

# WASHINGTON BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 30, 2020

## OUR SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Education Regular Meeting (Virtual) - Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

The Washington Borough School District will be closed for the NJEA Convention on November 5 and 6, 2020.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Absentee Procedure...** The purpose of calling in when your child is absent is twofold: (1) to ensure parents that their children arrived safely at school (2) to inform the nurse of any health problems that are present. For this program to be effective, 100% parental cooperation is necessary. If you know your child will be absent or late, please call Taylor-689-0091 for Taylor students and Memorial-689-0241 for Memorial students. The answering machine will take your message from 3:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, all weekends, holidays and anytime school is not in session. This will allow you to call the school early in the morning before you leave for work or late at night if you are up with a sick child and know he/she will not attend school the next day. When you call, please leave your child's name, classroom, and reason for absence, e.g. fever, sore throat, stomachache, etc. If we fail to hear from you, we will call to verify the child's absence. All efforts to call you will be made to home, emergency numbers, your workplace and if need be, the police. Please keep your child home if they are sick in order to prevent the spread of germs. If your child has a fever, they must stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.

### PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM TAYLOR STREET SCHOOL

The parking lot across from the Taylor Street School and on the side of the Washington Borough Municipal Building is to be used only by employees of the school and borough. This at no time is to be used to cut through or drop-off students. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

### FIRE LANE

The access road located between the Borough Hall and Emergency Squad buildings has been officially declared a Fire Lane. Individuals parking in a designated Fire Lane are subject to penalty by the Washington Township Police Department.

### CROSSING GUARDS

Students are directed and required to cross at the crossing guard locations and not to take shortcuts. Please stress this with your children. The crossing guards need our daily support in order to insure your child's safety. The Washington Borough Police have asked us to remind parents that the crossing guards are not to be utilized as baby-sitters. Please do not leave your child/children unattended and expect the crossing guards to watch them.

### FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

**Flu Vaccine...** The CDC recommends a yearly Flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Vaccine Preventable Disease program would like to dispel the myth that vaccination beyond the holidays is "too late". As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination should continue and can provide protection against the flu. Remember the "Flu Ends with U". Get a flu vaccine, not the flu. More information is available on the web site <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw>.

**Reminder...** Please fill out the Health Update and Emergency Information online. This includes new students and virtual students. The link can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8Wfn1I2hCJfTK2OWyEFRiYwHBvN5zVBbtUvXHzn5DQoRHpg/viewform>

**Extra Masks...** It is important that you send in extra masks with your children each day. Thank you!

### CHILD FIND

Some children may have disabilities and need extra help to succeed. Each public school district is responsible for providing a system of free, appropriate public education to eligible pupils 3 through 21 years of age. Individuals and families who know of a child within this age range residing within the Washington Borough School District with a suspected or known educational disability should call the Washington Borough Child Study Team at 689-2421. Help is available.

### RECESS

**Proper Footwear...** Students who wear shoes that are not appropriate for running and jumping will have limited options during recess. Sneakers are always a great choice for children to wear to school. Your child's safety is our primary concern.

### FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Remember to think safety; the life you save may be your own.

- Check the batteries in all your smoke and CO2 detectors
- Check your chimney and have it cleaned, if needed
- Check you heating unit and have it cleaned, if needed
- Plan a safe fire escape route for all family members and arrange a safe meeting place somewhere away from danger

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Lifetouch school photos are scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, at both Memorial and Taylor Street Schools. To ensure the health and safety of our learning community, photos will be taken outdoors under the cover of a tent. Hybrid students will have photos taken during the school day. Remote learners will be scheduled to arrive at their designated school following the schedule below. **Please be reminded that all students and parents/guardians must wear a face covering and practice social distancing protocol while on school grounds.**

12:45 - 1:15: Last name A through H

1:30 - 2:00: Last name I through P

2:15 - 2:45: Last name Q through Z

This year due to Covid-19 concerns and protocol, we are encouraging all families to order online to ensure a contactless portrait session. Please visit mylifetouch.com. For Memorial students, use the ID code EVTGVJZ7G. For Taylor students, use the ID code EVT3F8M8F. Parents may also log in by the name of the school. Portrait order forms will be available to families not able to order online. Order forms were sent home with students on Friday, October 23.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS**

With Halloween approaching, please remember to be cautious and check your children’s Halloween candy when they return from Trick or Treat.

Respectfully,

Jacqueline M. Nassry  
Superintendent

<b>Upcoming Dates:</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Election Day: Students Virtual</b>
		<b>4</b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
		<b>5-6</b>	<b>District Closed – NJEA Convention</b>
		<b>9</b>	<b>BOE Meeting (Virtual) @ 7:30 p.m.</b>
		<b>10</b>	<b>End of MP1</b>
		<b>18</b>	<b>In-Service: Students Virtual</b>
		<b>26-27</b>	<b>District Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!</b>

<i>FYI:</i> E-mail Addresses:	Superintendent of Schools:	<a href="mailto:nassryj@washboroschools.org">nassryj@washboroschools.org</a>
	Principal Taylor Street School:	<a href="mailto:koeppens@washboroschools.org">koeppens@washboroschools.org</a>
	<i>District Web Address:</i>	<a href="http://www.washboroschools.org">http://www.washboroschools.org</a>