



Strange Times



John Strange Elementary School

September 2018

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate and welcome volunteers at John Strange. In order to be diligent in providing a safe and secure environment for our students, the Board of Education of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township has a policy regarding volunteers. All volunteers must, at minimum, complete the following prior to approval as a volunteer, including attending field trips:

1. Consent to a Limited Criminal History Record Check, which may include a sex offender registry check.
2. Complete the mandatory SafeSchools Bullying Prevention Training by visiting the following link: <https://msdwt-in.safeschools.com/register/84afcb3f>

Please note: Applicants may not volunteer until paperwork is completed and has been approved.

VISITORS

Parent and family member involvement is vital to the success of our students and our school. Often times parents want to visit the classrooms to check on student progress. The district policy requires that all visits be arranged with the teacher in advance. If you would like to eat lunch with your child, you are welcome to purchase a school lunch. Food purchased from a restaurant, including soft drinks, may not be eaten in our dining room.

Our lunch schedule is as follows:

KINDERGARTEN

Bilsland/Singfield	10:30-11:00
Pearson	10:45-11:15
Catt	11:05-11:35
Bradford/Harris	11:15-11:45
Beckert/Doss/Sadler	11:45-12:15
1 st Grade	11:00-11:30
2 nd Grade	12:00-12:30
3 rd Grade	11:30-12:00
4 th Grade	12:30 - 1:00
5 th Grade	1:00 - 1:30



Picture Day will be Wednesday, 09/26/18. To order (in advance) online, visit mylifetouch.com, enter your Picture Day ID HM078042Y0, and order your preferred package -- and don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

If you prefer to use an order form, packets will also be sent home later this month.

WHAT IS "PROACTIVE DISCIPLINE"?

- It is a concentrated focus on what we want to see.
- A matrix lists behavior expectations for each common area of our building.
- These expectations are explicitly taught to all students in the school through engaging lessons, interactive modeling and are consistently re-taught when expectations are not being met.
- Staff consistently uses common language throughout the building and this language is embedded into the lessons we teach.
- "Jag Tags" are given to individuals to positively reinforce the behaviors we want to see. Jag Tag drawings happen every Friday morning on the announcements and students select a prize.
- All school celebrations such as Game Day and Dancing with the Specials are held monthly when our school-wide discipline goal is met.
- A continuum of intensive, individual interventions is available to students in need of additional support.

We know children thrive when they have consistent and predictable expectations and consequences.

We look forward to working with you in partnership as we teach students to "Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible". If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

END OF DAY TRANSPORTATION

Please be sure to communicate your child's End-of-Day Transportation changes to the teacher. We want to make sure all students get home safely each day. Due to safety concerns, **no changes will be made to your child's end-of-day transportation unless a written note is sent to school with your child.**

DRESS GUIDELINES

We realize that student dress is the responsibility of parents and students. We ask that our students observe certain guidelines and safety in their dress, wear clothing appropriate for the classroom and abide by these guidelines.

- Midribs must be covered when arms are raised
- Tank tops, low scooped necklines, halter tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts and skirts must be longer than fingertip length when hands are at sides.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands and sunglasses (except as may be related to medical reasons) may not be worn in the building.
- Flip-flops may not be worn to school.

- Visitors and volunteers are also asked to observe dress guidelines.
- Please check the weather and dress your children accordingly. Students go outside for recess unless it is raining.

ATTENDANCE LINE
The phone number for the attendance line is **317-259-5480**.

Please be sure to call the attendance line by 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. This should prevent calls from the district or the school inquiring as to your child's whereabouts. This is a safety issue. We want to know that you know where your child is if we do not.

LEAVING BEFORE DISMISSAL

If it is necessary for your child to leave school before end-of-day dismissal, please send a signed and dated note to your child's teacher making them aware of the early pick-up so that homework and end-of-day packing can be prepared in advance. For safety, parents need to come in to the office to pick up their child and sign them out on the lobby computer. **To eliminate disruption to dismissal procedures, students who are leaving early must be signed out by 2:30 p.m.**



You can prepay into your child's meal account at www.mypaymentsplus.com. You may also send check or cash to the school as a prepayment.

Lunch is \$2.35 per day and Breakfast is \$1.25 per day.

If you would like an application for meal and textbook assistance, or if you need to re-apply (needs to be

done annually), you can apply on-line at <http://cafe.msdt.k12.in.us> or request a paper copy from the office. Families who are re-applying must complete an application by **September 8th** to avoid students being charged for meals.

If you have any questions, please contact Regan Brown at 317-259-5430 or rebrown@msdt.k12.in.us.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

John Strange provides many after school club opportunities for our students; Running Club, Lego Club, and Chess Club, to name a few. Registration is due by Wednesday, September 5th. Flyers were sent home last Friday, and e-mailed again this week; however, if you need a new form, please stop by the office.

BEGINNING PIANO/KEYBOARD CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

Back by popular demand, for the 21st year, John Strange Elementary School and Keyboards Unlimited Piano Studio will again provide a unique, innovative opportunity for your child. Recent studies suggest that playing music may improve learning, memory, logic and general creativity. We want to make this opportunity convenient and available to your family, helping you manage your family's time.

For one half hour per week, during your child's recess period at John Strange, s/he can learn to play the piano and enhance musical skills. The class will be held on Wednesdays for 14 weeks, beginning September 26, with an optional session to follow. The total cost for the first session is \$190, which includes music and supplies. A \$10 discount (\$180) can be taken if full payment is made with registration.

A monthly payment option is available: \$70 due with registration, \$60 due October 14 and \$60 December 5. For more information about the class, please contact John and Diane Haines of Keyboards Unlimited @ 317-432-6291 or email: pianodj#comcast.net. Check us out on the web @ www.kupianostudio.com or "like" us on Facebook.

