WCES DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Winter Music Concert

Christmas is around the corner and Washington County Elementary music will be putting on a Winter Music Concert for all grade levels, Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. The concert will be Thursday, December 3rd in the Washington High School Gym at 7:00 pm. Please have K-4 students to the school and in their classrooms by 6:40pm. They will do a warm-up with their classmates at this time. 5th and 6th grade band parents, your student should arrive at the band room on this night at 6:30 to warm up on their band instrument with Mrs. Sawin. We do ask that K-4 students do not arrive in their classrooms before 6:30. Students need to dress in holiday attire, "Sunday Best" or "Picture Day Best".

PTO Book Fair

Thursday, Dec. 3rd 10:00 a.m. until after the concert at the WCES lobby

Saturday, Dec. 5th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the district office board room

Students will be making wish lists during the day on Thursday, December 3rd. Those wish lists will be kept at the book fair only on Thursday to help make your shopping easier. Teachers will also be making wish lists for their classroom. A book for your child or child's classroom makes a great Christmas gift. The book fair is a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) fundraiser. The money raised from the book fair goes towards books and supplies for the library and classrooms, classroom field trips, and other classroom activities and needs.

Online Ordering: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/washingtonelementaryschool15

Tiger Strong

The "I" in Tiger is for Integrity. This is our focus in the second 9-weeks.

Crazy Christmas

Friday, December 18th

3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grades will carol on the courthouse steps at 8:45 a.m.

Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd grades will carol on the courthouse steps at 12:45 p.m.

All students and staff are welcome to wear their
CRAZIEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT
and show off your Christmas Spirit for everyone to see.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - December Birthday Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 3rd - PTO Book Fair 10:00 a.m. - after concert
-K-6 Winter Music Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4th - Tiger Friday (wear any Tiger or red/black shirt)

Wednesday, Dec. 9th - June Birthday Lunch

Friday, Dec. 11th - Tiger Friday (wear any Tiger or red/black shirt)

Friday, Dec. 18th - Crazy Christmas

Mon, Dec. 21st - Mon., January 4th - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Counselor's Corner

It is hard to believe they we are already in the month of December! November went by so quickly and I know December will do the same. The students learned what gratitude is and practiced showing how they can be grateful. That leads right into our focus for December. This month we are learning how we can show generosity through our words, actions, and choices. Even the smallest acts of giving, sharing, and helping others can make a big difference! With a short month ahead and winter break quickly approaching, excitement is definitely in the air!

Please also remember that the weather is turning colder and we will continue to go outside for recess. Please send coats, hats, and gloves with your child to wear! If you need help with any of these items for your child please reach out to me at fcraig@usd108.org

Happy Healthy Kids Tip:

Winter break is a great time to rest, recharge, and create memories with family. Balance fun and relaxation by planning a mix of activities - from outdoor play, to movie nights, to simple crafts, to baking together. Encourage downtime too, so kids can unwind and reset before school starts again. Most importantly, enjoy the time together and make the break feel special with family traditions and meaningful moments of connections!

Menu

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Washington County Schools USD 108

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov 30 **breakfast** waffle fruit cup fruit juice **lunch** tiger rib / bun broccoli w/cheese applesauce fresh veggies	Dec 1 **breakfast** cinnamon roll / sausage applesauce fruit juice **lunch** taco crunch corn mango fresh veggies	2 **breakfast** pb & j mango fruit juice **birthday lunch** chicken fried steak mashed potatoes / gravy green beans mandarin oranges birthday cake fresh veggies	3 **breakfast** pancake wrap mandarin oranges fruit juice **lunch** chicken quesadilla peas strawberries & bananas fresh veggies	4 **breakfast** mini donuts strawberries & bananas fruit juice **lunch** chicken patty / bun tri tater green beans peaches fresh veggies
7 **breakfast** selection of cereal peaches fruit juice **lunch** chili mac broccoli pineapple chunks dessert fresh veggies	8 **breakfast** biscuit & gravy pineapple chunks fruit juice **lunch** ham patty / bun carrots rosy applesauce fresh veggies	9 **breakfast** breakfast nuggets rosy applesauce fruit juice **June ½ birthday lunch** chicken drumstick mashed potatoes / gravy green beans mandarin oranges dessert fresh veggies	10 **breakfast** muffin mandarin oranges fruit juice **lunch** chicken strips tri tater peas fruit cocktail fresh veggies	11 **breakfast** croissant w/ham & cheese fruit cup fruit juice **lunch** pizza broccoli fruit cocktail fresh veggies
14 **breakfast** pop tarts fruit cocktail fruit juice **lunch** spaghetti / meat sauce garlic bread corn mandarin oranges fresh veggies	15 **breakfast** strawberry bagel mandarin oranges fruit juice **lunch** pork fritter mashed potatoes / gravy green beans fresh fruit fresh veggies	16 **breakfast** french toast sticks fresh fruit fruit juice **lunch** chicken drummies baked beans applesauce dessert fresh veggies	17 **breakfast** cinn minis applesauce fruit juice **lunch** tater tot casserole green beans pineapple chunks roll fresh veggies	18 **breakfast** Christmas Donuts pineapple chunks fruit juice **lunch** The North Pole Porker *(bbq pork / bun)* Santa's Mac & Cheese Grinch's Florets *(broccoli)* Elf Pickles Favorite Citrus *(mandarin oranges)* Reindeer Snacks *(fresh veggies)* Frosty's Milk

