

Washington School Family Handbook



Washington School
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Joan Valentine
Principal

Welcome to Washington School

Dear Families,

Welcome Back to our returning families or Welcome to Washington School to our new families. We are so excited for a new school year to begin as we are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Student/Parent Handbook is an invaluable source of information for parents. But, as we know, children are not miniature adults, and the Washington Student Handbook was created to appeal to students and shared by children and their families.

The goal of the handbook is to give **your child** information to develop the responsibility he/she needs to have a successful school year. It is our hope that when reviewing the handbook with you, your child will understand what is expected of a Washington School student. Look for our school mascot, WES, throughout the handbook as he points out places for you to complete various activities.



Our teachers have had some time to explore the handbook with your child. Now it's your turn to get your hands on our "hands-on" guide. After reading through the handbook together, take the handbook challenge at the end of the book. Then please sign and return the form below so we know that you're now handbook experts!

Sincerely,

Joan Valentine

Principal

Kindly return this form (and Handbook Challenge on the other side) to your child's teacher by Mon. Sept. 19th.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

- We reviewed the family handbook together.
- We took the Handbook Challenge.
- We completed the word search on the last page.

Comments:

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District Calendar

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EDISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2011-12 [181 days]

SEPTEMBER 2011							16 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
				1	2	3			
4	*	6	7	8	9	10			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	26	27	28	*	*				

Mon., SEPT. 5 Labor Day
 Tues., SEPT. 6 Staff Orientation
 Wed., SEPT. 7 SCHOOLS OPEN
 (PS.- 12)
 Thurs., SEPT. 29 - Recess
 Fri., SEPT. 30

OCTOBER 2011							20 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
						1			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25	*	27	28	29			
30	31								

Wed., OCT. 26 Professional Development Day

NOVEMBER 2011							15 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
		1	2	3	4	5			
6	*	*	*	*	*	12			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
20	21	22	23+	*	*	26			
27	28	29	30						

Mon., NOV. 7 - Teacher's
 Fri., NOV. 11 Convention
 Thurs., NOV. 24 - Thanksgiving
 Fri., NOV. 25 Recess

DECEMBER 2011							17 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
				1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	*	*	*	*	*	31			

Mon., DEC. 26 - Recess
 Fri., DEC. 30

JANUARY 2012							21 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
15	*	17	18	19	20	21			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
29	30	31							

Mon., JAN. 16 Martin Luther King's Birthday

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

- Student Day Begins:
- 9:30 a.m. Grades 9-12
 - 10:00 a.m. Grades 6-8
 - 10:30 a.m. Grades 1-5
 - 10:30 a.m. Grades PS&K(AM)
 - 1:45 p.m. Grades PS&K(PM)

+SINGLE SESSION DAYS:

- Student Day Ends:
- 12:00 noon Grades 9-12
 - 1:00 p.m. Grades 6-8
 - 1:30 p.m. Grades 1-5
 - 10:30 a.m. Grades PS&K(AM)
 - 1:30 p.m. Grades PS&K(PM)

GRADUATION DATE

Class of 2012:

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

There is one emergency day built into the calendar, which, if taken, will not be necessary to make up in order to meet the 180-day student year. If additional emergency closing days are needed to be made up, they shall be taken 2/17, 2/20, 4/9

TESTING SCHEDULE

HSPA	October 4-6	Gr. 12*
HSPA	March 6-8	Gr. 11-12*
NJASK 7-8	April 23-26	Gr. 7-8
NJASK 5-6	April 30, May 1-3	Gr. 5-6
NJASK 4	May 7-11	Gr. 4
NJASK 3	May 7-10	Gr. 3
NJ Biology Competency Test	May 15-16	All students enrolled in Bio.

* GR. 12 Students who have not yet passed.

