



# Washington Primary School

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*Principal*

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Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the entire staff at Washington Primary School, I would like to welcome all our new and returning students and families to the academic year 2018-19. I hope that your summer was relaxing and filled with lots of special family time. Thanks to the creative energy and hard work of all the staff, Washington Primary School looks amazing and opened its doors this week to 142 joyful learners ready to embrace friendships and the adventures of a new school year. We are so happy to see our students and to fill our building once again with their positive energy and inquisitive nature that makes our school so special.

Despite the very hot days, teachers and students have been reviewing expectations, learning routines, discovering the new and interesting topics of studies, exploring hopes and dreams, and setting goals for the school year. One can feel the excitement in each classroom as the students rise up to new expectations and express anticipation for the next level in their educational journey.

This year, we will continue to provide a comprehensive educational program for all our students that will build collaboration and engagement, develop positive social skills and optimize student achievement. Instruction and learning activities will be supportive of the state standards and enhanced with technology and choice driven opportunities. We will continue to grow character through our Responsive Classroom approach, Second Step Program, and our Kindness and Gratitude initiatives. Self-directed Learning Cycle with five effective learning behaviors will be introduced to grow learner independence. WPS ROCKs (Responsible, Organized, Cooperative, Kind) will serve as the overarching theme for much of this work.

The WPS Kindness Cafe was a great success as it provided a wonderful social opportunity for parents to socialize in the morning. I thank our Parent Teacher Organization, Co-Presidents Sarah Belanger and Shawonna Godshalk for their leadership and for all the parents who assisted with this event. New parents were especially greeted and welcomed while others reconnected from the summer. Our active PTO provides many enriching experiences for students and families throughout the year. We welcome all our families to the first PTO Meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in the library and the Ice Cream Social on September 6th at 6:00 PM. Our school is very proud of our parent volunteerism and all that they do to enrich our school.

We look forward to a productive and inspiring school year and are confident that together we can achieve great things. If you have any questions, comments and concerns, please feel free to contact me throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Emily Judd

## Washington Primary School Mission Statement

*Washington Primary School is a learning community dedicated to educating and inspiring children.  
We foster engagement and collaboration to achieve high expectations. In partnership with families and our community,  
we prepare children to be respectful, caring, and contributing citizens who will lead us into the future.*