

From the Desk of Mrs. Edwards...

The January mid-year Progress Reports will be your next formal communication about how your child is progressing toward the end of the year academic and social goals. On that mid-year progress report you will see ratings (from 1 to 4) that lets you see if your child is below, approaching, at or above grade level expectations. In January most students will be marked as approaching grade level as the entire curriculum would not have been taught yet. When looking at the progress report, watch closely for areas where your child may be marked as "below grade level" and contact your child's teacher or use home support to work to bring those skills up to the "approaching grade level" ranking. The "approaching grade level" ranking is an expected and acceptable point of knowledge for students at mid-year. Then the ultimate goal in June is to have as many areas as possible marked as "at or above grade level" on the final progress report.

Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, February 3rd, 2012.

Progress Reports will be sent home in an envelope and we request that the envelope be signed and returned to school by Monday, February 6th, 2012. Please forward any questions or comments to the classroom teacher after you have reviewed them. Additionally, your child will receive a combined report showing progress in areas such as music, physical education, Spanish, and technology all on one progress report. Look for this enclosed with the classroom teacher's assessment of your child's progress.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 5th & 7th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Additional times are available if your schedule does not allow evening appointments. Please watch for information regarding your scheduled time to continue our partnership to come home in your student's Friday Folder in late February or early March.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Therese A. Edwards



In Need of a Backpack?

Thanks to a generous donation from the Charlotte VFW Women's Auxiliary we have a selection of backpacks available to those who are in need of a new or replacement backpack but are not able to purchase a new one for their student.

If you would like to find out more about these backpacks, please contact your student's teacher or the Office.



2011-2012 Yearbooks

Yearbook sale information will be coming home with you student in their Friday Folder on February 10. If you have already ordered a yearbook for your student as part of their portrait package, there is no need to order again.



Washington Elementary February 2012



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTES:				1 Day 2	2 Groundhog Day	3 Day 4 Progress Reports Sent Home 6:30-8:30 Community Daddy Daughter Dance at Middle School	4 6:30-8:30 Community Daddy Daughter Dance at Middle School
5		6 Day 1 Progress Report Signed Envelopes Due 4:00-5:30 Fitness Club	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Pupil Count Day	9 Day 4 7:00-8:00 PTO in Media Center	10 Day 1	11
12	Lincoln's Birthday	13 Day 2 4:00-5:30 Fitness Club	14 Day 3 Valentine's Day Class Parties Swim Forms Due with \$2.00	15 Day 4 100 Day 4:00-5:15 Gr 2 & 3 Swim @ Aquatic Center	16 Day 1	17 Mid-Winter Break No School	18
19		20 President's Day Mid-Winter Break No School	21 Day 2 Classes Resume Yearbook Orders Due	22 Day 3 Washington's Birthday	23 Day 4 Science Day	24 Day 1	25
26		27 Day 2 4:00-5:30 Fitness Club	28 Day 3 Mobile Dentist	29 Day 4			



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to encourage our students make smart and healthy choices that last a lifetime, we will be participating in a program called PE-Nut beginning Second Semester. "PE" stands for physical education , and "Nut" is short for nutrition. The project combines nutrition and physical education together for the health of our students. We are one of more than 90 schools involved in the grant-funded program. PE-Nut is free for participating schools and is integrated in a way that does not reduce time spent on our core subject areas.

Students can:

- Learn about healthy eating from Mrs. Beyerlein, PE teacher, through activities that combine practicing motor skills with simple nutrition messages like eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Enjoy classroom physical activity breaks that get them up and moving to help them stay on task and be alert.
- Hear daily health tips as part of my morning announcements. I will remind students to eat breakfast, wash their hands, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and try new foods to expand variety in their diet.
- Read books with positive nutrition and physical activity messages.
- Learn about MyPlate, healthy snacks, and the importance of physical activity from a Nutrition Educator.
- Try healthy foods. NOTE: Please make sure your child's teacher knows about any allergies or dietary restrictions your child has.

Parents can:

- Ask your child if they have done any FitBits (classroom physical activity breaks). Ask them to show you how.
- Help your child meet their "healthy homework" nutrition goal he or she set in class.
- Check out the Take Home Book bag – in it are books that will go home with your child (on loan), as well as recipes and other items you can keep.
- Try the recipes ideas provided at home with your child and discuss healthy food choices.
- Send healthy snacks with your child to school. Send healthy foods for classroom celebrations.
- Be a positive role model for your child by making healthy choices for yourself and the whole family.

Students and their families will be involved in making our school a healthier place for all of us to work and learn. We will be giving you updates about this important project as the year progresses.

Have a healthy day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edwards