REPORT CARDS GO HOME:

- Grades 2-5: Dec. 1
 Grades 6-12: Dec. 1
 Feb. 10
 April 26
 Grades K-5: Feb. 10
 Grades 1-5: April 26
 Grades K-5: June 20
 Grades 6-8: June 20
 Grades 9-12: June 22

- ☐ = End of Marking Period
 + = Single Session Days
 * = School Holiday

FEBRUARY 2012							19 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
			1	2	3	4			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
12	13	14	15	16	*	18			
19	*	21	22	23	24	25			
26	27	28	29						

Fri., FEB. 17 Professional Development Day
 Mon., FEB. 20 Presidents' Day

MARCH 2012							22 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
				1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2012							15 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
1	2	3	4	5	*	7			
8	*	*	*	*	*	14			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
29	30								

Fri., APRIL 6 - Recess
 Fri., APRIL 13

MAY 2012							22 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
		1	2	3	4	5			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
27	*	29	30	31					

Mon., MAY 28 Memorial Day

JUNE 2012							14 DAYS		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
						1			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
17	18	19+	20+	21	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			

Wed., JUNE 20 Last Day of School

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: PS-5

PS-5 Schools will be on single-session days for conferences.

All Elementary Schools
 Nov. 15, 17 & 29

All Elementary Schools
 Feb. 14, 16 & 21

First Reading: March 28, 2011
 Second Reading: April 25, 2011
 Adopted: April 25, 2011



Circle special family days like birthdays in **red**. Highlight or color days when there is no school in **blue**. Highlight or color single session days in **yellow**.



Schedule Information

Kindergarten

	AM Session	PM Session
Regular Day*	8:55 – 11:30	12:55 – 3:30
Delayed Openings	10:30 – 12:15	1:45 – 3:30
Single Session/ Early Dismissal	8:55 – 10:30	11:55 – 1:30

First Grade thru Fifth Grade

Regular Day*	8:55 – 3:30
Delayed Openings	10:30 – 3:30
Single Session/ Early Dismissal	8:55 – 1:30

***Students are considered LATE after 8:55 am.**

Buses pick up approximately 30 minutes before school begins. Specific time varies with each spot on every route.





Safe Travels



- Whether by car or by foot, crossing the street at the crosswalks are a MUST. We want all members of our Washington School community to be safe.
- If driving, please be mindful of our neighbors.
- Be respectful to our crossing guards.
- Teachers are not on duty until 8:45 am. Please never leave your child unattended on school grounds. Students are not to play on school grounds unless parent/guardian is present.
- Students who are considered walkers must be picked up at dismissal time. Students who are not picked up on time will wait in the office.



Bus Safety



- While waiting at the bus stop, enjoy time with your friends in a safe and kind manner.
- While on the bus, stay in your seat at all times with your seat belt on.
- Use your inside voices.
- Be respectful to the bus driver and to the other students.

Before & After Care



Families with working parents can enroll children in the ABC program which is a before and after school program held at Washington School. Before care students can be dropped off as early as 7:00 am and can be picked up from after care as late as 6:00 pm. Families who are interested can contact the Edison Township Recreation Department at 732-248-7310 for more information. Families can also contact the Ken Shirk Child Care Center/YMCA at 732-287-1131 for other before and/or after school care services.

