



**WASHINGTON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



We are excited that you have chosen Washington Elementary School for your child's elementary education! This Welcome Kit has been prepared by members of the Washington Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help you understand and get involved with the PTO.

The PTO exists to facilitate communication between parents and teachers and to make Washington Elementary School an even better school and make students' elementary school experience fun, fulfilling, and productive.

**We invite you to get involved.** The Washington Elementary School community is a positive, diverse group of parents and teachers that want the very best for all children at Washington Elementary.

We welcome your participation and look forward to a successful 2019-2020 school year!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Melissa Werner, current PTO President: [melner18@yahoo.com](mailto:melner18@yahoo.com); 479-466-1641.

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### **What is the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)?**

An organization of parents, guardians, faculty, and staff.

Specifically, Washington Elementary School's PTO is an organization comprised of Washington Elementary School parents, guardians, faculty, and staff that strives to:

- Improve the environment at Washington Elementary School through volunteer and financial support
- Enhance and support the educational experience at Washington Elementary School by supporting academic and enrichment activities
- Develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement and promoting communication between the school administration, staff, parents, and students

It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

### **What does Washington Elementary School's PTO do?**

Washington Elementary School's PTO coordinates and manages school-related activities and fundraisers.

- We have three primary fundraisers that we coordinate and manage. They are our primary funding sources.
  - BB&BBQ Parking Fundraiser
  - Fall Festival
  - Tour of Homes
- In addition, the PTO is involved, in whole or in part, with many other activities and events. Including, but not limited to:
  - Popsicles on the Playground during Meet Your Teacher Night
  - Boohoo/Yeehaw Breakfast on First Day of School
  - Decorating for the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon
  - Book Swap
  - Field Day
  - Homeroom Parent Coordination
  - Yearbook
  - Teacher Appreciation and Hospitality
  - Grant Writing

### **What does the PTO raise funds for?**

The monies raised through the PTO provide items not accounted for in the school's operating budget. Current and past programs, resources, and projects the PTO has helped fund include:

- Equipment and supplies for classrooms
- New audio/visual system in the gym
- Support for the school's Children's Fund
- Creative Cats scholarships
- Teacher gifts
- Kindergarten Camp
- Updated computer lab
- Climbing wall in the gym
- Hydration Station in the Cafeteria
- Gaga Pit

### **Who can become a PTO member? How do you become a member?**

All parents and guardians of Washington Elementary School students plus all faculty and staff can be a member of Washington Elementary School's PTO. There are no membership dues or fees.

### **How can you stay informed about PTO events and happenings?**

- Monthly PTO Articles in the school's newsletter
- Facebook – Washington Elementary School PTO (Fayetteville, AR)
  - Closed Group. Simply ask to join and you will be approved.
- PTO Bulletin Board – Located directly outside the front office
- PTO Meetings

### **When are PTO Meetings?**

The PTO meets the second Monday of the month in the school's library. Meetings begin at 6pm and last 1-1 ½ hours. Free childcare is provided for school-age children in the gym or on the playground.

## How can you be involved?

There are countless ways that you can be involved. See below for a chart that outlines the various volunteer opportunities associated with the PTO.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**BB&BBQ Parking Fundraiser – September 25-28, 2019:** Volunteers manage Central United Methodist Church's parking deck Thursday, Friday, & Saturday during BB&BBQ by collecting funds from motorists.

**Fall Festival – October 25, 2019:** The PTO converts the school into an action-packed festival, with every classroom featuring a different game/activity and the basement serving as a haunted house! Volunteers set-up for the event, work during the event, and help clean-up after the event.

**Tour of Homes – May 2020:** Annual tour of 5-7 homes located in or near the Washington Elementary School Zone. Volunteers solicit sponsors for the Tour, market the Tour, coordinate volunteers, put up signage, and work as House Docents during the Tour.

## NON-FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 2019:** Volunteers decorate the cafeteria for Washington's Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and also clean-up after the event.

**Book Fairs – November 18-22, 2019:** Volunteer help set up the Book Fair and during the Book Fair, volunteers help students complete their wish lists, count their money, and purchase books.

**Book Swap – February/March 2020:** Volunteers sort books before the Book Swap and staff the mini-bookstore during the event. The Book Swap is an annual Washington event that provides all students with new to them books. Gently used books are collected from students (and anyone interested in donating books), and then organized/sorted, creating a mini-bookstore. Students then get to "shop" at the mini-bookstore – taking home a "new" book chosen from the selection of donated books.

