

# George Washington Elementary



**Washington Elementary- 12545 S. Homan- Alsip, IL 60803**

## From the Principal's Desk

Ms. P. Graham

**Dear Families,**

The Illinois State Board of Education has made our ISAT scores public as of October 31, 2011. If you have access to the internet the website below will guide you to School Report Cards for the State of Illinois. Our Report card will show that our school has met the State Standard in Math. The Report card also shows that we did not meet the Standard in reading, but we had a huge gain from the previous year.

With our new boundaries, a new reading series, as well as our increase in bilingual students, our scores may show a slight decline from the previous year. We are hopeful that in the 2013-2014 our ISAT scores will show much improvement.

We are currently working our School Improvement Plan and we will give you updates along the way as we set goals for the next 2-3 years.

Please visit the following web links for more information re: schools in the state of Illinois:

Isbe.net

<http://webprod.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/>

## Progress Reports go home the week of Nov. 28th

**Public Meeting for Parents**

Day: November 8, 2011  
Where: Veterans Memorial School  
Media Center  
12300 S. Greenwood  
Time: 6:30p.m.  
Topic  
Community Compact 2020

*Pictures Retakes are:*

*December 13, 2011*

**Cooking with Ingalls  
Ingalls Hospital Dieticians  
Cooking -Light Class  
When: November 17, 2011  
Where: George Washington  
Time: 2:00-3:00  
Don't forget to return your slip.**

## PBIS-Walkathon Fundraiser



OVER \$1600.00 was collected due the generous donations from our families and friends.

Top Fundraisers were:

Samantha Pierkarski & Logan Pierkarski

Mackenzie Brooks

Dylan & Ryan Murphy

Sebastian Carrillo

## **Mrs. Xydakis-2nd Grade**

This month our 2nd grade classes will be taking a journey back in time 400 years! We will travel with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower and discover what it was like to settle in Plymouth. As we make our voyage from England, we will write about our adventures and hardships in our homemade passenger diaries. We will explore how Pilgrim children lived, worked and played on the Mayflower and in Plymouth and compare their life to the way children live today. We will learn about the Native Americans and the important role they played in the survival of the Pilgrims that first year. Finally, we will celebrate with the Pilgrims on their first Thanksgiving and look at how it compares to the way we celebrate today. See you when we get back!

## **Mrs. Hearn-2nd Grade**

This month the students in Room 209 are beginning to work on a journal writing project. Students will write journal entries as they are experiencing life in a new country. The class is also putting the finishing touches on a map showing three types of communities. As the second quarter gets under way, your child should be showing more ability at reading fluently and retelling the details of the stories he/she reads. Students begin to use the author's words to explain a character's behavior and make connections to their own experiences. Please encourage your child to read each day and discuss their reading selections. Students should also be demonstrating skills of adding and subtraction facts from 1 to 20. If your child is still using his/her fingers, this shows a need to practice these facts daily. Your continued interest and support are essential for academic success.

## **Mrs. McDougal-1st Grade & 2nd**

This month, Room 102 is studying the characteristics of different habitats. Students will be learning about life in a tropical rainforest, desert, grassland, ocean and pond. We will focus on the climate, the food chains, and the effect that humans have on each habitat. Finally we will be learning about what we can do to help maintain the quality of our natural world.

### **Reminders for Families**

11/8/11-Early Release @ 11:45a.m.  
11/9/11-Parent Conferences-8:30-2:45  
11/11/11-Veterans's Day-No School  
11/16/11-School Board Meeting  
Nov. 24th & 25th- Thanksgiving-Break