IN-DISTRICT LIMITED CHOICE

All families desiring In-District Limited Choice to any of the District elementary or middle schools must apply or re-apply for the 2019-2020 school year. In-District applications are now available online at the Washington Township website. They will be open until October 15, 2018. If Limited Choice applications exceed the school's capacity, approved requests will be determined by a random selection.

Applications will be accepted only through the online process. To access, click on <https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/registration/>

and then scroll down to In-District Limited Choice. (Parents/guardians may be asked to submit some documents in paper form).

Parents must submit a separate application for each student requested for In-District Limited Choice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 3	Labor Day – No School
Sept 12-14	Vision/Hearing Screening – 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Grades
Sept 20	Early Release for Students (2:15 p.m.)
Sept 21	Homecoming at NC - Tailgate Party 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept 26	Picture Day
Oct 5	End of 1 st Quarter
Oct 8-12	FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL
Oct 19	Report Cards distributed
Oct 24	Honors Program- 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Grades



Dynamites Developmental Soccer Program Fall 2018

Dynamites is a player-centric program that offers our youngest players the opportunity to be exposed to a more focused soccer environment that will develop their skills and approach to the game. We provide an environment that promotes learning, creativity, problem solving, skill development, and a love for the game in an age appropriate soccer environment. Our curriculum provides players with the technical foundation essential to player development. For this reason, Dynamites focuses on individual and small group skills. These skills include our core set of moves to beat a player 1v1, turning with the ball, passing, receiving, and coordination/agility. Each training day is capped at 30 players.

1 Weekday Training & 1 Weekend Game Pick the weekday training that works best for you! U5/U6 (2014 & 2013):

Mondays: 5:00-6:00pm

August 13th, 20th, 27th, September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st

OR

Tuesdays: 5:00-6:00pm

August 14th, 21st, 28th, September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,
October 2nd

OR

Wednesdays: 5:00-6:00pm

August 14th, 21st, 28th, September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,
October 2nd

OR

Wednesdays: 5:00-6:00pm

August 15th, 22nd, 29th, September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,
October 3rd

Games:

August 18th, 25th, September 8, 15th, 22nd, 28th (Friday),
October 6th

*Saturdays 9:00-10:10am

*Friday 5:00-6:10pm

U7/U8 (2012 & 2011):

Mondays: 6:00-7:00pm

August 13th, 20th, 27th, September 10th, 17th, 24th, October
1st

OR

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm

August 15th, 22nd, 29th, September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,
October 3rd

OR

Thursdays: 5:00-6:00pm

August 16th, 23rd, 30th, September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,
October 4th

Games:

August 18th, 25th, September 8, 15th, 22nd, 28th (Friday),
October 6th

*Saturdays 10:10-11:20am

*Friday 6:00-7:10pm

The U5/U6 age group play 3v3/4v4 and teams are organized on game day. The U7/U8 age group plays 4v4 and players are placed on assigned teams for the season. Cost is \$140.00 (Includes 2 shirts). **Location: Dynamo Park- 401 E. 91st Street Indianapolis, IN. Register at DYNAMOFC.ORG & click on the Dynamites tab. Spots are filling up fast!**

PARENT BOOK CLUB

Do you have a student enrolled in Washington Township? Are you interested in learning more about your student's brain? How does technology impact the developing brain? Looking to meet new members of the community?

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, September 19th / Wednesday, November 7th

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Location TBD

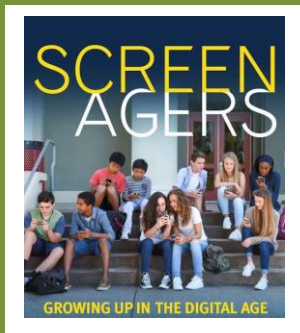
RSVP to Deanna Nibarger

MSD Washington Township

Social and Emotional Behavior Coach

dnibarger@msdwt.k12.in.us

Washington Township will host a viewing of



Washington Township will host a viewing of *Screenagers* at the conclusion of this book club! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 30th!

Embrace the JOY of parenting.



An Active Parenting group is starting soon!

We are proud to bring the acclaimed **Active Parenting** program directly to you! This workshop will show you effective ways to...

- use nonviolent discipline that really works
- open up lines of communication—before they get clogged
- teach responsibility, courage, and other important character traits
- encourage school success in 7 steps
- prevent future problems with drugs, alcohol, and sex
- defuse power struggles with your children
- stimulate independence as your child grows older
- stop scolding and start smiling with your kids again!

Active Parenting will give you skills to achieve a fuller, more satisfying family life... and help your children achieve greater happiness and success. Written by Dr. Michael Popkin, one of the nation's foremost experts on parenting education, this course will show you a proven-effective approach to parenting that will lead to more harmony and happiness for you and your children. You'll learn 7 strategies for school success, along with positive discipline and communication techniques to help your family run more smoothly.

But the heart of the matter is the increased JOY you will experience as a family. Since 1983 over three million parents have learned from this dynamic, entertaining, and fun-filled video and discussion program—and now, so can you!

ACTIVE PARENTING™
4th edition



A video & discussion program for parents of children ages 5 to 12

For more information and sample videos, go to www.ActiveParenting.com/AP4-parents.

Date/Time: Tuesdays 5-7 PM

Group runs for 4 weeks on 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, & 10/2

Sponsored by: Community Health Network / Gallahue Mental Health Services

Location: Fox Hill Elementary School - 802 Fox Hill Drive

To register, please call 317-355-2560

Cost: FREE Questions? 317-355-2560

This program is funded through a grant from Indiana

DMHA for families who meet financial criteria