



# Oriole Observer

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2007

525 High Street  
Charlotte, MI 48813

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Dear Parents:

Thanks to those who attended our Open House on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Your enthusiasm and support is much appreciated. Washington continually strives to meet the varying demands by working together. Students, teachers, parents, and administrators create a caring, positive, and safe environment where education is valued, respect is a norm, and learning is enjoyable.

Our teachers work hard to create to develop mutually respectful relationships, while constantly modeling behaviors that will support the guiding principles of: caring, collaboration, open communication, diversity and inclusiveness, high expectations, learning, respect, and trust. Students are encouraged to assume greater responsibility for their learning and behavior, as they continue their journey from childhood to adolescence.

We strive for a balance between a strong academic program and meeting the unique personal and social needs of each student. Our classrooms are exciting, active places where students ask questions and pursue solutions to problems they have helped to identify. Teachers use many different teaching strategies, such as individual and group projects, problem-solving activities, cooperative learning groups, lectures, demonstrations, field trips, and community resources. The content studies and student activities help them acquire fundamental skills and essential knowledge while developing positive attitudes about learning and themselves.

Washington is an exciting place to be. We invite you to join in helping your student have the best possible experience. Your Partner in Education,

*Wayne Brown*

**Food Service Costs:**

**Breakfast - \$1.15**

**Lunch- \$1.85**

**Milk - \$.40**

Several children are served by our food service personnel each day at Washington Elementary. There are a few ways you can help us provide the best service possible.

1. Keep your child's meal account "in the black". To inquire about your child's account balance call Mrs. Fullerton at 541-5173.
2. Call us by 9:00 a.m. with your child's lunch order if you'll be dropping your child off late in the morning and we'll make sure a lunch is ready for your child.

Our food service is proud to serve great food at reasonable prices. If you have any questions about our food service, don't hesitate to call.



**Washington Staff 2007-08**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Bonnie Anderson	Occupational Therapist
Julie Baglien	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Rachel Beyerlein	Physical Education
Kris Bristol	Resource Room
Wayne Brown	Principal
Tracy Carlson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Cindy Cook	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Penny Cooper	Secretary
Sue Cuttle	Paraprofessional
Paul Davis	Physical Education
Josh Dies	Computer Lab Manager
Sharon Dietz	Resource Room
Julie Dudley	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jeri Elliston	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Barb Fosbender	Paraprofessional
Jeannette Fullerton	Paraprofessional
Trisha Gronda	Speech & Language Path
Rachel Huntley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Dresden Lehtonen	Paraprofessional
Deb Minzey	Kindergarten
Missy Nott Schmitz	Music
Mary Ann Novetske	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Laura Roys	Guidance
Donna Sebrell	Paraprofessional
Laurel Sherman	Paraprofessional
Shawn Sherman	Paraprofessional
Jim Stewart	Media and Technology
Kathy Singer	Food Service
Cathy Smith	Art
Cherie Van Neste	Paraprofessional
Sarah Vogt	Title I/ICT
Marsha Waymire	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Mike Wood	Building Engineer

**Daily Schedule**

8:25	Supervision Available
8:25 – 8:50	Breakfast Served
8:50	School Day Begins
11:56	A.M. Kind. Excused
12:31	P.M. Kind. Begins
3:45	Dismissal
12:20	(1/2 Day Dismissal)

**Changes In Plans**

If events occur over the course of your day causing a change in the after school plans for your child, please notify the office as early in the day as possible.

When you call make sure that you speak with a person and do not leave the message on voice mail. **All changes should be made to the office by 3:15 to ensure the message gets to the teachers.**

Thanks for your cooperation!

**Publication Request**

It is a practice of the Charlotte school district to periodically issue information and publish photographs of school programs and activities. Unless you advise the school district that you do not want photographs of your student included with published articles or information releases, school officials may publish such photographs with school related articles or news releases. If you object to the publication of these photographs, please contact the Human Resources at 541-5103 by September 22, 2007.

**Washington Mission Statement**

Our Washington family develops life long learning skills to become independent, productive citizens for tomorrow.

***Your Partner In Preparing For Tomorrow***