

Washington Elementary PTO 2025-26

September Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2025 - 7:00 pm / PTO Meeting

Board Members:

President: Erin Howell; Vice President: Jess Corris; Treasurer: Erin Miller; Assistant Treasurer: Anne Davis; Secretary: Danielle Zakrajsek; ISPTO: Molly Hecht, Mandy Kanzigg; Principal: Monica Woodson; Staff Representative: Kelly Riley

Attendees:

Jess Corris; Mandy Kanzigg; Anne Davis; Megan Combs; Jenny Wilks; Tara Roe; Kelly Riley; Katie Rings; Allison Garcia; Teena Nguyen; Kate Shneyder; Lauren Rakay; Molly Hecht; Danielle Zakrajsek; Erin Howell

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called by Erin Howell at 7:02pm

2. Principals Update *Mrs. Woodson*

First Safety Drill- Students Practiced a lockdown drill.

Baseline Assessments - Wrapping up this week.

Curriculum - Classroom instructions are in full swing.

Mr. Volbert's Lessons - Social-emotional learning sessions have begun. Miss Martin assisting as an Intern.

Attendance Matters - Reinforcing the importance of being present and on time. Mrs. Woodson to send a blast email every other week.

Wolfie Way - Reinforcement tickets are in full swing!

State Report Card: Overall Rating for Washington Elementary was 4.5 stars out of 5, exceeding state standards. This grade represents Third - Fifth grade Academic Achievement; Progress, and Gap closing for differentiating student groups.

Positive growth index reflected in the score showing growth year to year.

Washington's Commitment Plan 2025-2026; Focusing on Relationships, Readiness, Rigor, Relevance.

Washington's priorities tied to district goals:

- 1) Building/Reinforcing strong teams
- 2) Reinforcing PBIS Supports
- 3) Using student work in data analysis
- 4) Refining high dosage tutoring and intervention instructions

- 5) Implementing curriculum with integrity
- 6) Connecting learning to careers and student interests. What students need to connect to everyday life.

What's Next:

- PTO Fall Social, Friday 9/26
- Town Hall Friday 9/26. Announcing first Wolfie Way recipients & raffle winners!
- Walk-A-Thon hype time!
- Field trips Kindergarten & 5th Grade
- Wolfpack focus groups
- First Spirit Week, End of October

How Can Parents Help Support?

- Encourage Daily Attendance- aim for on time attendance every day.
- Celebrate Wolfie Way- Reinforce kindness, honesty, perseverance, problem-solving, passion for growth mindset
- Stay connected - Read school newsletters, check ParentSquare, attend PTO events.
- Model a Growth Mindset - Praise effort, persistence, and problem-solving at home.
- Promote Reading at Home - 20 minutes a day.

Q&A:

Question 1): How does the district level wide attendance compare Hilliards?

Answer: Across the board saw improvements. The district report was 12.8% vs. the goal of 20%. The month of May traditionally shows a decline in attendance of the school year. Reinforcing how we can promote being at school. Making sure kids stay connected within their classroom.

Question 2: Is there anything that can be done to incentivize kids?

Answer: Washington supports staff shout outs recognizing the dedication of our staff. Washington will also mail two postcards to families recognizing the families efforts in making positive attendance changes.

2. President's Update *Erin H*

- Welcome all new and returning members! All PTO meetings will be held in the IDC at 7 pm. Meeting dates are:
 - Oct 28
 - Nov 18 (moved due to Thanksgiving)
 - Jan 27
 - Feb 24

- Mar 24
- Apr 28
- Thank you Molly and Anne! for inventory of the PTO closet. Big effort to document this year. Committee leads please help!

3. Treasurer's Report *Erin M & Anne*

- Paw Pass fundraiser earned \$2413.20! Congrats to the recipients.

4. ISPTO Updates *Molly & Mandy*

- David Stewart spoke a lot about Master Facilities Plan
- Tentative redistricting timeline shared:
 - Process with community to analyze/discuss/give input during 2027-28 SY; Implementation 2028-29 SY
- Meet the Candidates Tues. Sept. 30th at 6:30PM
- ISPTO Meeting topics and dates:
 - 11/18 - fundraising discussion
 - 1/20/26 - Innovation Campus programming
 - 2/17/26- Gifted Services including Arrow Program
 - 3/17/26 - District Bus Tour- playgrounds
 - 4/21/26 - ISPTO Elections; Year-end wrap up, hand-off to newly elected.