Who's Who at Washington

Arranged alphabetically by LAST name



FIRST	Last	Email	Position	Room Number
MRS. DONNA	ABATEMARCO	donna.abatemarco@edison.k12.nj.us	CRT	CRT Office
Ms. NICOLE	ADELL	nicole.adell@edison.k12.nj.us	Primary A	1A
MRS. JENNIFER	ALES	jennifer.ales@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	34
MR. TIMOTHY	BANOS	timothy.banos@edison.k12.nj.us	5 th Grade	14
Ms. VANESSA	BARROS	vanessa.barros@edison.k12.nj.us	2 nd Grade	35
MRS. DONNA	BARTUS	donna.bartus@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	14
MRS. JEAN	BLAHA	jean.blaha@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	13
MRS. KAREN	BONJAVANNI	karen.bonjavanni@edison.k12.nj.us	Art	22
MRS. TRISHA	BUEHLER	trisha.buehler@edison.k12.nj.us	Kindergarten	K-2
MRS. SUZANNE	BUSSE	suzanne.busse@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	33
Ms. JOANNA	CAFARO	joanna.cafaro@edison.k12.nj.us	2 nd Grade	40
MR. KOY	CAMPBELL	koy.campbell@edison.k12.nj.us	Custodian	Custodian Office
MRS. JENNIFER	CERCHIO	jennifer.cerchio@edison.k12.nj.us	3 rd Grade	28
MRS. SUZANNE	CIACCIARELLI	suzanne.ciacciarelli@edison.k12.nj.us	3 rd Grade	27
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MRS. JANET	DETER	janet.deter@edison.k12.nj.us	2 nd Grade	38
MRS. ALYCIA	DEVITO	alycia.devito@edison.k12.nj.us	2 nd Grade	37
MRS. CAMILLE	DUFFY	camille.duffy@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	38
MRS. CATHY	EICHERT	cathy.eichert@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	25
MRS. DEBORAH	FINLEY	deborah.finley@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	6
MRS. IRIS	FRIEDLAND	iris.friedland@edison.k12.nj.us	Teacher	K-4
MRS. KRISTEN	GLUS	kristen.glus@edison.k12.nj.us	Phys. Ed.	Gym
MRS. SARA	GOLDMAN	sara.goldman@edison.k12.nj.us	Speech	24
Ms. RANDI	HUESTON	randi.hueston@edison.k12.nj.us	ESL/Bilingual	25
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Ms. BRIDGET	LEONE	bridget.leone@edison.k12.nj.us	5 th Grade	12
Ms. CHRISTINE	MAGEE	christine.magee@edison.k12.nj.us	Guidance	Guidance Office
Mr. MICHAEL	MEAGHER	michael.meagher@edison.k12.nj.us	Phys. Ed.	Gym
Mr. NICHOLAS	MELI	nicholas.meli@edison.k12.nj.us	Facility Mgr.	Custodian Office
Mrs. KAREN	MERCURI	karen.mercuri@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	35
Mrs. KATHRYN	MINTO	kathryn.minto@edison.k12.nj.us	Reading Specialist	Reading Room
Mr. REMOH	MOSLEY	remoh.mosley@edison.k12.nj.us	Instrumental Music	4
Mrs. HEATHER	MOUNT	heather.mount@edison.k12.nj.us	Vocal Music	19
Mrs. DIANE	NEMETH	diane.nemeth@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	35
Mrs. ELLEN	NORTON	ellen.norton@edison.k12.nj.us	Secretary	Main Office
Mrs. SUSAN	OLAN	susan.olan@edison.k12.nj.us	Nurse	Nurse Office
Mrs. REGINA	PAGLIA-SMOLER	regina.paglia-smoler@edison.k12.nj.us	ESL	21
Mrs. JENNIFER	PAVLICHKO	jennifer.pavlitchko@edison.k12.nj.us	3 rd Grade	29
Mrs. STACEY	PENNY	stacey.penny@edison.k12.nj.us	2 nd Grade	39
Mr. MICHAEL	PERSICHETTI	michael.persichetti@edison.k12.nj.us	5 th Grade	12
Mrs. MARION	PETRACCARO	marion.petraccaro@edison.k12.nj.us	Special Services	5
Ms. SAMANTHA	PIANKO	samantha.pianko@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	7
Mrs. SAADIA	RAHMAN	saadia.rahman@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	1B
Mrs. MICHELLE	RING	michelle.ring@edison.k12.nj.us	Read 180	23
Mrs. DESIREE	ROSARIO	desiree.rosario@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	32
Ms. GENIRIS	RULLAN	geniris.rullan@edison.k12.nj.us	Kindergarten	K-1
Mrs. SHARON	RUSSELL-FOWLER	sharon.russell@edison.k12.nj.us	5 th Grade	15
Mr. CHRIS	SAMOLEWICZ	chris.samolewicz@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	7
Mr. JARED	SCHABER	jared.schaber@edison.k12.nj.us	Phys. Ed.	Gym
Mrs. KRISTEN	SCHAFFTER	kristen.schaffter@edison.k12.nj.us	5 th Grade	14
Ms. SUSAN	SEAGO	susan.seago@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	1A

