

WIZARD WORDS

A newsletter from Washington Elementary and Washington PTA

October 24th, 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Curious about Social Emotional Learning (SEL)? Tune in for our **Principal Chat Livestream** on Monday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Sykes will be talking about SEL and what is happening at Washington for staff and students. A live stream link will be sent out by Dojo and posted on our website. You can tune in live and ask questions or watch a recorded version at a time that works for you.

Each month we are highlighting teachers who have joined our staff in the last 2 years.

This month we meet two 2nd grade teachers:

Ms. Rebecca Lebiezinski <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pw6Q6dtmCD8WKanU9>

and Ms. Amanda Baker <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5NsfMsr6wYUzCcZW6>

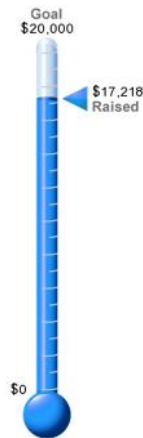
~Mr. Grant

Shining Star Fundraiser Update

We are getting so close to meeting our fundraising goal for this year! We have had approximately 125 families donate - have you?

The PTA Teacher Grant committee has just approved a \$900 grant for Mr. Bastin to set up a Virtual Reality system in his classroom that will be used in multiple electives he teaches AND will be available for other teachers to use as well! Help us fund more of these amazing grants!

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



Get Ready for the Book Fair!

The Enchanted Forest Book Fair will run Monday, November 5th - Friday, November 9th. The Book Fair will be open in the Media Center only during regular school hours, except for Thursday, November 8th at Arts & Letters Night. Look for the flyer in Monday folders.

Volunteer to help at the Book Fair, and **receive a 5% discount** on your purchases!

The Book Fair depends on the support of many parent volunteers. From set up, to assisting during class preview and shopping times, to fair break down, we need YOUR help! Please sign up here if you can — no prior experience necessary: <http://signup.com/go/oMracYC>

Professional Authors and Editors at our School Next Week!

Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson, editors of *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*, are coming to Washington on Monday, October 29th! Preorder your signed copy of the book using the form sent home in Monday folders (Grades 3-5) or get it on MemberHub here: [Book Order Form](#). All students ordering books will have the opportunity to meet the editors! Contact Mrs. Hash in the Media Center if you need an order form, or click the link below.

Washington Elementary is proud to welcome accomplished NC Author Kelly Starling Lyons as our Writer-In-Residence for our fourth graders the week of October 29th. Ms. Lyons will be joined by the creative illustrator, Ms. Vanessa Brantley on the 29th of October. The students will have the opportunity to write their own story under the expert guidance of Ms. Lyons. This residency is brought to us by the grant funded by United Arts Council and the Washington Elementary PTA, and has impacted so many 4th graders through the years at Washington. Thank you Wizard families for your generous Shining Star donations that helped to fund this experience for our students.

Click here for more info:

[We Rise, We Resist, We Raise our Voices](#)

[Kelly Starling Lyons](#)

[Illustrator: Vanessa Brantley Newton](#)

Arts & Letters Night



Volunteering with the PTA

We need you!!! Please consider "Stepping Up" and sign up to be a Room Parent or Committee Member this year.

The following homeroom teachers are still looking for Room Parents: ONLY TWO MORE NEEDED for **Lebiedzinski & Contrerra**. We would also love to spoil our specialists, please consider being a room parent for one of them!

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!

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

PTA Membership Update

Thank you to our 189 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.

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.

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

Last Reminder for Reflections

THIS Friday, October 26th is the deadline to drop off your artwork in the front office. Please fill the attached form & follow the rules. [Reflections Instructions](#)

Let's come together to honor the "HEROES AROUND ME" through ART & CREATIVITY.

Wake County School Bond Referendum and Voting Information

Our PTA board passed a resolution in support of the bond at our last meeting on September 28, 2018. A link to Wake County PTA's resolution (identical to what we passed) is available for your review here: <http://www.wakepta.org/resolutions-and-position-statements.html>

Early Voting Begins: October 17, 2018. Voters can register to vote and vote on the same day only during early voting. You cannot register to vote and vote the same day on Election Day, November 6, 2018. Last Day of Early Voting: November 3, 2018

Last Day to submit Absentee Ballots: October 30, 2018

Election Day: November 6, 2018

More information can be found at:
<http://www.wakegov.com/elections>

Spirit Wear Orders Arriving Soon!

For those of you who ordered Spirit Wear, orders will be arriving at school late this week or early next week. Please look for items that you ordered to come home with your child soon!

Stay in Touch with the PTA

Website: <http://www.wizardpta.org/>

Facebook: Washington GT Elementary PTA @WizardPTA

Twitter: Washington PTA @WizardPTA

Upcoming Events

-) Board Meeting (Conference Room at School) Thursday, October 25th at 9:30am
-) PAGE Super Saturday [PAGE Flyer](#) - Saturday, October 27th at 10:00am
-) Writer in Residence - 4th Grade Monday, October 29th - November 2nd
-) Author Visit - Monday, October 29th
-) Book Fair – November 5th – 9th
-) Principle Live Chat - Monday, November 5th at 9:30am (link on Dojo and Website)
-) 2 Hour Delay (school starts at 11:20am - Tuesday, November 6th
-) Arts & Letters Night (and next General PTA Meeting) Thursday, November 8th
-) No School - Holiday - Monday, November 12th
-) Q1 Report Cards go home - Monday, November 13th
-) RESCHEDULED Picture Day - Wednesday, November 14th
-) Early Release - Tuesday, November 20th
-) No School - Vacation - Wednesday, November 21st
-) No School - Holiday - Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd