SEPTEMBER 16

We are just 6 days into our Annual Fundraiser, and you all have already brought in over \$26,500 with nearly 3 WEEKS to go! Almost as importantly, Washington has overtaken Madison for the top spot among the five junior highs! However, the competition is close—with only \$4,000 separating the top four spots. That means we still need every WASHINGTON student to invest the 5 easy minutes to open up their online store and enter 12 email addresses. With everyone's help, we will surely maintain the top spot and win this competition!

Remember—TOMORROW is the 1st Prize Day and All prize credits earned by midnight TONIGHT will count towards prizes on TOMORROW...so keep earning those prize credits. Remember, you can win a Portable Device holder + a chance to win a \$100 Naperville Gift Card just for trying. Plus, you can win much much more once those orders and donations start coming in...so why WOULDN'T you want to try?

Reach at least 8 prize credits by TONIGHT, and claim your prizes tomorrow at lunch! Make sure you register online at Funderworks.com/WJHS and fill in at least 12 different email addresses. We have a tight race between schools AND at Washington for the coveted top spot! Let's go WILDCATS!...ONLY \$85 in sales PER STUDENT AND WE'LL GET TO OUR GOAL and then some!

- Attention students! Did you know that professional athletes come from many different cultures and backgrounds all around the world? Their unique traditions, experiences, and perspectives not only make them stronger players but also help us celebrate the value of diversity in sports. Let's take this opportunity to learn from them, respect our differences, and recognize how culture makes the world of athletics—and our school community—more exciting and inspiring! In honor of Mexican Independence Day, we celebrate one of Mexico's most legendary athletes—Saúl "Canelo" Álvarez! Canelo is a world champion boxer who proudly represents Mexican culture every time he steps into the ring. His hard work, discipline, and pride in his heritage remind us how sports can showcase cultural identity and inspire people all around the world. ¡Viva México!
- There will be an informational meeting for all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who are interested in joining student council on Thursday morning at 7:30 A.M. in room 236. Everyone is welcome to join! See Mrs. Trannon for more information.

• Ready to make your mark? The very first meeting for our new school publication, The Washington Whirl, is this Friday right after school. We're looking for students to help us bring our publication to life. Whether you're a writer, reporter, editor, poet, songwriter, artist, or media designer—we need you! We're accepting all kinds of submissions, including short stories, poems, comics, and more. All students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are welcome to join.

Come check it out this Friday after school in Room 225 from 3:00-3:45pm. We can't wait to see what you'll create! Please reach out to Mrs. Labriola or Mrs. Rosner if you have any questions.

• The Washington Cross Country team raced last night against both Crone and Fischer Middle School in the 90 degree heat. With two race champions and a few team W's, our wildcasts proved ready to handle the tough conditions.

The 8th grade girls and 8th grade boys got us started with two team wins and an individual champion in Luke 'Badda Bing Badda" and 2nd place finishes from Charlie 'The Crusher' and Quinn 'Cool Kid'. In the race, we loved the efforts from Graham 'The Gorilla', Aiden 'Mr. Awesome', 'T'- Rex, Michael 'The Great', Parker 'Primetime', Lucia 'Powerhouse', Beatrix 'The Battler'.

The 7th grade girls and girls competed through the hottest 1.5 mile race of their life and put up some amazing performances. We saw Hadi 'Iron Lungs' win the individual race with Raj 'Track Star' and Bridget 'The Panther' finishing 2nd overall in their respective races.

The following athletes also put up great performances: Hailey 'Superstar', Quincy 'Quick Feet', Madeline 'The Magnificent', Tristan 'Tomahawk', Jaxton 'Peanut Butter and' J., Max 'Power', Evan 'Rocked it', Logan 'Locked in', and Graham 'Got Game'.

Tomorrow, your Wildcats will participate in the first ever Crosstown Classic in which they will be representing Naperville north while racing against all six district 203 schools. Our runners are ready to show the conference what they got!

• Last night your 8th grade WJHS volleyball ⑤ team traveled to Lincoln to play the lancers. With no surprise, your AA team traveled home with an amazing win! Audri T. had amazing tips and blocks helping us win many points! Adrija B. had amazing blocks and was super energetic the whole game! Inga B. had so many dives on defense to help us win! Together we pulled out a win! A huge shoutout to Tessie B. cheering her team on from the sidelines with an injury.

Your 8th grade single A volleyball team came home from Lincoln with a loss but put up a great fight! Lyla V. had awesome dives and incredible hits that the lancers just couldn't beat! Nora D. and Lilly M.'s hits were off the charts! Our fearless Libero, Evelyn M., had amazing dives and great energy! Come join our wildcats at our next game at Hill on Thursday!

• Last night your Washington 7th grade girls volleyball team had a game here at home versing Lincoln. Double A was able to take the win in a three set showdown with help from Paisley C. and her 13 serves in one set. She took the score from 9 to 24 points in no time, while Nora S. helped the team with her amazing saves and hits. Single A played a hard game, but lost in their 14-16 tiebreaker. Shout outs to Finley H. and Mary Claire K. for their awesome spikes and saves! Come see your Wildcats play again on Thursday against Hill here at home.