

# WIZARD WORDS

November 19, 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At Washington GT, our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Two years ago I formed the **Parent Advisory and Support Team for Safe and Inclusive Schools**. With this group I have sought to:

1. Share out resources we are using and ways we are working with students to create a safe and inclusive community
2. Dialogue with families:
  - o What does a safe and inclusive community look like to you?
  - o What are conceptions others may have positive or negative about a group that you belong to? How do you think we can best learn about each other?
3. Provide a safe forum for sharing ideas and concerns.

This year we will continue to use this advisory team as a way both share out and inform parents steps we are taking as a staff to address issues of equity, race, and inclusion as well as to provide a space for constructive feedback from families about how we are doing creating a safe, inclusive and supportive learning community for both parents and families.

If you are interested in joining this advisory team please email me at [bgrant@wcpss.net](mailto:bgrant@wcpss.net)

We will meet 3 times from 6:00-7:30 pm in Dec, March, and May.

Lastly, **our School Improvement Team is in need of a parent representative**. The School Improvement Team meets quarterly from 4:15-5:30 to review our progress on action steps towards meeting our school goal: School Goal: By July 2020, Washington Elementary will meet or exceed growth as reported by EVAAS and meet or exceed Wake County's average proficiency on the EOGs. Our 3 remaining meeting dates are 1/30/19, 4/3/19 and 5/29/19

I look forward to partnering with you!

~Bob Grant

## SAVE THE DATE - SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS ARE BACK!!!

Thank you to parent Joy Schneider who is working hard to plan several Spirit Nights for us! Our first one will be in two weeks at Jump Street Trampoline Park!



**Tuesday, December 4th 5:00 - 7:00pm.** \$10 for two hours of jumping with WES! (This is about 50% of their usual rates).

Joy is also planning Spirit Nights at Jellybeans Skate Center, as well as a few restaurants that will donate \$ back to our PTA. Please let us know if you have ideas for Spirit Nights (especially near school!)

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE

**This holiday, make a difference while you shop**

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.  
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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 you normally do and they make a donation to our PTA!

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### HOLIDAY MAGIC!

Please grab a tag from the tree in the office ASAP at school to bring some Holiday Magic to support our fellow Wizard families this season. All gifts should be new and total approximately \$35 - \$40. Please wrap your gifts, place them all together in a large bag (or two!) and tape the tag onto the gift bag. Gifts can be dropped off at school on Monday, December 3rd or Tuesday December 4th.

### BOOK FAIR RESULTS ARE IN!!!

Thank you to all of our families who participated in our Book Fair this fall! We not only raised \$1,300 for our PTA but ALSO earned \$2,600 in Scholastic Points to spend on materials for our Media Centers. We will not be doing the Spring Book Fair like we have in the past, but will host Scholastic again next fall.

## 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! Please contact

Our **Nominating Committee** is gearing up to slate our leadership for 2019-2020 school year.

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please sign up below or email [wesgtpta@gmail.com](mailto:wesgtpta@gmail.com).

Link to Volunteer Sign

Ups: <https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/HSR11083112220>

## 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.

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>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ] Early Release - Tuesday, November 20th
- ] No School - Vacation - Wednesday, November 21st
- ] No School - Holiday - Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd
- ] Holiday Magic Deadline - drop gifts at school December 3rd & 4th
- ] Grade Level Spelling Bees - December 3rd & 4th (during school day)
- ] Board Meeting (Conference Room at School) Friday, December 7th at 9:30am

## **Stay in Touch with the PTA**

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