

# Friday Note 11/18/2016

We have had a few reported cases of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease in our school. Early symptoms may include fever and a sore throat. Painful blisters similar to cold sores can show up on the inside of your child's mouth or on his tongue. He might get a rash on the palms of his hands or the soles of his feet a day or two after the first symptoms appear. This rash may turn into blisters. Flat spots or sores may pop up on the knees, elbows, or buttocks. He could have all of these symptoms, or only one or two. Mouth sores can make it hurt to swallow, so be sure your child gets enough water and calories. If your child has any combination of these symptoms, especially the rash/blisters, please keep him/her home from school until they are cleared to return to school.



From all predictions, it looks like we will be getting our first blast of winter weather this weekend. Please make sure to send your child to school with the proper clothing for the weather conditions. All students go outside for recess unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero. Hats/headbands, gloves/mittens, winter boots, and warm jackets are all needed for "wintery" weather and snow pants are suggested for younger students.

Please remember to have your child(ren) at their normal bus stop at least 5-10 minutes earlier than their "normal" busing time. There may be incidences where one or more students who normally get picked up before your child are not picked up and this could cause the bus to run early. Also, please remember that in the winter months, buses may run later than normal due to road conditions. The safety of our students is very important to our bus drivers so they are very cautious in less than favorable weather and road conditions.

The PTO will also be partnering with 2175 Photography to offer families a Family Portrait Session for only \$25. More information can be found on the Washington Elementary PTO Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Washington-Elementary-PTO-153511888434434/?fref=ts>.

We will once again be having our "Have Lunch with Your Child" event at the Washington School NEXT Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents/Guardians are invited to come to the school and eat a Thanksgiving lunch with your child. All "reservations" should have been pre-paid for non-students. Students will be charged their normal price. Lunch times will be: K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 10:40- 11:10, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades-11:20 – 11:45, and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades- 11:50 until done.



The Washington School Vocal Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The main performance will once again be at 1:00 pm with a dress rehearsal at 9:00 am that you are welcome to attend if you are unable to attend in the afternoon. The Band Concert for Grades 5-12 will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the AD Johnston High School gym at 7:00 pm.

The December Lunch Menu is included with this Friday Note.



The next regularly scheduled Bessemer Area Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the ADJ Library.

**REMINDER: There will be a 1:00 pm dismissal of all students in the Bessemer Area Schools NEXT Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> due to a Teacher In-service. Classes do not resume until Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving Break. Buses will run their normal routes.**