

# Friday Note 5/4/2018



**SAFETY ISSUE:** We always welcome our parents to visit our schools. However, we do ask that you check in with the office before going to your child's classroom. It is easier for us to call your child down to the office than it is to refocus a whole classroom of students after an interruption. If you need to see your child's teacher, you **must** arrange to meet prior to coming to the school. **ALSO** – when you visit the school, you **MUST** be “buzzed” in by the office. **DO NOT** hold the door open for anyone else- even a student- unless the office has approved you to do so. Never ask a student to hold the door for you or to let you in.

**For student and staff safety, your cooperation is required.**

MSTEP testing for grades 3, 4, and 6 is continuing. This a State required test - please make sure your child is coming to school rested, well fed, and prepared. It is a very tight schedule for testing with very limited make-up days, so please make sure your child is at school as much as possible.



For the first time since 1994, Copper Peak, the iconic ski flying hill in Ironwood, Michigan, will once again play host to another international competition on May 12, 2018. This time, however, the competition and format will look completely different from what gained the jump worldwide recognition. The event will be the Red Bull 400, the world's steepest 400-meter race. The principle is simple: participants start at the bottom of the ski jump and race 400 meters uphill 40 stories to the top of the largest artificial ski jump tower in the world. For registration and race information on Red Bull 400 Copper Peak, visit: [www.redbull400.com](http://www.redbull400.com).

There is still time to register for the Brian Nasi Memorial Walk/Run on Saturday, May 12. You can still register the morning of the event but it is too late to receive a t-shirt commemorating the event. If you do register now as part of the group representing Bessemer Area Schools, please bring your own bottle of water. Information about how to join the Bessemer Area Schools group was sent home with students before Spring Break. We hope to see you there!



The next PTO Popcorn Day will be Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The PTO is generously providing 1 bag of popcorn for all students and staff at Washington School at no charge. This is the final popcorn day of the school year. We thank the Washington Elementary PTO for everything that they do for our students and school each year!

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THIS PAGE REGARDING A REMINDER OF OUR WASHINGTON SCHOOL DRESS CODE.** In addition to the dress code items, we are having a problem with students wearing hats in the school. Any student caught with a hat on inside the building will be given one direct warning. If they are caught with it on again, the hat will be taken to the office and will need to be re-claimed by a parent or guardian.

## MUSIC MATTERS!



The Spring Concert for Washington Elementary Students will be held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. There will also be an Art Show featuring art from our K-6 students at both performances.



The Marcy Brackett Invitational Track Meet, our only “home” **high school** meet this year, will be held next Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. The Bessemer Invite Track Meet, again our only “home” **junior high** meet this year, will be held on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bessemer City Wide Garage Sale will be held next Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Sales start at 8 am. Sign up at General Insurance by 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The \$5 sign-up fee gets you listed on the garage sale list/map and two Citywide Garage Sale signs. Any remaining proceeds after expenses will be donated to a local group or charity. Maps/lists will be available at local businesses starting in the evening on Friday, May 11 or on the Bessemer Citywide Garage Sale Facebook page.

#### FROM OUR STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK:

##### Dress and Grooming

While fashion changes, the reasons for being in school do not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress or accessory) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted.

The students of the Washington School are expected to dress in good taste.

Students are not allowed to wear t-shirts with profanity, sexual implication, or any alcohol/tobacco/drug related sayings printed on them. All shirts must cover the midriff area, back, and underarm areas.

Sleeveless shirts must be at least one (1) inch wide at the shoulder. A shirt must be worn under or over any clothing with spaghetti straps. Low/high cut shirts are not permitted.

Shorts are permitted during warm weather; they must extend to MID-THIGH or longer.

Skirts must also extend to MID-THIGH or longer.

Pants must stay up around the waist/hip area. They may not hang and show undergarments.

**If any student is inappropriately dressed, he/she will be required to immediately cover/change clothing. If this is not possible the parent/guardian will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing. Students will not be allowed to go home to change and if they do not have “cover” clothing, some will be provided by the school.**

Students who are representing Washington School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements.



**There will be no school for students in the Bessemer Area Schools on Monday, May 28, 2018 in honor of Memorial Day.**