



Washington Elementary School

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August/September Parent/School Connection



A word from our Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to say WELCOME BACK! Many of you are getting off to a GREAT start! I would like to share a few things with you so that your E-Learning Experience is successful.

1. Every student MUST register for this school year. If your child attended Washington or any other school within the district, you MUST register and update their information. This needs to be done immediately so that your child is recognized and not marked absent. Please go to the district website at www.scec.k12.in.us. Please click on Parents...then click on Skyward Family Access...then you will be sent to Skyward where you can log in and update your child's information.
2. Getting Credit for Attendance:
 - Students must be logged on promptly for morning attendance at 8:30am daily (M, T, TH, and F).
 - Students will have lunch from 11am-12pm daily.
 - Students must log back on for afternoon attendance at 12:00pm daily (M, T, TH, and F).
 - Wednesday login times are 9:30am and then again at 12:00pm (Wednesday).
 - All assignments must be completed and submitted to the teacher.
 - All students must log in to "Specials" and complete assignments for "Specials" as directed by your teacher daily.
3. Please be advised that teachers are available daily during to conference/planning times to meet with you. The available times are 8:00am-8:30am and 2:30pm – 3:00pm (M, T, TH, and Friday) and similar hours on Wednesdays. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more details.

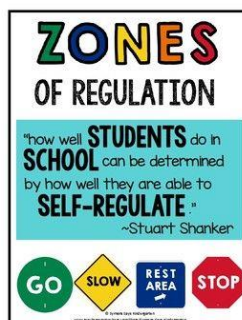
If there are additional questions, please feel free to call the school at (219) 391-4077 between the hours of 8:00am- 3:00pm.

Please check the district website for updated information and Washington's website.

www.scec.k12.in.us

Also, on the school website you will find information regarding community resources like food pantries and the dates.

If you need technical assistance with a SCEC chromebook or iPad please email: ithelpcenter@ecps.org



Greetings Washington Cardinal Families!!!! Welcome Back to the 2020-2021 SY!!! While it is true we have been experiencing some difficult times with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen people from all across the world working together & striving to face this challenge head on with a new sense of purpose. With that in mind, this school year we are adding Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) to our Character Education. We will cover one S.E.L Competency a month, and merge two Character Traits within the S.E.L. instructional format. The S.E.L. focus for August & September is Regulation, with Self-Control & Obedience as the focus for Character Education. The definitions are as follows:

- Regulation: The ability to recognize and manage one's emotions.
- Self-Control: Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right.
- Obedience: Quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me.

COVID-19 has put us all in a position where we have had to make changes, and deal with ongoing adjustments. It requires us to stay aware, focused, and ready to listen to the next steps that may need to be implemented. Our students have most certainly been impacted, for where they would have been getting new school uniforms, supplies, and preparing to physically come to school... they have to start out with virtual learning for safety reasons. This makes S.E.L. Instruction & Character Education so crucial, for it teaches our students how to recognize & manage their feelings. It will demonstrate why having self-control and being obedient, both play a very important role in them being successful with E-learning. Likewise, upon our return to in-person education, the aforementioned traits can carry over into the school building & their lifelong future endeavors!!

Let's help our children build their educational and behavioral foundation on learning who they are, making good choices, and developing positive words & attitudes. This will ensure they have solid ground on which to build a strong & successful future. In addition, the S.E.L competencies reinforce the notion that our children need to stay in tune with the appropriate expression of their feelings. Home and school working together, in support of our children building strong academic & behavioral success, can only serve to bring forth extremely bright & fulfilling futures!!! Let's have a great year!!!!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASST. PRINCIPAL:

Mr. García is an experienced educator with 17 years of service in East Chicago. He earned his Bachelors degree from Lewis University and 2 masters degrees from Indiana University Northwest, the first in Elementary Education and the second in Educational Leadership. He has been at SCEC for 17 years, having taught Special Education at Block and Central for 8 years and then having served as an administrator at McKinley for 3 years and most recently at Central for 6 years. He is a proud taekwondo dad of 2 black belts! His daughter Lili is 14 and entering her freshman year of high school and his son Edward Jr., is 10 and starting 5th grade. His wife, Veronica is also an educator and she is a product of EC schools and former Franklin Flyer, Block Charger, and EC Central valedictorian class of 1999. He is excited to be a part of the Washington cardinal family and looks forward to meeting you all soon!



RESPOND TO THE CENSUS COUNT

If you have not responded there is still time. September 30th is the last day. You can respond online, mail or phone. All information is kept confidential.

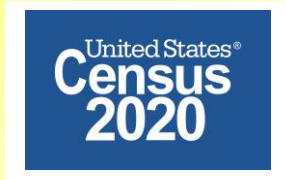
- Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.
- The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

It's Time to Be Counted

Your confidential answers will shape funding and representation in our community for the next 10 years.

It affects:

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Roads, etc.



Learn more at 2020census.gov



Assistant Principal Edward Garcia	3rd Grade Team Brittany Raab
First Grade Team Bailey Whitehead	5th Grade Team Monique Lockett
Jamie Whiting	Instructional Coaches
3rd Grade Team Brittany Raab	Ruzica Hamilton (ELA) Connie Jones (MATH)

September Important Dates

- 3 Mobile Pantry at EC Central 1-3 pm
- 4 Mobile Pantry at Food Bank 4-6 pm @ Merrillville, IN
- 9 Title I Virtual Meeting 9:00 A.M.
- 11 Progress Reports
- 12 Mobile Pantry at Food Bank 10-12 @ Merrillville, IN
- 23 Mobile Pantry at Ultra 4 to 6 pm @8401 Indianapolis Blvd. Highland
- 25 Mobile Pantry at Food Bank 4 to 6 @ 6490 Merrillville, IN



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