

WASHINGTON BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 15, 2023

OUR SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. @ Memorial School.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please join us for an informational meeting regarding state and federal funding related to Title I, Title II and IDEA. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REQUEST - Parents shall not park in the church parking lot -- specifically, parents parking and driving in to drop off their children. The church has their own nursery school and needs the area and the time for their parents and children. Please find alternate parking and drop off areas. Thank you.

CAFETERIA - MASCHIOS

On regularly scheduled school days, meals consisting of lunch and breakfast will be available to all students. This year, breakfast is \$1.75 and lunches cost \$3.50. Parents interested in applying for free or reduced priced meals must complete and return the 2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals documents. Payschools Central (www.payschoolscentral.com) is an online payment system that allows parents to pay for meals electronically. To complete the Payschools application, parents are required to call the school to gain access to student Local Identification numbers. Please visit the 'Cafeteria' tab on the district's website (www.washboroschools.org) to view the Maschio's Food Service Welcome Back Letter, the School Lunch Price List, Menus, and Online Payment information. Please keep in mind, students are always welcome to bring meals from home.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please review the Picture Day information that was sent home. Please fill all information in carefully and send it with your child on Picture Day - Thursday, September 21st. Important Reminder: Portrait packages will be printed only for students paying at the camera or who have paid previously online. Simplify Picture Day by ordering online at mylifetouch.com. No need to send cash or flyer back to school when you order online. Use credit card or PayPal on our secure site, Picture Day ID: EVT44JKBV for Memorial School and EVT36SVK3 for Taylor Street School.

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- (908) 689-0091 for Taylor students and Memorial- (908) 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.

MONTHLY SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

As per countywide and state procedures, schools in New Jersey are required to participate in one fire drill and one security drill per month. As directed by local law enforcement and the Warren County Prosecutor's office, all drills will be unannounced.

REMINDER - ANIMALS

Just a reminder that animals, including dogs, are not allowed on school property.

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.

SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

The State of New Jersey established a School Wellness Policy, which is designed to promote student wellness. These guidelines encourage physical exercise and good nutrition such as eating fruits, vegetables, low fat milk and whole grains. Foods of minimal nutrition value including candy and beverages whose items list sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient may not be served, sold or given out during the school day. Only 100% fruit juice or vegetable juices, milk or water shall be sold or served in school. Please encourage your child to bring healthy lunches and snacks such as veggies and low-fat dip, fruity, low-fat cheese or yogurt, pretzels, low fat crackers and smoothies. You may also visit the following website for more information on snacks and parties at ... www.MyPlate.gov. For special school celebrations foods of minimal nutritional value such as candy, gumdrops, licorice, candy-coated popcorn, etc., may not be served or given out in school.

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.

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 908-689-2421. Help is available.

PARAPROFESSIONALS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

If you have a teaching certificate, substitute certificate or 60 college credits – substitute rate of pay is \$110 per day, \$70 per day for paraprofessionals only. If you are interested in either position, please contact Mrs. Hoffman at Memorial School, (908) 689-0241. Thank you.

THE FOLLOWING EVENT IS NOT SPONSORED BY THE WASHINGTON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

FESTIVAL IN THE BOROUGH

The festival takes place on Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. and includes a family fun zone with free kids’ activities, three stages of music with 18 acts, vendors, food trucks and more. Festival in the Borough is family friendly and free to attend!

Upcoming Dates:	September 21	Picture Day
	October 9	District Closed – Columbus Day
	9	BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m. @M

<i>FYI:</i> E-mail Addresses:	Superintendent of Schools:	espositof@washboro.org
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	<i>District Web Address:</i>	http://www.washboroschools.org