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MRS. LESLEY	SERENYI	lesley.serenyi@edison.k12.nj.us	Paraprofessional	1A
MRS. MARISSA	SIMOES	marissa.simoes@edison.k12.nj.us	Kindergarten	K-4
MS. ELIZABETH	SLUSARK	elizabeth.slusark@edison.k12.nj.us	Intermediate	6
MS. ALANNA	TASCA	alanna.tasca@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	10
MR. JEFFREY	TOBIE	jeffrey.tobie@edison.k12.nj.us	Speech	24
MRS. CHRISTINE	TOTH	christine.toth@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	13
MRS. PAULA	TRUPPO	paula.truppo@edison.k12.nj.us	Bilingual	31
MRS. JOAN	VALENTINE	joan.valentine@edison.k12.nj.us	Principal	Main Office
MS. HEIDI	WEHRFRITZ	heidi.wehrfritz@edison.k12.nj.us	1 st Grade	36
MRS. DANA	WEISS	dana.weiss@edison.k12.nj.us	4 th Grade	8
MRS. DIANE	WESTOVER	diane.westover@edison.k12.nj.us	Secretary	Main Office
MRS. ALISA	WILSON	alisa.wilson@edison.k12.nj.us	Child Study Team	CST Office
MS. KAREN	WONG	karen.wong@edison.k12.nj.us	ESL	21
MRS. KIMBERLY	ZOGG	kimberly.zogg@edison.k12.nj.us	3 rd Grade	28



With your family, go back through "Who's Who at Washington" and put a big circle around all the teachers you will have this year.

District Leadership

Name	Position	Contact Information
Dr. Richard O'Malley	Superintendent	(732) 452-4900 Education Center richard.omalley@edison.k12.nj.us
AnnMarie Griffin-Ussak	Assistant Superintendent Pre K- 5	annmarie.griffin-ussak@edison.k12.nj.us
Mary Mavroudas	Elementary Supervisor	mary.mavroudas@edison.k12.nj.us
Jill Edwards	Elementary Supervisor	jill.edwards@edison.k12.nj.us
Karen Wetherell	Elementary Supervisor	karen.wetherell@edison.k12.nj.us



