

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Washington Elementary is fortunate to have several community entities that we can call on for support. Washington makes its site available to the community for Boy Scout meetings and our playground has been a site for the YMCA T-Ball games. Our gym has been a practice site for the City League Elementary Basketball teams. We collaborate with the Lawton High School girl's basketball team as a practice site. We are also a Voting Precinct site and a community site for the Old Town North Association.

Washington Elementary has an excellent relationship with Fort Sill through the APLAS program. Our Fort Sill partners provide mentors for our school throughout the year. They tutor students with their assignments, assist with programs, and help with the end of school Super Kids' Day. Our APLAS partners also bring their equipment and men to school to help close the gap between what our students learn and how that knowledge is applied.

Cameron University has formed a partnership with our school through their Reading Diagnosis class. They provide weekly individualized reading lessons to selected students at our school for an entire semester. This provides our highest risk students an interesting and exciting avenue to improve their reading skills.

Washington school is also affiliated with the America Reads program through Cameron University. This program sends out college students through a work study program to be reading partners with students throughout the school year. This ensures that our students who may be lacking a reading partner at home will have a reading buddy for the entire school year.

The past three years Washington School has worked with Oklahoma State County Extension Service (OSU Extension). The OSU Extension service provides instruction to third and fourth grade students on health and nutrition issues.

Washington Elementary is also fortunate to have City National Bank, Cracker Barrel and Fort Sill Federal Credit Union as community partners who have joined our efforts to enhance school pride. They provide financial and community support, plus they allow our students the opportunity to participate in projects to give back to the community as well.