Education. WES families simply need to follow these simple steps to help WES PTA and WES benefit from these free programs.

[Smile.Amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) – Before you purchase anything on Amazon.com, be sure to sign up for the free program AmazonSmile. You can sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1383300> or you can search for Washington GT Elementary School PTA on [Smile.Amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). After you sign up, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be given to WES PTA.

**Harris Teeter VIC Card** – Go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education> and link your VIC card number with WES PTA, our school code is 2308. **You must re-link your card every year.**

**Box Tops For Education** –Simply clip the 10¢Box Tops from participating products and send them in to your teachers in an envelope or Ziploc bag marked “Box Tops.”

### Upcoming Events

- ) Room Parent Training SESSION ADDED Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30pm
- ) Fall Picnic Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm
- ) 5th Grade Parent Info Session on Magnet Middle Schools Monday, October 22nd at 6:00pm
- ) Board Meeting (RESCHEDULED Conference Room at School) Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
- ) Book Fair – November 5<sup>th</sup> – 9th
- ) Arts & Letters Night (and next General PTA Meeting) Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
- ) Date TBD November - we are in talks with Jump Street to host a School Spirit Event! We will keep you updated!

### Stay in Touch with the PTA

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