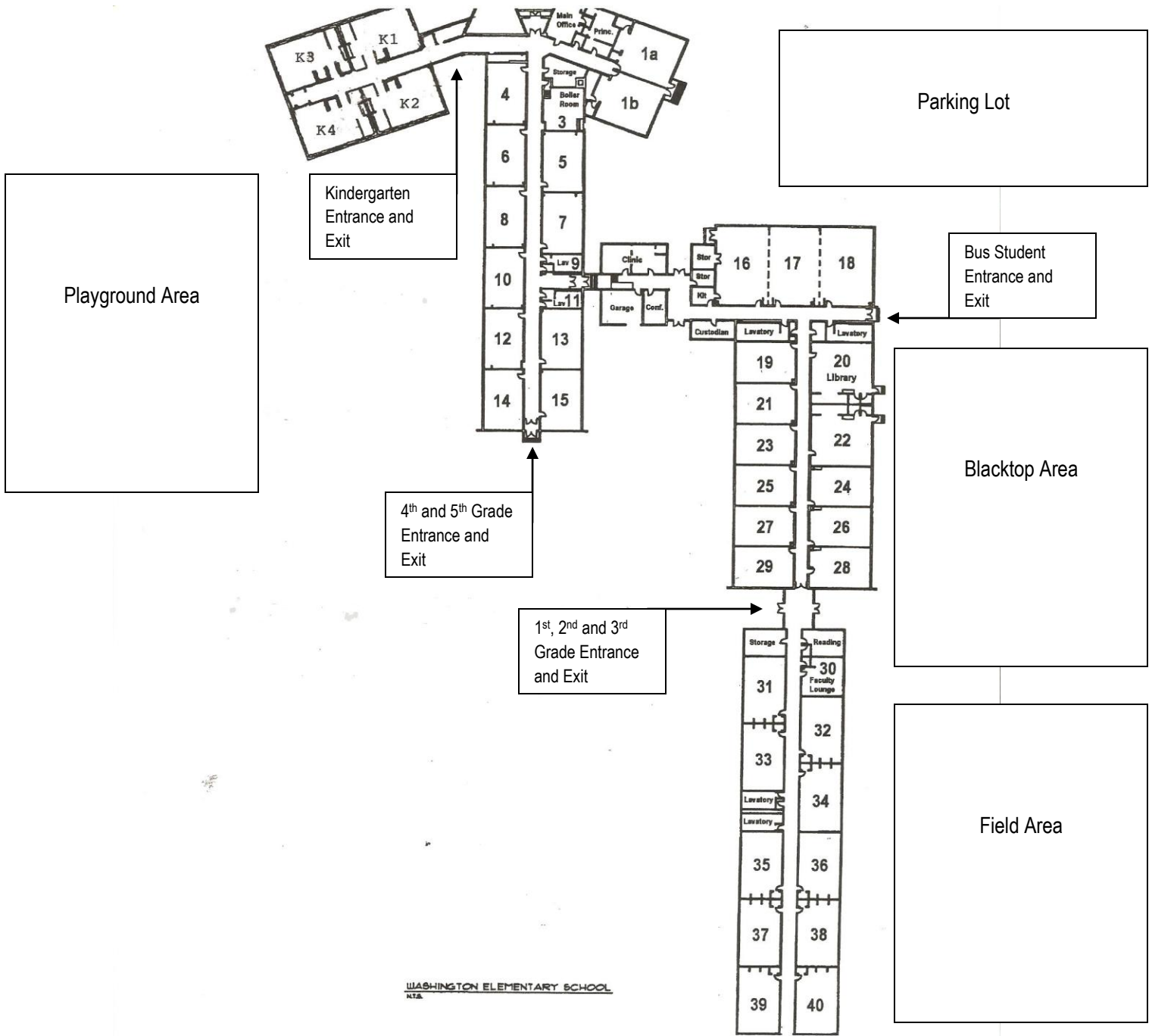
Who to Contact



Teachers and staff can be contacted through email and by calling the school at (732) 650-5280. When calling the school, you will reach a menu. Please dial "0" to be transferred to the main office, where they will take a message and get it to the teacher in a timely manner. The chart below will let you know who to contact regarding certain situations.

Situation	Person to Contact	Phone Number
Report an Absence	Mrs. Westover or Mrs. Norton	(732) 650-5280 (press 1)
Lunch Money and Menu	Mrs. Westover or Mrs. Norton	(732) 650-5280 (press 0)
Moving to a New School	Mrs. Westover or Mrs. Norton	(732) 650-5280 (press 0)
Child being picked up early	Mrs. Westover or Mrs. Norton Homeroom Teacher	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) Email or Note the morning of
Health Issues	Mrs. Olan	(732) 650-5280 (press 4)
School Closing/Delayed Opening/Early Dismissal	Mrs. Westover or Mrs. Norton or District Website	(732) 650-5280 (press 2) www.edison.k12.nj.us
Your Child's Progress, Homework, Work from Absences, Classroom Events, Class Trips, Gifted and Talented Program	Your Child's Homeroom Teacher(s)	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Guidance Services	Ms. Magee	(732) 650-5280 (press 5)
Instrumental Music – Rentals, Lessons, Concerts	Mr. Mosley	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Chorus	Mrs. Mount	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Student Council	Mr. Banos, Mrs. Fahmy or Ms. Tasca	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Safety Patrols	Mr. Banos or Mrs. Glus	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Fitness Club	Mrs. Glus, Mr. Schaber, Mrs. Smoler, or Mrs. Ciacciarelli	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Yearbook	Ms. Ciacciarelli or Ms. Barros	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Environmental Club	Mrs. Paglia-Smoler	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address
Newspaper	Mrs. Russell-Fowler Ms. Leone	(732) 650-5280 (press 0) to leave a message for the teacher or contact teacher directly via district email address

Map of Washington School



1. Color your homeroom class YELLOW.

2. Make a route to the Nurse's office in BLUE.

3. Color the Main Office GREEN.

4. Put a STAR where you come in the building in the morning and leave in the afternoon.



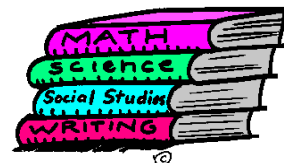
Healthy Vs. Sick



When to Stay in Class	When to See the Nurse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stomach hurts a little bit - A paper cut - Little bug bite - Little spill on clothes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bad stomachache - A cut with bleeding that doesn't stop - Rash that keeps itching - Need a change of clothes - Headache - To take medicine - If you think you are going to throw-up

