

#### **Washington Elementary School**

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August 25, 2021

Welcome Locomotive Families!

What are your hopes and dreams for your child this school year? As we embark on our 5th year as Locomotives, we are excited to safely welcome our learners back in-person. Our focus this school year is to embrace and nurture the innovative, collaborative, empowered and empathic qualities of our students while challenging them to think critically and to ask questions through STEAM Project Based Learning.

We will continue our safety practices -mask wearing, daily temperature checks, hand sanitizing, COVID testing on site, student pick-up/drop-off at gate entrance and outdoor eating.

School begins on Thursday, **Sept 2, 2021**. Please note that the <u>1<sup>st</sup> day of school</u> is an early release Thursday for grades 1-6.

This letter is meant to provide as much information at-a-glance as possible, but please note that information is subject to change. Our office staff and I will be sending updates throughout the month as needed. Please feel free to check our school website at <u>www.washington.scusd.edu</u> and/or email Principal Dr. Godina at <u>Gema-Godina@scusd.edu</u> or Office Manager, Ms. Lopez at <u>Elva-Lopez@scusd.edu</u> with any questions.

School Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00AM-3:00PM

# New Locomotive Staff

Please welcome the following staff to our Locomotive family: Ms. Jordyn Strack, Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Rochelle Maze, 1st Grade Teacher Ms. Rachael Hubbard, 2nd Grade Teacher Ms. Tracy Huynh, 5th Grade Teacher Ms. Moua, Office Clerk EK/Kinder Meet & Greet August 28, 2021 Washington Playground 10:00-11:00 AM

Class Rosters Available on Infinite Campus August 26, 2021

STEAM Academy Registration Coordinator: Maren Chewning

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 @9:00 AM

Back to School Night TBA

#### **Bell Schedule:**

EARLY KINDER	9:00 AM – 12:45 PM (M-F)
KINDERGARTEN	9:00 -1:30 PM (M-F)
GR. 1- 3	9:00 AM – 3:02 PM / Thurs. 9:00 AM – 2:02 PM
GR. 4 – 6	9:00 AM – 3:12 PM / Thurs. 9:00 AM – 2:10 PM

#### STEAM Academy (Before & After School Program)

Confirmation of enrollment will go out through the week of August 16th, 2021.

STEAM Academy will begin on the 1st day of school, Thursday, September 2, 2021 grades EK-6th. Our morning/before school program will start at 7:00am-9:00am and our after school program will start at the end of the day for each respective grade. (EK-12:40pm, K-1:30pm, 1st-6th-3:05pm).

Prior to the pandemic, our program was largely fee based. However, current funding from the State will allow for our site to run a Free Program this academic year. This may change in the future. This funding has allowed us to essentially double the capacity of STEAM Academy to serve more students. At this time we are taking a <u>waitlist</u> for the program. Please reach out to Maren Chewning directly if you have any questions at <u>Maren-Chewning@scusd.edu</u>.

# Student Drop off and Pick-up

For the safety of students, please do not drop-off students before 8:45 AM unless your student is in STEAM Academy.

At dismissal, teachers walk their students to the gates for pick-up. Students who participate in STEAM Academy are picked-up in class at their respective dismissal times.

Pick-up Locations: EK-3rd -Main Entrance 4th-6th-Garden Gate (17th & F ST.)

Though we are a small school, we create major traffic jams in the morning and after-school. For the safety of our children, PLEASE do not double park. We kindly ask that you safely park your vehicle and walk up to the school.

#### Breakfast & Lunch

We are awaiting confirmation from Nutrition Services as to the specifics (ie., grab & go breakfast/lunch, hot meals, menus, etc.,). We do know that breakfast and lunch will be free to all students and all eating EK-6th will be outdoors (picnic tables, lawn, outdoor benches) weather permitting by classroom (in the classroom when it rains). Teachers will communicate snack schedules, etc.,.

# <u>Morning Yoga</u>

#WeAreYogamotives! Starting each morning, all students will participate in student-led mindfulness yoga. This is a school-wide centering practice unique to our school! Ask your learner if they're interested in leading Yoga. All grades are welcome.

# **Uniform Policy**

The building of our Locomotive community is central to our core values. It is important for our students to feel like they are an integral part of our school culture. The following is our uniform policy:

- Dark blue bottoms (navy blue); pants, Blue Jeans, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, leggings
- Solid White, Navy, or Light Blue Polo/collared shirts
- Washington School Uniform shirts & sweatshirts
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, in navy blue, light blue, or white
- Tank tops or undershirts <u>are not</u> considered uniform tops. Straps on tops must be at least 3 fingers wide. Spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Short Shorts, Bicycle shorts and cut-off shorts are not allowed
- No open toe shoes, flip-flops or Heely's
- Please visit our <u>student store</u>

The LCO will be organizing a Uniform Swap, August 28th, 2021 from 9-11AM. (See Flyer)

# Forms to Fill Out

We're asking all families (new and returning) to fill out an updated 2021-22 <u>Emergency Card</u>. Please update new addresses, phone numbers and email addresses with our Office Staff.

All families play a critical role in ensuring our school is properly funded. You can do your part by completing the required Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) application.

#### <u>Volunteer</u>

YOU make our school great because you're an expert at something. Project Based Learning is a great way for our learners to see and experience learning in action. You can help. For more information on how to volunteer, check <u>here</u>.

# Locomotive Community Organization- LCO

If you've been to our campus, you know that Washington is a special place. All parents, guardians and caretakers of our learners are automatically members of the LCO. The LCO organizes all school events with the goal of offering free events and fundraising for field trips.

#### School Site Council (SSC):

The major function of the School Site Council is to plan, monitor, and evaluate the activities and expenditures for school programs that are state and federally funded. The SSC is responsible for the development, revision and monitoring of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. SCC meetings are open to the public. We will be sending out more information in September. We will be looking for additional members to join SCC.

#### **Enrollment**

New families can still enroll in-person or <u>online</u> to attend Washington EK-6th grade. Space is limited.

If you've read this far, you're officially an expert on all things Washington! I look forward to working with you this year!

Dr. Gema Godina-Martinez Principal



THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT, BUT PLEASE WEAR A MASK



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# BUS SCHEDULE

BUS STOP	AM PICK UP TIMES	PM DROP OFF TIMES
811 25TH STREET & H STREET	8:29 AM	3:35 PM
2423 C STREET	8:32 AM	3:30 PM
890 E ST @ 9TH ST (ZAPATA PARK) 8:37 AM		3:25 PM
WASHINGTON	8:42 PM	3:17 PM

EARLY OUT THURSDAYS ADJUST THE DROP TIME LESS 1 HOUR.

KINDER:		
WASHINGTON		
890 E ST @ 9TH ST (ZAPATA PARK)		
2423 C STREET		
811 25TH STREET & H STREET		

DROP OFF TIMES 1:30 PM 1:40 PM 1:50 PM 1:55 PM

# KINDERGARTEN STOPS MAY BE ADJUSTED AS NEEDED



SIGN-UP'S NOT REQUIRED FOR BUS SERVICE

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