

Washington Intermediate School

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Washington Mission Statement

Washington Intermediate School, a visionary partnership of students, staff, and community, will focus resources to create a nurturing environment empowering all individuals to develop their fullest potential and become productive, responsible, life-long learners.

Reporting Student Absences

When reporting student absences to the office, please call **477-4721, Press 1** at the prompt and leave the following information on our answering machine:

1. Student's name
2. Student's teacher
3. Reason for absence
4. Name of person calling

Please remember it is necessary to call the school in case of an absence. The school must have a telephone call each day your child is absent. We NEED to know your child is safe and with his or her parents. We also NEED to account for each child's absence. Please send a written note with your child when he / she returns from being absent from school

Washington Intermediate's 2019-20 Parent Night Presentation is now on-online! The presentation can be viewed at our schools website. www.pekin.net/domain/14



Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2

Labor Day—No School

Wednesday, September 4

4th Grade Strings Parent Mtg – 6:00pm

Monday, September 9

Choir Parent Mtg—3:45pm

Beginning Band Parent Mtg—4:30 pm

Tuesday, September 10

4th Grade Ice Cream Social—6 pm

Wednesday, September 11

Popcorn Day

Thursday, September 12

5th& 6th Grade Ice Cream Social—6 pm

Friday, September 13

Early Dismissal—11:15 am

Thursday, September 19

Picture Day

Tuesday, September 25

PTA – La Gondola Community Night

Important Announcement

Please remember that students should not be dropped off at school until 7:40 am for breakfast and 7:55 am for all other students. Please help us keep our students safe by adhering to these times. Thanks!

Washington Intermediate is now on Twitter and Instagram

WISPEKIN on

@wispekin on

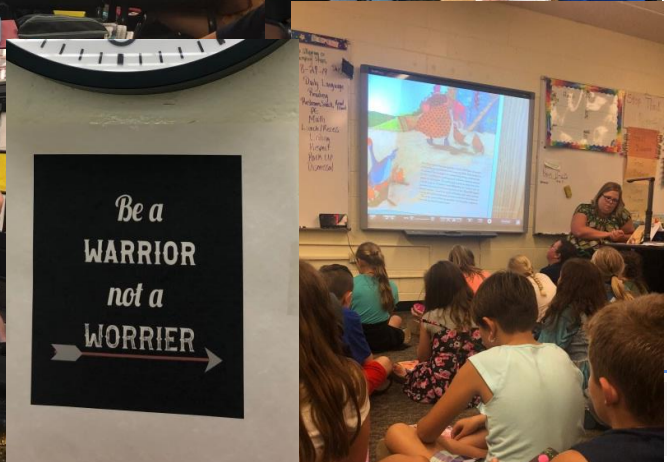
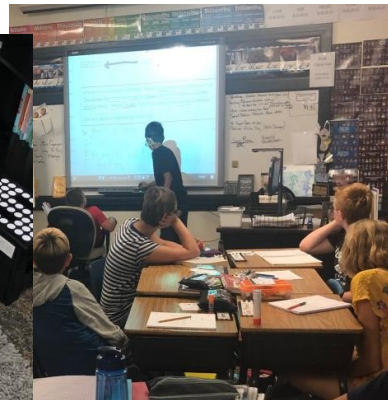


Instagram



twitter

This month, WIS worked on team building
and used it to start into curriculum.





I'm starting recruitment early this year!

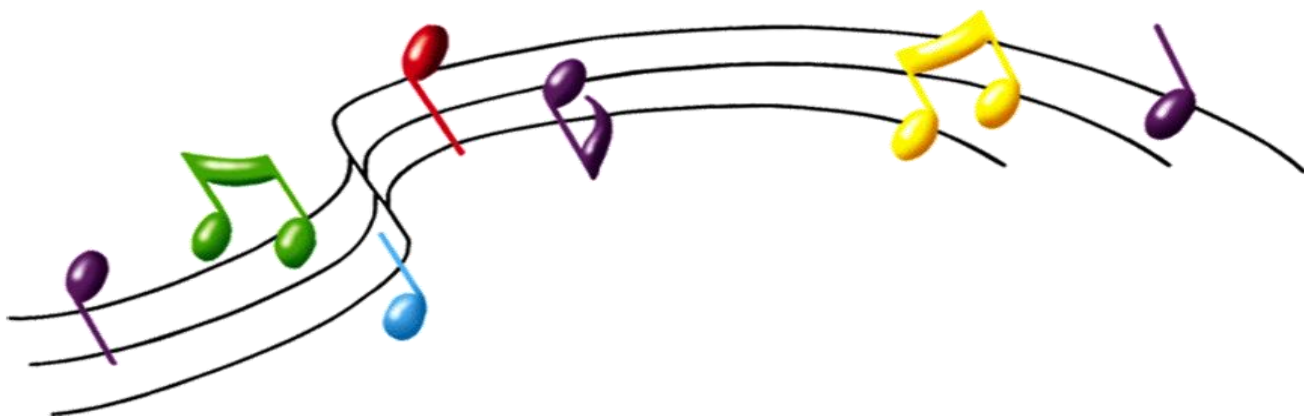
This is a program designed for creative thinkers and problem solvers! It also requires incredible dedication and a no quit, no nonsense attitude! It combines a diverse scope of elements including Engineering, performing arts, visual arts, science, and technology. There are TWO parts to this program