Families, please remember that children need to be 24 hours fever-free before returning to school. Children who are sent home with lice must be checked by the school nurse on the day they return to school. *

Reporting Absences & Getting Make-up Work



Absences must be reported by the parent/guardian every time a child is absent by calling the main office at (732) 650-5280 and pressing 1. A note stating why the child was absent must accompany the child upon their return to school.

Our teachers will make every effort to help your child get caught up if they are absent. Work will be available for families to pick up in the front office if the child is out three consecutive days due to illness or family emergency. Please call the office or email the teacher directly by 10:00 am if you would like to come to school to collect the work. If you would like work sent home with another sibling or another student, please notify the homeroom teacher.

Hallway Behavior



- Using your walking feet
- No talking to classmates in the hallways
- Going where you need to go and getting back to class quickly
- Quietly saying, "Hello" to teachers



- Using running or jumping feet
- Talking in the hallway
- Wasting time in the hallway by walking really slow or talking to friends
- Slapping high-fives



Lunch Information

Regular Lunch Price	\$2.75
Reduced Lunch Price	\$0.40
Milk Only Price	\$0.50

Chartwells menus are handed out in school and are also available on the district website at <http://www.edison.k12.nj.us/Page/550>.

Families can also pay for lunch online by going to the above mentioned website.

Grades 1 & 2 Lunch Time: 1:02 – 1:47

Grades 3-5 Lunch Time: 12:15 – 1:00



Write or draw your favorite thing to have for lunch in the lunch box to the right.



Recess



Students will have the chance to go outside on nice weather days to play with their friends during their lunch period. If the weather is rainy or too cold, students will spend their recess time inside their classroom. Students are expected to show good use of our Character Counts pillars during recess. Our guidance counselor, Ms. Magee, will work with the children to use the Character Counts pillars to solve any issues that might arise during lunch and recess.



List your favorite things to do during outside recess on the lines below.

List your favorite things to do during inside recess on the lines below.

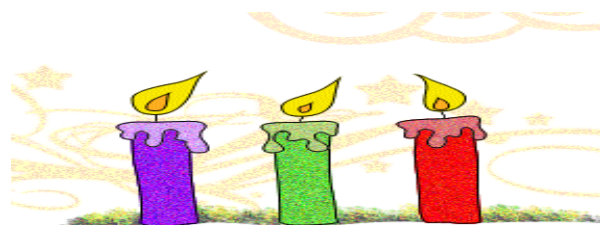
Character Counts



at Washington!

We use the six Character Counts! Pillars to build strong character at Washington School! These six pillars build common vocabulary among all the students at Washington from Kindergarten all the way to fifth grade. Students are reminded constantly to model the six pillars. The school's Character Counts Team works throughout the year to engage the students on every grade level with different activities that reinforce those pillars.

Every child deserves to learn in a safe environment. **If your child tells you that he/she is being bullied at school or you feel that there is a bullying problem, please notify the guidance counselor, Ms. Magee, immediately.**



Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are special, especially our students and we love to celebrate our students! In order to make sure that birthdays are celebrated in a way that follows the nutrition policy set by the district, we suggest the following:

- Celebrating by donating a book in your child's name to the school or classroom library
- Handing out non-food items like pencils, fun-shaped erasers, etc.
- Handing out individualized healthy food options like fruit.
- Individual cupcakes or donuts (including Munchkins) are acceptable. Sheet cakes or anything requiring cutting will not be allowed.
- Please keep in mind that this is a small celebration- not a birthday party. Please do not send in goodie bags, balloons, party favors, etc.

Please check with your child's homeroom teacher prior to sending things in for birthday celebrations.

Please do not pass out invitations to birthday parties during school hours unless the entire class is invited to avoid hurt feelings.

