

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS EAGLES

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The Eagle's Way Pledge

In order to learn...

- I will follow directions the first time they are given.
- I will celebrate the differences in others and treat others as I want to be treated.
- I will do my part to keep my school orderly, safe, and clean.
- I will be responsible for myself. No one else is responsible for my actions.



I am here to learn!



FROM MRS. TREVINO'S DESK...

It has been a great start to the school year here at Washington Heights. Our classes are in full swing and there is learning occurring everywhere! Our students have learned the school and classroom expectations and strive to make our school a welcoming place for all.

ATTENDANCE: According to PA School Code the only acceptable reasons for missing school are student illness, necessary appointments, and unforeseen family emergencies. Some of the reasons NOT permissible for excused absences include missing the bus, family trips, car trouble, and parents' appointments. When your child is absent it is also necessary to submit a written note within 3 days of the absence for it to be excused. WSSD does provide an opportunity for parents to request an educational field trip for up

to 5 days a year. These requests must be submitted at least 5 days in advance.

If a student accumulates 3 or more unlawful absences, we will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss attendance and how to help you avoid further unlawful absences and potential fines.

CAFETERIA: Our new food service company has started the year off on a very positive foot. The students report their food is enjoyable and they like the variety of new options. You can keep your child's lunch account up to date online at K12PaymentCenter.com or by sending checks in with the student made out to the West Shore Cafeteria Fund. If you feel your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch prices please contact the office for the forms to complete. If your family's

circumstances change during the year, you can always reapply.

SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR

PROGRAM: One of our areas of focus again this year is on rewarding students for exemplary "True Blue" behaviors. We love to catch our children being good. Students may receive an Eagle's Way card for this behavior, which they deposit in a box at the office. At the end of the week we draw names to be recognized. These students receive a small prize that week and at the end of the month an invitation to a special luncheon with the principal/counselor. In September our focus is on RESPECT and in October it will be RESPONSIBILITY. Ask your child ways he/she has shown respect or responsibility this week at school.

CONFERENCES

On **November 23 and 24th** all grades K-5 will hold parent teacher conferences. Kindergarten will also hold conferences on **November 20**. There are also opportunities to conference the week of November 16-20 as scheduled by the teachers. At Back to School Night your teacher gave you an opportunity to sign up for a conference. If you were not able to attend that night or still need a conference, you will be receiving information from your child's teacher about signing up for a conference. Conferencing with the teacher is the best ways to further develop the home-school connection that is so important to your child's success.

Just a reminder that our teachers will schedule one conference with the "parent of record" and that both parents are welcome to attend. We are not able to schedule 2 separate conferences.

Title 1 Federal Programs

Washington Heights Elementary is a **school-wide Title 1** school, providing Title 1 reading and math services to all students. At Washington Heights we have 2 full-time reading specialists, Mrs. Painter and Miss Chestnut, and one half-time reading specialist, Mrs. Rudy. Please see the attached Parent Compact for Title 1. This year we will again be offering numerous Parent Clinics and student activity nights.

Our Bedtime Story hour will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm. Come dressed in your pajamas to enjoy a bedtime story and a snack.



Fall Family Picnic

Thank you to our PTO officers for their hard work in preparing the Fall Family Picnic. I'm told this was the largest turnout yet! Our families brought many delicious dishes to share. It was a great evening and fun was had by all.

Room Parents

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to be Room Parents this year. You may be hearing from your room parents for help with or to provide items to the parties. Just a reminder that only parents signed up to help with the party will be permitted to go to the classroom, so we do not have too many adults in any one room.

Next WH PTO Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting, **Tuesday, October 6, 2015** at 7:00 pm in the Washington Heights library. We will have childcare during the meeting if you need it.

Fall Wolfgang Fundraiser

Thank you to all our families that participated in this year's Wolfgang Candy fundraiser. We exceeded our goal, which will help provide for student activities and trips. Money and orders are due by 9/25/15. The Fundraiser will be ready for pick-up here at school on November 12, 2015.

Local Fundraiser Nights

In September, we hosted a fundraising night at McDonalds' Restaurant. In October, we will have an Isaac's Night and in November a day with Hoss's. Our PTO will receive a percentage of sales from these fundraising events. I hope you will consider joining us!

MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, October 2 starting at 7:00 pm we will have our first Movie Night of the year. We will be showing Home, which is rated PG. There will be popcorn for sale and you are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks, as well as blankets and pillows.



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Title I Home / School Compact

Working Together . . . Educating our Children

A compact is an agreement that invites those involved to set common goals, provide direction, and enrich the quality of life. This compact is designed to merge our resources to create one learning family. Instruction in quality schools is central to quality education, but quality education cannot be fully realized without the involvement of the family. Through this home and school partnership, students will receive reading opportunities to achieve success. The following is our pledge to each other, and, most importantly, our children:

School will recognize the importance of:

- providing a safe, nurturing, educational climate.
- making students the center of the educational process.
- improving student attitude toward school with an emphasis on self-responsibility.
- encouraging innovation and make changes as guided by sound research.
- communicating and problem solving with parents concerning the progress of their children.
- providing students with the necessary tools to successfully communicate in all areas of learning.
- honoring requests by parents for information regarding teachers' qualifications, certification, or degree.

Parents/Guardians will recognize the importance of:

- providing an environment conducive for study.
- limiting television viewing and encourage reading activities.
- maintaining proper nutritional requirements for success in school.
- communicating and problem solve with their children's teachers.
- providing all types of reading opportunities and materials.
- stressing a positive attitude toward learning, including the building of a strong foundation of early learning skills.

Students will recognize the importance of:

- coming to school prepared to learn.
- always giving their best.
- reading daily for pleasure.
- keeping a positive attitude and communicate a need for help or assistance.
- following classroom and school rules in order to help promote a safe learning environment.
- turning off electronic devices at a designated time.