1. Students meet here at Washington once a week to develop skills in creativity, problem solving, team work, etc. This usually comes in the form of performing what's called an INSTANT CHALLENGE.
2. Students will be part of a TEAM. They will meet with this team anywhere from once a week to more depending on what TEAM CHALLENGE they choose. They will need a parent or Guardian ready, willing, and able to coordinate these meetings in the form of being a TEAM MANAGER.

This program has seen a lot of success since I have started up as the school sponsor, we have sent teams to the GLOBAL FINALS for 3 Years in a row. The MOST VITAL part of this program is having an adult willing to do the TEAM MANAGER position. This is the area I struggle with every year. If a team doesn't have one, I have to break those children up and try to fit them into another team. This doesn't always work out and I sadly see many children forced to drop out due to lack of options. Academic and behavioral performance is constantly evaluated to ensure students are earning the chance to remain in the program. School first! There is SO MUCH MORE to this program than I can fit in this Newsletter! Please go to the site for more information! <https://www.destinationimagination.org/>

Thank you very much!

Mr. S



Music Class and Choir at WIS!

You might wonder what your child will be learning in music class this year. All learning in the music room is active, following the model of Orff-Schulwerk process. The various means of learning include: improvising (making music “on the spot” creatively), singing, playing instruments, listening to/analyzing music, dancing/movement and composition in order to gain new concepts and skills and learn about culture and history in our world. In other words, students will make music first, and learning will stem from their experiences.

Choir for 5th and 6th grade will begin on Monday AFTER Labor Day, from 2:45-3:45. Notes have already been handed out and should have been returned with the choir/bus money and forms. If, by chance, you have not seen this choir information and your child is interested, please contact me! At this point, it isn't too late 📧

*Monday, September 9- Choir begins with a SHORT Parent meeting afterwards in the Auditorium (5-8 minutes 📧).

4th grade parents- The spring Music Showcase Concert will be on April 2nd. Once I get to know the students better, I will divide them into their concert performing groups. We have 7 sections of 4th grade this year, and our stage in the auditorium will not accommodate such a large number of students. One group will perform 5:30, followed by a 2nd group performance at 6:30.

Feel free to email me: rachael.cavallini@pekin.org or call.

477-4700 Ext. 2113

I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cavallini

Vocal/General Music Education

Pekin 108 Strings

Registration is now open to 4th graders interested in joining orchestra this year. You may register on our website: sites.google.com/pekin.net/pekinstrings Please plan on attending our parent meeting on Wednesday, September 4 from 6-7 pm in the Washington Intermediate auditorium.



Megan Madding
Strings Teacher
Pekin 108 Strings



Several years ago, Pekin Public Library entered into an agreement with District 108 to allow all students to obtain a Student Library Card. This library card comes with full library privileges and the goal of this program is to open more doors to reading and learning in our community. Please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Follow this link for more information – <https://www.pekinpubliclibrary.org/library-cards/>

Counselor Corner:

Unity Point Hospice is hosting Kourage Kids Grief Camp on September 14th. During this free day camp, your child will learn valuable tools with trained grief counselors to help them grieve in a healthy way, while connecting with other children who have also lost a loved one. Your child will make new friends while participating in a wide range of activities that may include:

- Crafts
- Balloon release
- Singing
- Grief golf
- Chalk art
- Candle Making
- Rock Painting
- Hayrack Ride
- Remote control cars
- Lunch and two snacks provided

For more information, contact UnityPoint Hospice at: 309-672-5746

Kourage Kids Info

WHEN

Saturday, September 14, 2019
(rain or shine)

HOURS

7:30 a.m. sharp to 5:00 p.m.
(bus leaves Methodist Atrium at
7:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the
Atrium at 5:00 p.m.)

WHO

Children & Teens, ages 5 - 18

WHERE

Camp Manitoumi, R.R. #1,
Lowpoint, IL

REGISTRATION

Register early, as space is limited.
Registration deadline is August 3,
2019.

Call (309) 672-5746.

COST: FREE!

[View/Print Registration Form](#)

Contact Us

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