Mrs. Stahl’s Message

As we think about all of the things we hold dear during this holiday season, I want you to know how much I appreciate the children, families and staff at Washington Elementary. Everyday I count it a blessing to be able to work at this place with great people and to be entrusted with your very best, your children. Please know that I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season with your families and a new year with bright hope and possibility,

Mrs. Stahl

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 3: PTO Meeting at Washington
- Dec. 2-13: Salvation Army Food Drive
- Dec. 20: Popcorn Day
- Dec. 23: Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 6: Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 7: School Resumes

Happy Holidays from Washington Elementary

Volunteers Needed!

As we wrap up the last several weeks of this semester, there is still a need for volunteers for the following events. If you are able to help, please e-mail the PTO at tiffinelementarypto@gmail.com.

- **COSI on Wheels at Noble**: Friday, December 20
- **Holiday Craft Helpers in the Classrooms**: Dates and times vary

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, December 2 - PTO Meeting - Hosted at Washington - 7:00
- Month of December - Holiday Craft
- Thursday, December 12 - Market Day Order Deadline
- Tuesday, December 17 - Market Day Pick up - Washington Building Hosting
- Friday, December 20 - Popcorn Day - Washington
- Friday, December 20 - COSI - Noble – Incredible Human Machine
**THE TRAY GAME**

**How to Play:**
1. Place about 20 small objects on a tray. The objects might include household things like a watch, safety pin, toothbrush, hair clip, bottle of nail polish, CD, pen, postage stamp, rubber band, Band-Aid, tweezers, or small toys. Cover the tray with a towel or place it away from the players.
2. Give each player paper and a pencil. Explain that they will have exactly 60 seconds to look at the tray and try to remember what they see on it.
3. Allow the players to look at the items on the tray. Remove the tray at the end of 60 seconds. Have the players write down all the items they remember seeing on the tray for 2 minutes. Have the players sound out the words the best they can if they don’t know how to spell them.
4. Check the tray for the items as the lists are read. The player with the most correct items is the winner! Don’t forget to discuss how the items are used and their proper names for vocabulary building. Play the game many times using different items!

**For Younger Children:**
*For younger children, put fewer items on the tray and give them a longer time to look. If a child cannot write, have him or her name the items aloud and have another person write for them.

**Source:** [www.ehow.org](http://www.ehow.org)

Stockings for the Soldiers
The students at Washington set a goal of filling 24 stockings for the soldiers. Thanks to the generosity of our Washington families, we were able to fill 87 stockings. This was quite an accomplishment and certainly something to be very proud of! Our children were so excited to share their items and to see the number of stockings increase on our graph. I’m certain your kindness will help to brighten someone’s holiday. Thank you for teaching your child to share with others.

Have any outgrown clothes lying around? Sometimes we need a change of clothes for our students and our supply has grown a little short. We are in need of jeans, pants for boys and girls, sweats, and underwear in sizes 4-7.
TIFFIN CITY SCHOOLS ACCEPTING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

The Tiffin City School District is seeking enrollment information for girls and boys registering for the 2014-2015 school year. All kindergarten classes will be held at Washington K-1 located at 151 Elmer Street. Any child residing in the Tiffin City School District who will be five years of age by September 30, 2014 is eligible to enroll. Ohio law requires kindergarten attendance prior to enrollment in first grade.

To register your child you may contact Washington K-1 by calling 419-447-1072 or Pat Smith at Tiffin City Schools Administration Office, by calling 419-447-2515.

Pre-kindergarten screening will be held April 29 – April 30, 2014 for children enrolling next fall. All parents and guardians of registered children will be informed by letter in early spring as to the date and time of the screenings being held at the old Lincoln Building.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Altrusa International of Tiffin donated $250.00 for our school library. Altrusa is dedicated to the promotion of literacy in our community. Their generous gift will be spent on non-fiction animal books appropriate for the reading levels of our students.

Memorials

In memory of William Ellis Downie (father-in-law of Judy Downie):
Basketball - donated by the Washington Staff
Dino-Basketball - donated by Tom & Pat Walter
The Best of Pro Basketball - donated by Don & Nancy Burner
Let's Talk Basketball - donated by Mike, Heather, Carson & Tess Weinandy

Christmas Celebration

Washington School has a long tradition of a Christmas Celebration held on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. This year it will be held on Friday, December 20. Students and staff are invited to wear their best clothes in honor of our celebration. Students will gather for a time of carol singing and listening to the Night Before Christmas.

BRRR

The temperature has turned very cold outside and children need to bundle up. Please make certain that your child wears a warm coat and has a hat and gloves for when they go on the playground. They all enjoy getting some fresh air and being able to run and play, but we don’t want them to be cold or get sick! We will not go outside if the temperature is below 21 degrees.
In memory of Tiara Angel, Stormie Huey, Trinitie Huey, Sunshine Huey, & Domonic Fresch:
I Want a Party: a Little Princess Story and The Family Book - donated by the Washington Staff
I Want a Sister: a Little Princess Story and I'm a Frog - donated by the Noble Staff
The Bear Who Shared - donated by Tina Lorenz
Rudi's Pond, The Heart and the Bottle, Our Tree Named Steve and Ben's Flying Flowers - donated by Rich & Deb Gardner
$25.00 for library books - donated by Elmwood Elementary Faculty (Bloomdale, OH)
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In memory of George Dutt (former principal at Washington Elementary for 35+ years):
Whales and Diary of a Worm: Teacher's Pet - donated by the Washington Staff
The Pebble First Guide to Whales - donated by Tina Lorenz
Tornadoes - donated by Don & Nancy Burner
Splat and the Cool School Trip - donated by Doug & Judy Picciuto
The Day the Crayons Quit, Little Santa and Mr. Wuffles, and Fly Guy and Frankenfly - donated by George & Mindy Ford

Donated in memory of James O'Keefe (father-in-law of Amy Lynch):
What Is Veteran's Day? - donated by the Washington Staff
The Daddy Book - donated by Tom & Pat Walter
Legend of Ninja Cowboy Bear - donated by Mike, Heather, Carson & Tess Weinandy
Nighttime Ninja - donated by Don & Nancy Burner

Donated in memory of Marlene Comer:
The Ultimate Guide to Grandmas and Grandpas - donated by Doug & Judy Picciuto

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