Q&A:

Question asked: Based on the Master Facilities levy passing will there be playground improvements?

Answer: Yes, improvements will be coming Summer '26 or '27.

Plans include the addition of: swings, kickball courts, merry-go-round, 2 gaga pits, basketball court, more playground equipment. Also coming is a new drinking fountain within the building, and parking lot resurfacing.

Washington school is being used as the model for improvements to other elementary schools in the district.

5. Committee Updates *Committee Leads*

- Most committees would love help from anyone interested in lending a hand. All commitments can be as much or as little as you're comfortable - all help is appreciated!
- Coming Up
 - Fall Social - 9/26
 - Walkathon - T-shirts have been ordered! A Goal setting meter will be set up to encourage students!

- Spirit Wear - Store is open all year round. Tech shirts requested. Further research will be done.
- Spirit Nights - Rusty Bucket in Hilliard 9/28, Kroger rewards can support Washington too! Register community rewards through the app.
- Room Assistant Coordinator - Coordination email coming soon!
- Wolfie Breakfast - Volunteers needed to be Wolfie! First breakfast is 10/3.
- Additional Updates

Committee/Task	Lead
Golden Paw Pass Auction	Erin Howell
Fall Social	Jess Corris
Walk-a-thon	Katie Rings, Emily Todd
Spirit Wear	Molly Hecht
Conference Week Food**	Rachel Abouhassan
Coordinator Winter Luncheon	Danielle Zakrajsek
Glow Party	Anne Davis
Spring Social	Teena Nguyen
Spring Social Auction	Jenny Wilks / Erin Howell (software)
Washington Gives Back	Megan Combs
Stock the Clinic	Erin Howell
Flower Sale	Erin Miller, Bry Ferrell (look for a third person for the following year)
Spirit Nights	Jess Corris
Room Assistant Coordinator	Katie Rings
Staff Appreciation	Rachel Abouhassan, Molly Hecht & Kelly Riley
Publishing Shop	Danielle Zakrajsek
Winter game or bingo night	TBD
5th Grade Liaison	Allsion Garcia, Casey Estepp

Wolfie Breakfast	Megan Combs
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6. New Business *Erin H*

- No new business

7. Adjournment

- Motion made by Erin Howell to adjourn the meeting
 - First: Molly Hecht
 - Second: Anne Davis
 - All were in favor/ no one opposed, the meeting was adjourned at: 7:47pm

Next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, October 28 in the IDC at 7 p.m.

Volunteer Form



Event Calendar for 2025-26

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 - Wolfie Welcome Day 4-6 p.m. • 20 - First Day of School • 26 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - No School, Labor Day • 23 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. • 26- Fall Social 4-6:30 p.m.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 - Wolfie Breakfast • 8 - Spirit Night: Rusty Bucket Hilliard • 10 - Walk-A-Thon- during school day • 17 - No School; Central Ohio In-Service Day • 28 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 - No School; Professional Learning Waiver Day • 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences • 7 - Wolfie Breakfast • 11 - Veterans Day • 18 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m • 26-28; Thanksgiving Holiday
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 - Wolfie Breakfast • 19 - Winter Luncheon • Class parties – determined by Classroom teacher • 22-2 - No School; Winter Break
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 - No School; Winter Break • 9 - Wolfie Breakfast • 16 - Chiller Ice Skating Party 6-8 p.m. • 19 - No School; Martin Luther King Day • 27 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 - Wolfie Breakfast • 11 - Winter Conferences • 13 - No School; Parent-Teacher Conference Comp Day • 16 - No School; Presidents Day • 20 - Glow party 6-8 p.m. • 24 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 - Wolfie Breakfast • 20 - No School • 24 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. • 30 - No School; Spring Break
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 - No School; Spring Break • 10 - Wolfie Breakfast • 28 - PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 - Spring Social 4:00 - 6:30pm • 5 - No school • 8 - Wolfie Breakfast • TBD - Flower Sale • 25 - No School; Memorial Day • TBD - Field Day • 29 - Last day of School; Lunch on the Lawn & 5th Grade Celebration