Study Island



Students in grades three through five are expected to use Study Island, (<http://www.studyisland.com/>) a program purchased by the district to help prepare students for the NJ ASK (the state mandated test). Students in grades four and five will already have their username and password. Students new to Washington School and third grade students will receive their username and password this year. Any questions about Study Island can be directed to your child's homeroom teacher.



Fill in your username and password so it's always easy to reach.

Username: _____

Password: _____

2012 NJ ASK Testing Dates

3rd Grade: May 7 – May 10 (Monday – Thursday)

Language Arts and Mathematics

4th Grade: May 7 – May 11 (Monday – Friday)

Language Arts, Mathematics and Science

5th Grade: April 30 – May 3 (Monday – Thursday)

Language Arts and Mathematics

Please make every effort possible to have your child/children in school those days on time.

Circle great ways to help prepare for the NJ ASK. (Hint: You should circle 8)



Avoid eating breakfast

Pay attention in class

Complete assignments on Study Island

Eat a healthy breakfast

Stay up late watching TV

Think positive and believe in yourself

Ask questions in class

Pretend the test isn't happening

Get a good night's sleep

Practice good test taking strategies throughout the year

Complete the practice question in the NJ ASK Parent/Student Book



Edison Public School's Website

We have an AWESOME new district and school website. The website is constantly being updated with the latest district and school information. Check it out and save it as your favorites for easy future access.

District site: www.edison.k12.nj.us

Washington School site: www.edison.k12.nj.us/domain/23



As a family, complete this Internet Scavenger Hunt. You will need to use the district site as well as the Washington School Site. Good Luck!! Have Fun!!

1. What is the background color on the district website? _____
2. Find the "Translate this page" tab on the top of the district website. How many different languages can the website be displayed? _____
3. How many "Site Shortcuts" are there on the district home page? _____
4. Where would you go to find information about school lunch? (this has two steps)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Go to "Select a School" and scroll down until you get to Washington School. Click on Washington School. You should now be on our school's homepage.
6. What are the two colors in the wave under the pictures? _____
7. Scroll over the blue bar underneath the picture of WES. Where would you find the Pledge of Allegiance? _____
8. Where would you find the principal's monthly newsletter? _____
9. Click on the "View Calendar" link under "Upcoming Events" What special event is scheduled for September 12th and September 13th? _____
10. Which "Site Shortcut" is really handy to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students preparing for NJ ASK?



Clubs for... Students

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade can get involved in:

Chorus (held during recess)

Student Council (held during recess with some after school events)

Environmental Club (held after school)

Fitness Club (held after school)

Safety Patrol (before, during and after school)

Students in 4th and 5th grade can also get involved in:

Band (during class and some recess)

Orchestra (during class and some recess)

Students in 5th grade can also get involved in:

Newspaper (held after school)

Put a circle
around any clubs
that you would
like to get
involved in or
would like to be a
part of in the
future.



Clubs for... Parents



- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
 - Our PTO is simply the best! The PTO does many tremendous things to make the school a better place for our students. Over recent years, they have purchased our playground set, the billboard sign in the front of the school, sponsored class trips, hosted Movie Nights, and provided endless support in many of our school events. It is a wonderful organization to join and actively participate in throughout the year. Look for notices coming home in your child's folder throughout the year from the PTO informing you of events and fundraising opportunities.
- Parent University
 - These are workshops held during the school year, mostly during evening hours, for parents and children to come to learn more about what is happening academically in school. Look for announcements to be sent home and information on the school website about when Parent University Nights will be.

Appropriate Dress

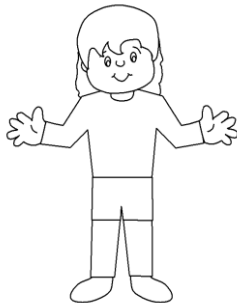


- All clothing should fit appropriately. Tank tops can have thin straps but must be close-fitting to the body, meaning that sides and stomachs should not be exposed.
- Students are expected to wear appropriate shoes to school. Flip-flops are not allowed since they are not safe for play during physical education classes and recess. Please make sure your child wears sneakers on the days when they have physical education classes.
- Clothing with inappropriate language or messages will not be allowed.
- Hats and coats are not to be worn during the school day.
- If your child is in the younger grades, feel free to keep an extra set of clothes in their book bag in case of an accident.

