



# Spring Events at Washington Center

## Spring is in the Air

With the arrival of spring, we see many smiling and happy faces. From field trips in our community, to virtual field trips far away, our students are learning and participating in a variety of activities. Also, much progress has been noted as we move along with IEP meetings. The meetings have been positive and we are encouraged by the perseverance and determination our students exhibit each day. We look forward to seeing the results of their work reflected in our SC Alt scores.

## Walk 'n Roll

Our PTA has been doing a



*Our new Walk & Roll logo, courtesy of Erwin Penland*



phenomenal job in planning for the Walk & Roll. If you have not done so, please mark your calendars for April 26th and invite many friends and

family to come as well. In addition to the walk itself, there will be activities for the children, music and lots of food.

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## Spirit Day

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, our school held the very first annual Spirit Day. By holding this event, we were able to pay-it-forward helping our own Walk 'n Roll event and children in England who are facing the same mobility difficulties as our students here in the USA. Jenn Bostic, the world renowned singer

who has performed for our students multiple times, will run in the Whizz Kidz Charity Marathon in London in mid-April to help raise funds for purchasing student wheel-chairs. We chose to help sponsor her team. Our students raised funds through pledges from families and

friends by walking/rolling laps around the gym. Our staff also helped by paying to wear jeans during the week and preparing for our mini-marathon event. This year's Spirit Day raised \$1,275. Each year a different charity will be selected along with our PTA's Walk and

Roll to support during Spirit Day.



*Washington Center students and staff sharing the accomplishment with Jenn Bostic on Facetime*

## Dates to Remember

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|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| • April 26 | Walk & Roll               | • May 26   | Memorial Day Holiday   |
| • May 2    | Water Day—WC @ Hollis     | • May 29   | Awards Day—WC @ Hollis |
| • May 5    | Interim Progress Reports  | • June 4   | Graduation/Awards Day  |
| • May 5-9  | Teacher Appreciation Week | • June 4-6 | Half-Days for Students |
| • May 9    | Craft Day                 | • June 6   | Last Day of School     |
| • May 23   | Community Day             |            |                        |

## From the Principal's Desk



Dr. Penny Rogers,  
Principal

We have had a busy spring here at Washington Center and still have lots happening before we close the school year. "Spirit Day" last week was exciting, and we were pleased that students raised over \$1200. This provided a great opportunity for our folks to support PTA's "Walk and Roll" and at the same time take part in helping to buy wheelchairs for students in England.

Now, in addition

to the "Walk and Roll", we have "Community Day" and "Craft Day" coming up, and then Graduation. All that in addition to lots of field trips, virtual and off-site; Community Based Training outings; and, special times with our many volunteers.

It is truly a pleasure to work with our wonderful children, families and staff. The kids love all the activity, and the enthusiasm of the adults never

fails. My thanks to all of you who care for Washington Center, who give of your time and talents, and who make much needed and appreciated financial donations. Without you Washington Center simply could not be the place it has become.

## Social Media

**"Please check the Quick Links on our website [www.greenville.k12.sc.us/washctr](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/washctr)"**

Social media is a wonderful tool to use for sharing news and events that take

place around the world! Who hasn't heard of Facebook, or Youtube, right? As a result, Washington Center has decided to create our own Facebook page and YouTube



channel! Please make sure to "like" our Washington Center school page and to subscribe to our channel. That way we can make sure we are communicating



with our school family and community! To find links to our social me-

dia pages, please check the Quick Links on our website [www.greenville.k12.sc.us/washctr](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/washctr).



## How Does your Garden Grow?



Students prepare for the annual greenhouse plant sale

Don't miss our annual Spring Plant Sale that started on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be on while supplies last, so make sure to stop by our greenhouse between the hours of 9:00am-2:00pm. Cathy Bush,

Adaptive Environmental Science Teacher, includes our students in all aspects of plant propagation and care. The public is invited to purchase from a wide variety of flowers and vegetables in support of

the program. Please call the school, 355-0250, for more information.

## From Our PTA Co-Presidents

Spring is upon us and with the warmer temperatures reminds us that school will be ending soon but until then the PTA has been hard at work preparing for our 8th ANNUAL WALK & ROLL APRIL 26 at 9am on the campus of Brookwood Church in Simpsonville. Make plans now to attend and bring your family, friends, and neighbors. You can register on Eventbrite or send in registration form with your child or come by the school office.....Registration Fee is \$15 per entry and includes a t shirt but hurry because t shirt sizes are limited. We are very excited about this years walk because we have had the opportunity to work with a great and talented team of advertisers from Erwin Penland and they have done a fantastic job designing us a label we can be proud of and wear for

years to come. They are also working with us on our Facebook page to make it more efficient by having it all on one page so you can keep up with school activities, classroom work and PTA business and special occasions that happen throughout the year..... Like Us on FB at Washington Center School; and, coming soon on Instagram .

May 5-9th is Teacher Appreciation Week. We have some special events planned that week to show our appreciation to ALL the staff and administration. May 8th (Thursday) will be DESSERT DAY and we are asking parents to send in your favorite dessert to share with the staff.... Craft Day is Friday May 9th, please come out and support the classrooms by shopping from their craft selections. More information on this

week's activities will be sent home with your child soon. Our Administration and Staff work so hard each and every day to ensure that our children have a loving environment in which they can reach their maximum capabilities; so, take a moment and say Thank You or do something extra special for your child's classroom and teacher this week!

In addition, a SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT and THANK YOU to Wade Hampton's High School Interact Club for constructing a stage for us to use at Washington Center for years to come.

In closing, Washington Center PTA wishes you all a safe and happy Spring Break and we'll see you at the Walk and Roll on Saturday April 26 at 9:00am.

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## Congratulations

When parents are involved, children succeed in school. PTA Volunteer Award Program recognizes and honors outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly to make their

school community a better place for students and staff to achieve their goals. We would like to congratulate Jane Hart, our PTA co-President, for being the recipient of the "Volunteer of

the Year Award" at the PTA convention on March 29th, 2014.

We are very proud and we extend our gratitude for the wonderful job Jane does at Washington Center School.



Jane Hart,  
PTA Co-President



## Special Olympics

Washington Center students participated in the Spring Special Olympics games on April 9th. We are so proud of all the medals they brought back! Below are some pictures from the events.



LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT!