

# Washington Intermediate School

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## Washington Mission Statement

Washington Intermediate School, a visionary partnership, 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.

## Upcoming Dates



- November 6 - Parent Conferences 4:00pm-7:00pm
- November 6 - Kouri's Night 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- November 7 - Parent Conferences 12:30-3:30pm & 4:30-7:30pm
- November 8 - Parent Conference 8:30-11:30am
- November 11 - Veteran's Day - No School
- November 13 - Popcorn Day
- November 15 - Band Concert 6:30pm (@Edison)
- November 19 - PTA Meeting 6:00pm (LC)
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Break Begins

## Mrs. Gutierrez' PE News

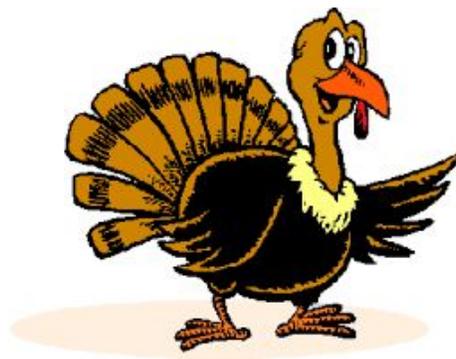
Happy Fall from Mrs. Gutierrez! Lots has been going on the first few months of school in PE! We recently finished up our Basketball unit with a test, as well as welcomed our student teacher, Miss Riley, to Washington. Miss Riley is a former Warrior, and we are glad to have her here! She is attending ISU and plans on graduating in December.

We will be doing our Fall Physical Fitness tests in the first couple weeks of November. Check out <http://www.cooperinstitute.org/fitnessgram> for more information. Each student will take part in the following tests: 20M Pacer Test, Sit and Reach, Flexed Arm Hang, and Curl-Up test. Ask your student which component of fitness each test is measuring!

Following Thanksgiving, we will be Disco Bowling! If you have any party lights, excluding lava lamps, that you are willing to share to help make our gym festive, please send them in with your student's name on them. Each time your student bowls a strike, s/he will get to add her/his name on the grade level strike club board! Be sure to ask them about this.

As the weather begins to change, boots may become more of a staple in your student's wardrobe. Please remember tennis shoes are required to participate in PE. Students can keep shoes in their locker, or wear them on the day of PE. Speaking of tennis shoes, this is the time of year many students have growth spurts. If your student is one of those kiddos, and you have tennis shoes that are in good shape, we'd be happy to take them off your hands! These shoes are used as extras for kids who forget. These shoes may also make their way home with another student who is in need. Tennis shoes of almost any size (12t and up), and in good shape are always welcome here!

Finally, if you feel you need to set up a conference with me, please email me at [ashley.gutierrez@pekin108.org](mailto:ashley.gutierrez@pekin108.org). I will be available throughout all the conference times.



## PTA News



### Spirit Wear Web Store Now Open!

1. Visit: [thescreengraphics.com](http://thescreengraphics.com)
2. Click on: the GO system
3. Find Washington Inter – Pekin, click GO
4. SHOP!

Your order will be delivered to the school at a later date once the store is closed. All profits go directly back to support your student's school! Contact [WISPTA108@gmail.com](mailto:WISPTA108@gmail.com) if you have questions. Thank you for supporting our school through team spirit! We hope to see you at our next PTA meeting!



Our next community night is **November 6th at Kouri's.**

10% of all sales from 5:00pm - 9:00pm will go to WIS

A great place for diner after conferences!

## Community News

On November 14th, Mrs. Bieller and Mrs. Antonini's classes will be helping set up trees in the Pekin Park. Since 1987, trees have been decorated and displayed - this year over 375 trees will be set up (not all by our 6th graders) for more information or to sponsor a tree visit: [www.pekinwinterwonderland.info](http://www.pekinwinterwonderland.info)



Child Care can be Costly - Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) can help! 309-686-3750 or [www.dhstate.il.us](http://www.dhstate.il.us) to apply

<b>Child Care Center</b>
Care provided in a group setting.
<b>Family Child Care Home</b>
Care offered in the home of a licensed provider or family, friend or neighbors home.
<b>In-Home Child Care</b>
Care provided in the home of the child by a family, friend or neighbor.

Use this chart to see if your family might be eligible.

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Income (Gross before taxes)
2	\$2,819
3	\$3,555
4	\$4,292
5	\$5,029
6	\$5,765
7	\$6,502
8	\$7,239

Income guidelines as of October 1, 2019.

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## Conference Tips

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Parent-Teacher Conferences. The MOST IMPORTANT THING that we can do together to support each child's learning is to COMMUNICATE. Please join Washington School for:

### Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 6** 4:00-7:00pm

**November 7** 12:30-3:30pm & 4:30-7:30pm

**November 8** 8:30-11:30am

In preparing for conferences remember:

- Be mindful of your time, conferences are often back to back at 20 minute intervals
- Remember our teacher's break from 3:30pm - 4:30pm is their official "lunch"
- Refrain from asking about other students. Teachers are not allowed to share that info.
- Find your PE, Art, Music, Resource, Band, Speech, or Orchestra teachers also!

Call 477-4721 with any suggestions, emergencies, or questions  
or email - [marc.fogal@pekin108.org](mailto:marc.fogal@pekin108.org) - [jonathan.kingdon@pekin108.org](mailto:jonathan.kingdon@pekin108.org)

### HOW TO HAVE A GREAT PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCE

An active team approach between parents, teachers, and students that fosters mutual responsibility for learning has been proven to be an effective strategy for the highest levels of achievement.

#### **Before you go to the conference:**

- ☞ Talk to your student about his/her academic progress. Try to identify the important issues ahead of time.
- ☞ Avoid surprises. Look over recent work (tests, quizzes, projects, etc.), log in to Parent Access on Skyward
- ☞ Think of any questions you may need answered

#### **When you are at the school:**

- ☞ After you discuss grades and homework, it is appropriate to seek information related to how well your child gets along with others.
- ☞ It is appropriate to share information about your child's special needs or family situation if you think it will be helpful.
- ☞ Ask how you can work as a team with the teacher and provide support at home.

#### **When you get home from school:**

- ☞ Discuss the content of the conference with your child.
- ☞ Together, identify potential solutions to concerns or problems.
- ☞ Follow up with teachers to make sure there is progress. Keep your parent-teacher team active.
- ☞ We encourage you to contact your teacher if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions that would be helpful.

## Office News

### Reporting 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 **any** 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.

### Parent Rights:

*"The School Visitation Rights Act (Public Act 87-1240) permits employed parent(s)/ guardian(s), who are unable to meet with educators because of a work conflict, the right to an allotment of time during the school year to attend necessary educational and behavioral conferences at their child's school. Please contact the school office if you need additional information."* **Reminder: When school is in session we ask that all visitors report to the Office to sign in. You may enter the building at the 6th Street entrance.**

### Academic Awards:

We recognize the academic achievements of our students every trimester. A list of students who achieve High Honors and Honors is published in our newsletter at the end of each trimester (**December Newsletter**). In addition, those students who achieve this academic status for their Final Grades are rewarded with a certificate. We also award certificates to students with Perfect Attendance for the entire school year (no tardies or absences).

**The Criteria for both High Honors and Honors is as follows:**

#### High Honors:

Awarded to students who receive either :

All A's (including specials)

All A's, with no more than one B (including specials)

#### Honors:

Awarded to students who receive -

Two or more B's with no C's or lower (including specials)



# November 2019 Newsletter

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Click Here for all Family Reading Night Green Screen Pics:

[Slideshow 1](#)

[Slideshow 2](#)