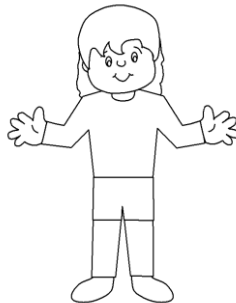


Draw clothes for each season for the Washington School student below either by yourself or with your family's help. Then color each outfit.

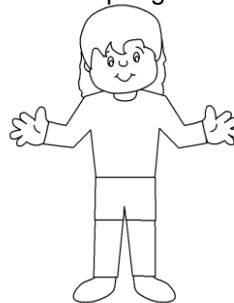
Fall



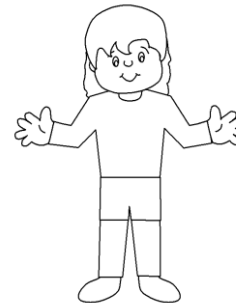
Winter



Spring



Summer



Cell Phones and Electronics



- Students may bring cell phones to school. However, they must be turned off during the school day and remain in the child's book bag.
- Students are not to bring any electronics (iPods, portable video game systems, etc.) to school.
- The school is not responsible if cell phones or electronics are lost or stolen during the school day.



In Case of Emergency

- Edison Township Public Schools uses ConnectEd to notify families of school closings, early dismissals, delayed openings and other important events in the school/district.* It is imperative that the main office has all your correct contact information. Please fill out the emergency cards sent home in the beginning of the year and return them with the most accurate information as soon as possible.
- Inform the office immediately if any of your contact information changes throughout the year.
- If you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the main office at (732) 650-5280 and press 0 to reach the secretaries.
- Make sure your child knows the following:
 - Home address
 - Home phone number
 - Mom/Dad/Guardian Cell Phone Number
 - How they get home at the end of the day

Check off each line when you are able to.



- _____ I know my home address. _____ I know my home phone number.
- _____ I know Mommy/Daddy/Guardians' cell phone number.
- _____ I know who picks me up at the end of the day.

* School Closings/Early Dismissals/Delayed Openings are also announced on radio stations 101.5 FM, 94.5 FM, 1450 AM and television channels Fox 5, NBC 4, NJ 12, Local Cable Channel 118 and announce via phone call through Connect Ed. (see pg 17).



Are you ready for... THE HANDBOOK CHALLENGE?



Now that you have reviewed the Washington School Family Handbook, as a family, complete this handbook challenge.

Want an extra challenge??? Predict how long you think it will take you to complete the challenge. Then time yourself. Did you beat your time??

Our Family Prediction: _____ Our Actual Time: _____

1. How many times does WES appear in the Family Handbook? _____
2. What day and date is the last day of school? _____
3. What time does school start on a regular day? _____
4. What time do teachers come on duty in the mornings? _____
5. How many pillars are there in the Character Counts! program? _____
6. How much does a regular lunch cost? _____
7. Is it okay to play on the playground before or after school if your parents are not there to watch you? YES NO
8. Are flip-flops allowed to be worn in school? YES NO
9. What are the two rules for bringing a cell phone to school?
They have to be turned _____ and kept in your _____.
10. What page will you find information about celebrating birthdays in school? _____
11. What months will the NJ Ask take place this year? _____
12. What are the secretaries' names? _____
13. What is your homeroom teacher(s) email address(es)?



Washington School Word Search

E C N E I C S S E C E R F N D
 G N I N R A E L Z K U P I M R
 P O C Z Q Z R L M Z T I Y N I
 P A U W C T B T X Q Q H O F H
 Y T I L I B I S N O P S E R T
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ART
 EDISON
 FIRST
 KINDERGARTEN
 MATH
 RECESS
 SCIENCE
 TEACHERS
 WASHINGTON

CARING
 FAIRNESS
 FOURTH
 LEARNING
 MUSIC
 RESPECT
 SECOND
 THIRD
 WES

CITIZENSHIP
 FIFTH
 FRIENDS
 LUNCH
 READING
 RESPONSIBILITY
 SOCIAL STUDIES
 TRUSTWORTHINESS
 WRITING