**Field Day – May 27, 2020:** Volunteers staff and manage the various Field Day stations.

## ONGOING/YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Homeroom Parent:** Homeroom parents coordinate and organize parents/volunteers within their student's classroom for classroom parties, fundraising efforts, school event preparation, teacher needs and requests, etc. (Homeroom Parents must have an email address for communication.)

**Classroom/Teacher Support:** Volunteers are needed to assist teachers in the classroom. Possible volunteer opportunities include: doing a special project, helping the teacher with specific tasks or activities, providing class support.

**WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students):** WATCH D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as requested by teachers, staff, and PTO – and communicated via the WATCH D.O.G.S. Coordinator. Possible volunteer opportunities include: setting up for events and activities, assembling furniture, monitoring a classroom.

**Yearbook:** Volunteers take & upload pictures of school activities/events (e.g., class parties, fundraising events, field trips, musicals, special events). Volunteers also assist with Yearbook design and layout.

**Teacher Appreciation and Hospitality:** Volunteers provide food, flowers, notes, etc. related to teacher/staff appreciation events and activities. Past events include: Holiday Teacher/Staff Breakfast (December), Spring Dessert Day (March), and Teacher Appreciation Week and Annual Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon (the first full week of May).

**Gardening:** Volunteers help take care of Washington's gardens.

**Grant Writing:** Volunteers research and/or write grants on behalf of the school.

# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PTO CALENDAR 2019-2020

- ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

FOR CURRENT AND MOST ACCURATE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WASHINGTON.FAYAR.NET/O/WES/EVENTS](https://WASHINGTON.FAYAR.NET/O/WES/EVENTS)

September 2	Holiday – No School
September 9	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
September 12	Fall Picture Day and Bus Safety Day
September 25-28	PTO Bikes, Blues, and BBQ Parking Fundraiser
September 27	Inservice Day – No School
October 4	Health Fair – Vision, Hearing, and Dental Screenings
October 14	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
October 17	Flu Clinic
October 25	Parent Teacher Conference – No School
October 25	PTO Fall Festival 6– 8pm
October 31	Fall Class Parties
November 7	Fall Picture Retakes
November 11	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
November 18-22	Book Fair
November 21	Book Fair Family Night 5:30 – 7pm
November 25-29	Holiday – No School
December 9	PTO Social 6:00pm
December 19	Spelling Bee
December 20	Wildcat Assembly (Talent/Holiday Sing-a-long) 9:30am
December 20	Winter Class Parties
Dec. 23 – Jan. 8	Winter Break – No School
January 13	PTO Starlight Skatium Night 5:30 – 7:30 pm
January 20	MLK Holiday – No School
February 10	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
February 14	Valentine's Class Parties
February 17	Holiday – No School
March 5	Spring Picture Day (Individual & Class) and Bus Safety Day
March 9	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
March 23-27	Spring Break – No School
April 10	Holiday – No School
April 13	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
May 11	PTO Meeting 6:00pm
May 20	Wildcat Assembly (Talent/Specialty) 1:45 – 2:30pm
May 21	Kindergarten Graduation
May 21	Sock Hop and Ice Cream Social
May 25	Holiday – No School
May 27	Field Day
May 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Assembly & Reception 10:30 – 11:30am
May 28	Last Day of School

# 2019-2020 FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND DAYS SHADED IN GRAY UNLESS DESIGNATED AS A MAKE-UP DAY.**

Grading Period Begins

Grading Period Ends



- I Inservice Days
- H Holidays
- MD Make-up Day
- F Flex Day
- OL On-line In-service
- C Convocation

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the week of October 21-25. To accommodate parents, each grade level building will offer one evening and one morning during that week to schedule conferences.

The evening conferences will be as follows:

- Oct. 21: High School
- Oct. 22: Middle & Jr. High
- Oct. 24: Elementary

All schools will offer morning conferences on October 25.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary and middle school students will be held during the week of March 16-20. To accommodate parents, elementary and middle school buildings/teachers will offer two evenings during this week to schedule conferences.

Spring CAP Conferences for high school students will be held during the month of February and for junior high students during the month of March.

- 1st Qtr. 43 days
- 2nd Qtr. 43 days
- 3rd Qtr. 45 days
- 4th Qtr 47 days

\*State law mandates that each quarter cannot be less than 40 days and no more than 50 days.

Make-up days have been added to the calendar pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 6-10-105. In the event an excess of days occur, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to accommodate the needs of the district by designating the manner in which make-up days are utilized.

Make up days will be held in the following order: May 29, June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4.

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April, 2020							21
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May, 2020							19
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June, 2020							0
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