

Washington Elementary School Seeks Partnerships With Capitol Hill Neighbors

Are you a person who would be willing and able to help a child? There are ways to do that right here in our own neighborhood school. Principal Rebecca Pittam and Volunteer Coordinator Jane Willie explained more about the programs they have in place at Washington for Capitol Hill residents to help students grow and learn about the wider world. There are four specific ways we can become involved.

The After School Homework Help Program. Volunteers are needed from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm to assist and tutor students in reading, writing and math. These are basic elementary school level skills and no degree or special training in the subject is required to volunteer. If you can give an hour or so per week assisting a child master these subjects, the teachers would be thrilled with the help.

The Golden Volunteers. This is a group of mostly retired adults who are able to come during regular school hours. They help mainly in the classrooms with reading.

Share Your Hobby or Special Skill. Do you have some skill or hobby or career that you would be willing to share with students? Could you put together a presentation on that skill or knowledge for a classroom size group of kids?

In the past, the school has had visits from beekeepers, a falconer, a resident of a WWII internment camp, an expert on pioneer children's games, and former Washington Elementary alumni. The school is anxious to expose children to lots of varied careers and interests. One never knows what subject or presentation may strike some child's fancy and lead to a brighter future for him or her. Arborists and accountants, authors and artists, carpenters and telephone repair experts, scientists, doctors, people who have traveled to foreign countries or speak a different language, folks who know about animals.

Any knowledge or experience you may have that you would be willing to share. This could be arranged during school hours as teachers focus attention on some particular subject, or such a presentation could be done in association with the After School Program.



Back To School. Yes, it's that time of year again when kids meet classmates and teachers, and parents breathe a sigh of relief. Principal Pittam greets two of her students at our own Washington Elementary on 200 West.

Language Translators. We have a diverse population of immigrants in our neighborhood, and people who speak another language in addition to English can be of service to the community. In particular, Spanish translators are needed for parent/teacher nights. But help with other languages is also needed on occasion. If you are bilingual in Spanish and English, the school could use your assistance.

Jane Willie is the person to contact at the school for all of the above programs. She can be reached through the receptionist at 801-578-8140, or by email at Jane.Willie@slcschools.org. She and Principal Pittam are most anxious to connect with their Capitol Hill neighbors and involve them in helping children. The Bulletin hopes to include more information about Washington School activities in the future.

NOTICE:

After roughly two years of closure, the North Temple viaduct is now reopened to traffic.

Train service to the airport is scheduled to open as early as 2012.



Washington Elementary Principal Rebecca Pittam. Principal Pittam has a smile and a cheerful welcome for every student she sees as she walks the hallways and greets kids at the school entrance.

112 Years of Excellence

by Rebecca Pittam, principal

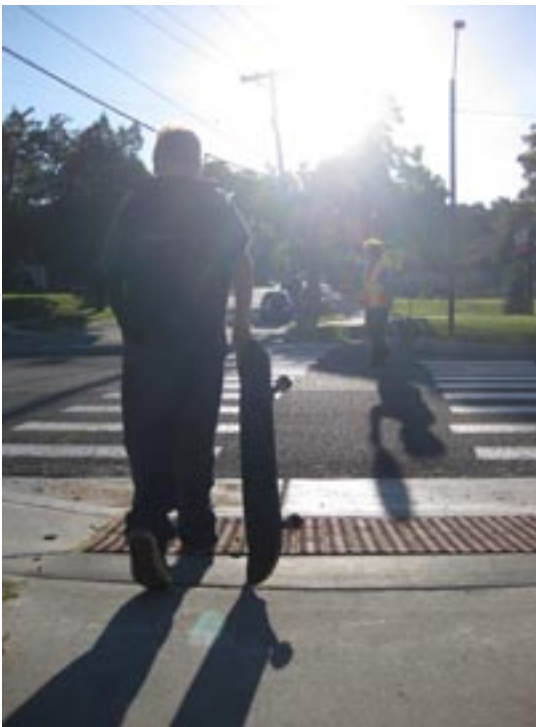
Every day is a busy day at Washington Elementary where we uphold a proud tradition of excellence in education. On any day, a walk through our halls shows the wide breadth of activities and programs that we provide for our students and their families.

Quality Instruction: We are lucky to have a strong faculty of seasoned teachers who are dedicated to student growth. Our goal is to meet the needs of every child, providing interventions for students who struggle with content, and extended challenges for our gifted students. Our Extended Learning Program is strong and this year we proudly sent three groups of children to the regional science fair to represent our district.

Special Programs: Our School Community Council has led us in a concentrated focus on the whole child by adopting 10 traits that effective learners demonstrate, and placing an emphasis on inquiry based learning opportunities to broaden the depth of our instruction. Students also participate in weekly art, PE, and computer classes taught by highly qualified instructors.

Extended Opportunities: Every day we offer an extended day experience for those families who choose to have their children participate. Field trips, enrichment activities and homework help all are part of this excellent program. This summer we are offering a top-quality summer school where carefully chosen teachers and paraprofessionals will provide a comprehensive learning experience from 8:00 to 3:00 Monday through Thursday.

A Community of Learners: Family activities allow us to learn and grow together as a community. This year, our literacy, math and science, music, and arts nights have all been huge successes! We have also built strong partnerships with several of the businesses within our community and are thrilled with the support they have given us. Washington Elementary is truly a community of learners where excellence in education is valued and continues to thrive as it has for the past 112 years.



Kids are walking to and from school now, so drivers are reminded to be cautious.

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September 21, 2011

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- Mobile Watch Report
- Police Report
- Fireman's Report
- Elected Officials' Reports
- Mayor's Office Report
- CHNC Business
 - Ensign Trail report
 - New Landlord/Tenant regulation report
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By Katherine Gardner

Friday night movies at the Capitol seem to be well attended this year. I see crowds - Families with children in PJs and individuals with blankets and pillows. Mosquitoes must not be a problem. That's great!

Another movie that's getting a lot of attention is about Ab Jenkins. Ab was a racer of special cars on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The movie is called "The Boys of Bonneville." The name of at least three of Ab's cars was "The Mormon Meteor." He set some speed records that still stand. One of the Mormon Meteor speed cars used to reside in the Capitol Building basement. It was a favorite display of young children, but is no longer there. However, there is a statue of Ab on the fourth floor of the building. At one time he was the mayor of Salt Lake City. Check your local listings to find out where the movie is being shown. I've heard it's pretty good.

Erlinda Davis has agreed to represent our Capitol Hill neighborhood at the city's monthly transportation committee meetings.

If you want to talk with a Spanish speaker about insurance, when you call Bob Fisher's office ask for Becky. 801-533-8811.

At our October meeting, we will have nominations for three trustees (Capitol area, Ensign Downs, and DeSoto/Cortez area) and other Neighborhood Council officers. Voting for those officers will be at the November meeting.

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