

Dear Families & Caregivers,

Happy Friday! It was wonderful to welcome students back this week. There really is nothing like the buzz of our buildings when they are full of student voices. We also understand that the start of school is hectic as we get used to new schedules and routines. I hope you are able to take a moment to rest this weekend.

You are Invited!

We're excited to invite you to what we hope will be the first of several opportunities to meet me and your Washington Central school board members. [Here](#) is an invitation to join us on **Wednesday, September 7th from 6:00-7:00pm at the U-32 Cafeteria**. I've attached a copy of the invitation as well - we hope to see you there!

If you can't join us on the 7th, that's ok. We would still like to hear from you! We are hoping to learn more about the various ways to connect with our communities - how you would like to hear from us, and how we can best communicate with you. You can fill out [this survey](#) with your thoughts.

Equity Book Groups



Over the course of the school year, I hope to share with you some of the work we are doing to make our schools more welcoming places for all. We're excited to be launching a district-wide book study. A team of educators who are part of the Humanity & Justice Coalition have selected a number of books to choose from. We will all be reading books and then forming discussion groups over the course of the school year. This is part of our commitment to reflection, professional learning and action. Some of the questions we will be reflecting on include:

- 1. How am I deepening relationships with all students?
- 2. How am I helping students process challenging content?
- 3. How are my biases influencing my behavior and thinking?
- 4. How am I centering multiple perspectives and avoiding marginalizing others?
- 5. How am I disrupting systems of oppression?

I look forward to sharing more with you as the work unfolds. In the meantime, if you'd like to learn more about the books we are studying, check them out [here](#).

FRL applications

I wanted to give families another reminder about free meals this school year. Even though all meals will be free, it is still important to complete an application for free and reduced meal benefits. Our school district is able to access grants and other funding opportunities that are tied to these applications. If you haven't already had a chance to, please take a moment to complete the application. You can apply online [here](#), or you can download the [application](#) and [instructions](#) and send them in with your child. Thank you for your help!

Want to make a difference?

We still have plenty of opportunities in Washington Central! Visit the [job openings](#) section of our website or [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) to learn more.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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