

The Titan Times

Washington Elementary School's Monthly Family Newsletter



Principal's Note

GROWTH MINDSET

Dear Families,

Our Titan character trait for December is Academic Growth or Growth Mindset. Growth Mindset is the belief that your brain can grow and you can learn many new things. We foster this in many ways at school. We praise students for hard work and perseverance. We encourage students to take risks and try new things. We set goals with students and help them determine the steps they can take to accomplish those goals.

Here are some simple ways you can foster Growth Mindset at home:

- Speak to your child about mistakes, acknowledging that we all make them. Frame mistakes as opportunities to grow and learn.
- Avoid saying, "You're so smart." Praise your child for the process they took to learn or accomplish something. This helps them see that effort leads to success.
- Have conversations about learning. Ask your child, "What did you learn today?" or "What did you try hard at today?"
- Emphasize growth and progress. They do not need to be THE best; they just need to be THEIR best!

As we get ready to wrap up the first semester, we are taking time to celebrate the growth our students have made so far this school year. We are excited to acknowledge the progress our students have made both academically and socially.

We wish you a very Happy Holidays! We hope that the holiday break brings you time to relax and be with family and friends. We look forward to returning in January to kickoff the second semester of the '22-23 school year.

Sincerely,

Jessica Dugan
Principal

CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 Titan of the Month Celebration 8:30-9:00am
- Dec. 7 Titan FAM Winter Wonderland LHS 5:30-8pm
- Dec. 8 Washington's Holidays Around the World Event 5:00-7:00pm
- Dec. 12 PreK Holiday Concert 10:00am
Kindergarten Holiday Concert 1:00pm
- Dec. 15 Titan of the Month Celebration 8:30-9:00am
Dental Sealant Program 2nd and 3rd Grades
End of 2nd Grading Period
- Dec. 16 Records Day - NO SCHOOL for Students
- Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 3 Return to School



**Cold Weather is Coming! . . .
If your child needs a new
coat, please let your child's
teacher know.**

Washington Clubs Building Student Leaders

At Washington we offer Safety Patrol, Student Council, Girls' Club, and Tomorrow's Leaders Today. Each of these clubs are focused on building our 3rd - 5th grade students' leadership skills.

Safety Patrol members ensure that students follow routines and procedures at arrival and dismissal. Student Council members record our video morning announcements and help plan fundraisers and school events. Members of our Girls' Club and Tomorrow's Leaders Today are learning to be upstanding citizens of the Washington Community and stewards of kindness and manners. We applaud our student leaders and the staff members who sponsor these clubs.



Schoolwide Expectations

WASHINGTON Titans ARE:
KIND TO SELF
KIND TO OTHERS
KIND TO THE ENVIRONMENT

DEMONSTRATE KINDNESS AND
EARN "TITAN OF THE MONTH"

