

## Washington Elementary Title 1 Information

Washington Elementary is a Title I school. That means that our school receives additional funding and support for academic programs that other schools do not have. Title I is a federal program through ESSA, the Every Student Succeeds Act, that is designed to:

- Help students achieve academic success in Reading, Mathematics and Science
- Provide support for children learning English
- Increase student achievement in high poverty schools through school-wide reform
- Build teacher quality through researched-based professional learning opportunities and
- Enhance parents' abilities to help their children succeed through quality parental involvement and learning.

Each year Title I schools involve parents in the development or review of a parent engagement policy/plan, and in the writing or review of a school/parent compact. Washington Elementary Community Council serves as our parent advisory council; however, all parents are invited to give input and any parent is welcome to attend the regularly scheduled Community Council meetings posted on our website and listed in our school newsletters. As these documents are developed, copies will be shared with all parents.

As a Title I school, we offer the following additional services to children at our school:

- 4 year old preschool
- Free and reduced cost breakfast (\*This school year, school meals are free for all children.)
- Free and reduced cost lunch (\*This school year, school meals are free for all children.)
- Small group and individual tutoring
- All-day kindergarten for children who qualify (This might be changed to "Full-Day kindergarten for all children" after the school board meeting on August 10th)
- Computer assisted remediation and acceleration
- Imagine Learning and Imagine Math computer instruction at school and home

These special programs and services are available through Title I funding and are designed to help our children succeed.

During the school year, you will be receiving information through flyers sent home about our school's performance and progress. These will show how our students have done on annual testing compared to how they have done in the past and how they rank against other students in our school district and state. This information will also be posted on our school website. As a parent, you also have the right to request information about your child's teacher's professional qualifications and about our school's para-professionals. All teachers at our school have been certified by the state of Utah as highly qualified and all of our classroom aides have been certified to work with elementary children. The teachers at our preschools have all been trained to work with young children and each has received certification with their Child Development Associate.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEP conferences, scheduled for Nov. 8-11, you will receive information about your child's academic performance and you will receive a copy of our school-parent engagement plan. Each child will have an appointment time so that you and your child can meet individually with your teacher to discuss strengths, yearly progress, needs and goals specific to your child. Both day and evening appointments will be available to accommodate different family schedules.

If you have any questions about Title I, your child's teacher, or paraprofessionals working with your child or any other school program, please contact me, the principal, in person, by letter or email. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

*Kelly Mitchell*