



# The Washington General

December, 2009

## YEAR ROUND JOY

*Christmas is full of shiny things  
That sparkle, gleam and glow;  
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,  
And yet, deep down, we know...  
That Christmas has its special gifts,  
But our year-round joy depends  
On the cherished people in our lives,  
Our family and our friends.*



### SECRET SANTA SHOP

The PTO will be sponsoring a Secret Santa Gift Shop again this year. The children will shop during their library time and at lunch time. We are in need of volunteers to help work in the Santa Shop. Please contact Joy Ewing at 474-9835 if you would like to volunteer.

### NOTES OF INTEREST:

- \* Dec. 1—Market Day pickup
- \* Dec. 2—Delayed Start Day—1 hour
- \* Dec. 3—Winter Program Matinee at Washington Elementary at 2:00 P.M.
- \* Dec. 3—Winter Program, Art at 6:30 & Music at 7:00 at Crossroads Church
- \* Dec. 9—Picture retake day
- \* Dec. 21—Winter vacation through January 4, 2010

## Important Winter Info for Parents

Please put the following information somewhere convenient for your future reference.

The district observes a one-hour delay on the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise notified in our monthly newsletter or a note sent home by the teacher.

When we have a **one-hour delay**, the bus will arrive to pick up your child one-hour later than on a normal day with no delay.

When we have a **two-hour delay**, due to inclement weather, the bus will arrive two hours later than normal to pick up your child with the exception of the afternoon kindergarten. They will be picked up one hour later than normal. **The AM kindergarten session would be from 10:45 AM to 1:00 PM. The PM kindergarten session would be from 1:00 PM to 3:15 PM.** The children will always end the AM session at lunch and begin the PM session with lunch. Please also **turn on your TV sets because if there is a delay, it is noted on the TV screen and announced through the early AM hours.** You can also go to the [loganelmschools.com](http://loganelmschools.com) website where there will be a weather link available.

Parents, when the temperatures drop outside, please make sure your child is dressed suitably with hats, gloves, warm coats and socks/boots to protect themselves from the cold.

Remember to always put your child's name on the inside of all outer clothing.



### ANNUAL WINTER PROGRAM & ART SHOW

The annual evening Winter Program will be held December 3, 2009, at Crossroads Church at 7:00 P.M. Students should arrive no later than 6:45 p.m. and sit with their classmates. The program will feature students in kindergarten, first, second and third grades.

There will be a matinee at 2:00 p.m. in the Washington Elementary gymnasium. The Art Show will be held in conjunction with the Winter Program again this year. You can see their art work displayed throughout the building beginning at 6:30 p.m.



## Parking Problems and Bus Lanes

There have been some problems this year with cars and trucks parked in the bus lanes. Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 3:35 p.m. please refrain from parking in the bus slots labeled with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Also there is to be no parking on the side of the barn that faces the school. Vehicles parked there hinder parent pick-up and parent drop-off of their children. It is also dangerous for the children to cross the roadway to come to the parked vehicles. Please keep

the children safe by parking in the designated areas behind the barn and coming in to sign out your children and walk them to your vehicle safely.

