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Washington Weekly News

A Special Goodbye Edition...



5th Grade Families

We have been fortunate to have the following families with us at Washington. Although you will be leaving our hallways, you have all made your mark in some way and will not be forgotten. Thank you for your dedication and service to our students and school!

Adams Family (Colin)	Kramer Family (Danica)
Ali Family (Elif)	Li Family (Jessica)
Anderson Family (Dilan)	Makhsudov Family (Salman)
Antonova Family (Maria)	McGroder Family (Bernard)
Cain Family (Megan)	Meara Family (Lily)
Callicott Family (Madison)	Myers Family (Nichole)
Campuzano Family (Flores)	Neemes Family (Amelia)
D' Arrigo Family (Nadia)	Nguyen Family (Faith)
Damron Family (Hallee)	Palladino Family (Maddox)
DeMeno Family (Ana Belle)	Piper Family (Rosalie)
Dinkins Family (Zianne & Zaire)	Plummer Family (Mauraya)
Duffy Family (Margaret & Maura)	Powers Family (Katharine)
Ellis Family (Jacey)	Presto Family (Zelie)
Erdely Family (Kelsey)	Rignani Family (Violetta)
Estabrook Family (John)	Rivera Roman Family (Jomaly)
Feng Family (Lena)	Taylor Family (Brendan)
Fredo Family (Gabrielle)	Vannarsdall Family (Elizabeth)
Hackett Family (Mia)	Verma Family (Riya)
Hanson Family (James)	Vitanovich Family (John)
Harhai Family (Christian)	Vuillemot Family (John)
Hartman Family (Jonathan)	Walstra Family (Roel)
Hudak Family (Sarah)	Wang Family (Yansong)
Joseph Family (Sadie Rose)	Weiblinger Family (Kathryn)
Joseph Family (Sadie L.)	Wells Family (Jonas)

Keen Family (Rebecca)
Kish Family (Sullivan)
Koenig Family (Natalie)

White Family (Sydney)
Wittman Family (Madison)

5th Grade Clap Out

Join in on Friday at 11:45 am at front door dismissal, for the 5th-Grade Clap Out, as we recognize the following students (in addition to those listed above) as they leave Washington and head to Mellon!

Abzarov, Ilim
Alandete, Marco
Belcher, Finlay
Brockmeyer, Simon
Carvellas, John
Dick, Allison
Dwulit, Luke
Heidenreich, Ezra
Helms, Braylon
Hilarzewski, Helena
Huff, Zachary
Kletter, Logan
Kraemer, Jack
Krebs, Jack
Kukla, Sigmond
Lawner, Evan
Mamedov, Omarjan
Manning, Matthew

Marchewka, Parker
Marks, Sophia
Martin, Sarah
McAuley, Ben
Mitchell, Gillian
Mooney, Kate
Mooney, Molly
Morgan, Emily
Pavlik, Asher
Santoshi, Arul
Shaffer, Natalie
Stanoev, Sava
Smith, Brendan
Wang, Yiyang
Werner, Raymond
Wertz, Brayden
Wowczuk, Joseph

This year WES says goodbye to two special people - Mr. Tim Cadman and Mrs. Mary Kay Davis

Recognized recently at the annual PTA Luncheon, Mr. Tim and Mrs. Davis each have a playground brick (paver stone) dedicated in thanks for their service at Washington. Mrs. Davis was also recognized with the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

For those who were not able to attend the Luncheon ceremony, the following remarks were delivered about each of these special retirees.

Retirement remarks:

A person every student recognizes and someone who really knows what goes on in our hallways and the odd conversations children may exchange, the Washington PTA would like to honor Mr. Tim Cadman who is retiring after 16 years of service at WES. As a Custodian Mr. Tim has carted chairs and tables, trash and boxes and he has washed away a million kid's handprints from the glass hallway doors! But Mr. Tim has also developed friendships at WES and has a topic of interest about which he can chat easily with each of the faculty members. Mr. Tim has interacted with countless students on Friday afternoons during the lowering of the flag - our children will always remember the day they were picked for this job and their excitement of this shared experience! As an Artist, working in many materials, but especially glass, Mr. Tim has been a contributor to our Winter Carnival Auctions. We hope he will continue to stop by at Washington events to say hello. Mr. Tim will be missed but we wish him a wonderful retirement and time to enjoy his hobbies and interest in cars and creating original artwork. Thank you Mr. Tim for being a part of Washington - Best Wishes to you!

(Mr. Tim's playground brick features two children's handprints)

Doing everything wholeheartedly, with endless enthusiasm, vigor and joy, the Washington PTA would like to honor Principal Mrs. Mary Kay Davis as she retires this school year. The embodiment of education, all its facets and all it encompasses, Mrs. Davis gave so much as Principal at Washington. She gave guidance, instruction, discipline plus encouragement and support to students, to her faculty, but also to parents as well. Her door was always open to everyone and her mind open to listening to their concerns and ideas. Taking care that each day was an opportunity for education; the lives of all who started their formal path of education under Mrs. Davis' watch, will forever be blessed she was part of their journey. You will be missed! (Mrs. Davis' brick says, "When knowledge lights the way, your path is bright" and has a shooting star engraving)

Additionally, the children of Washington were photographed in Lebo colors on the playground, sitting in an approximate heart-shape, and a canvas enlargement was presented June 1st to Mrs. Davis as a goodbye from her students. An enlarged print of the entire school student body and faculty was used to create an 8x12 card to accompany this gift.

PTA Lifetime Achievement Award remarks:

Reserved for someone special both at our school and in the community, the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes those who serve above and beyond, selflessly contributing in ways which improve the education and lives of children.

Giving our children a chance to shine, each in their own way, whether it be sending a link to an event a child may like, bringing special subjects into the school or arranging for students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a School Board meeting. The Washington Elementary community has been privileged that Mary Kay Davis has been "educationally ours" for the past 6 years.

Mary Kay is an uber-PTA member, serving on our Board, attending everything "WES" as well as participating throughout the MTLSD District. She continually improved WES, especially enhancing our science needs: bringing Lab Ratz to school, writing grant applications until she secured a 3D printer, encouraging the formation of a Science Fair. Mary Kay was an organizer of the first District STEAM Night.

She knows the importance of education encompasses a whole child and she has worked to maintain WES as the District home of the Life Skills program - providing an experience and opportunity for interaction which benefits every child in our building.

Mary Kay involved "Team Washington" in Relay for Life, a way to bring her faculty together, to allow children to participate in Pretzel sales and to make WES a positive and visible part of our community. For several years Mary Kay spent the night under the tent! And even more dear to her heart is her involvement in the Walk for MS - a true family affair for a special cause. Mary Kay's whole extended family participates and she draws in others to gladly participate as well.

Also active with Scouts and after-school events - both children and adults in Mt. Lebanon recognize Mary Kay. But she also provides for 4-legged members of our community in need - rescuing her sweet dogs and giving them a wonderful home. Not only does Mary Kay participate in so much but she does so in an easy-going manner and with humor. There is no match for her skills scouring the internet, using double coupons and stacking discounts to ensure our PTA and Washington gets more than a bang for our buck. To engage her students she is willing to be draped in snakes and silly-stringed, and to dress as a chicken for the chicken dance and would have kissed a pig if needed.

Thank you Mary Kay for your drive to improve the life of every student within your community. You set the bar high and provide a positive example for everyone in the

multitude of ways you make every aspect of life an educational opportunity. We are so honored to present you with the National Lifetime Achievement Award today.

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