Christmas Fun Lunch

Menus are subject to change with or without notice.

MILK IS SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Days identified with the Power Tiger are serving items that were made with locally donated beef or pork.

Call 785-325-2261 x 3 for more information on Farm to School donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Together we are #TigerStrong!!

Extra milk
50¢
7th – 12th Additional Entrée
$1.85
Adult Lunch
$5.50

Nurse's Notes

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THIS MONTH

This month there are so many health topics we can focus on! Colder weather means less sunshine and more indoor time. Getting just 10 minutes of outdoor time a day can have a positive impact on our mood. Cold weather also leads to more illnesses. We have already seen stomach and respiratory viruses, strep throat, and asthma flare-ups at school. Influenza cases have been in the county; the number 1 step to prevent getting the flu is to get a flu shot. It's not too late if you still need one!

LEARNING

Uplift Your Mood On Dreary Days

- **Eat a well balanced diet; don't skip meals; drink plenty of water every day.**
- **Sunlight, sun lamps, & fresh air can help,**
- **Exercise is scientifically proven to make us feel better mentally. Stretch, dance, try yoga, it all works!**
- **Be kind to yourself. Accept compliments when they are given. Practice positive self-talk. Allow yourself to say "no" to added commitments.**
- **Talk to someone. Bottled up emotions tend to wear down a good mood over time. Friends, siblings, parents, or a therapist can be helpful.**

TIPS



Do you need help applying for KanCare, scheduling an appointment for your child, or finding transportation to appointments? Call or text me!

STAY IN TOUCH



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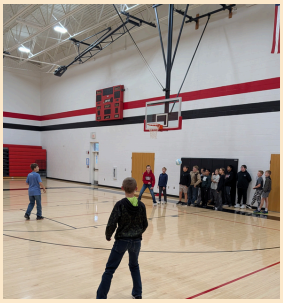
STAY HOME IF:

*VOMITING OR DIARRHEA *FEVER OVER 100 DEGREES
(Must Be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning.)
*SORE THROAT WITH FEVER OR SWOLLEN GLANDS
*PINK EYE(S) WITH YELLOW DISCHARGE
*SEVERE OR PERSISTENT EARACHE
*SHARP OR PERSISTENT ABDOMINAL PAIN
*HEAD LICE UNTIL TREATED ONCE

November Clubs

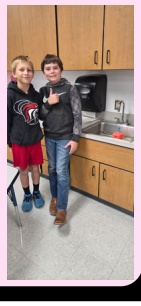
HANDBALL



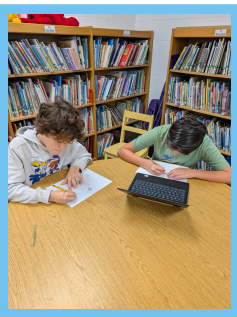
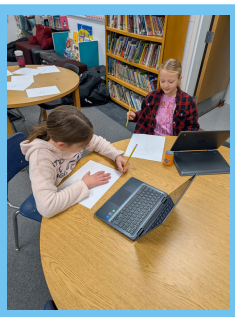
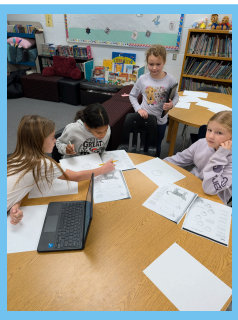
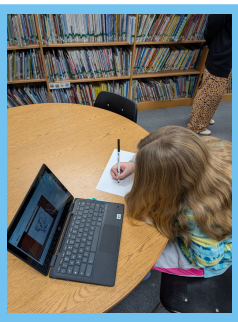



STEM DESIGN CHALLENGE



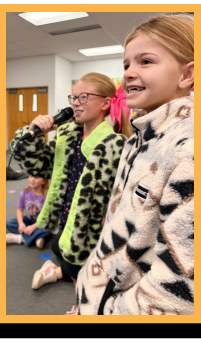
Animal Drawing

Karaoke







Reading to Younger Students

