**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

* Our fundraising total after just one full week is already up to $30,625 and currently in 1st place...BUT the other schools are breathing down our neck trying to pass us. Let’s all do our part and take those few minutes this week to create our store and put email addresses into the system so more customers can know how to support you and WASHINGTON! We CAN end up in 1st place if EVERYONE does their part! TODAY, during lunches, the first set of prizes will be given away to ALL students who launched their online stores with 12+ emails AND earned at least 3 prize credits during the FAST START BONUS. We will ALSO reward ALL students who earned at least 8 total prize credits by midnight LAST NIGHT, so make sure that if you are in either of those groups, you stop into the lunchroom during your lunch period to collect your prizes! Lastly, every student who completed the FAST START BONUS has their name in today’s drawing for the $100 Naperville Gift Card. The winner will be drawn during 1st lunch and announced during all lunches! That list of WJHS student qualifying for the big Scene 75 trip is getting bigger and bigger! Are you on the list yet? Next WEDNESDAY will be the Skittles and Starbursts for Cash, Plinko, the big cash machine! 36 Credits by next TUESDAY night earns you a guaranteed prize in the MYSTERY PRIZE BOX as well. Plus EVERY student to has at least 50 Prize Credits by next TUESDAY at midnight will be entered into the BIG SCREEN RAFFLE for the 40” Smart TV! Remember, if you haven’t done it yet, …please go to www.funderworks.com/WJHS to register, create your avatar & complete registration with 12+ email addresses of those family members, family friends & co-workers of your parents! It supports our very own Home & School Association, who work hard to support YOU! Let’s go WILDCATS and hang on to 1st PLACE!….ONLY $85 in sales PER STUDENT AND WE’LL GET TO OUR GOAL and then some!
* Continuing our recognition of Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month, today we wanted to recognize Roberto Clemente. Roberto Clemente was a legendary baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was the first Latin American and Caribbean player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Beyond his amazing skills on the field, he was known for his humanitarian work, helping people in need around the world. He shows us that heroes exist both in and out of the game. As a reminder, Diversity Club will meet this Friday at 7:30am in room 221. See Mr. Panega or Mrs. Panega if you have any questions!
* There will be an informational meeting for all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who are interested in joining student council on tomorrow 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.
* In Sports...yesterday the 7th Grade Flag Football team played Kennedy and lost by a score of 21 to 12. The Wildcats offense was slow to start in the first half, but stepped it up big time in the second. James W. threw a deep touchdown pass to Noah B. Other key offensive plays were multiple receptions by Jackson C., and catches by Will S. and Will P. Defensively, the Wildcats shut down the Eagles in the second half. Jackon C., Aiden L. and Gavin K. all had interceptions in the game. The team looks to get back in the win column next week with games at Jefferson on Tuesday and at Lincoln on Thursday.
* Last night the Washington Wildcats 8th Grade Wildcat Football team was victorious over the Eagles from Kennedy by a score of 32 to 16. The Wildcats came out and flew higher than an animal that was made to fly. As Coach Brooks has said over and over “If you’re playing against an animal that flies… it’s extremely important to clip the animal's wings!” The Wildcats listened well and were able to clip the Eagles wings from the beginning to the end of the game. Grady H. had an interception on the second play of the game that got the Wildcats off to a 2 to 0 lead. Unfortunately, the Wildcats were in the giving mood as well, they gave the Eagles 8 points on 4 first half interceptions. On the first play of the second half, Grady H. threw a 45 yard touchdown to Rusch R. and the Wildcats didn’t look back from that point on. Defensive plays by Parker A., Bernardo D., and William O. lead the way flag pulling. Interceptions were made by Grady H. (2), Levi U., and Mac C. Offensively, touchdowns were thrown by Grady H. and Robert C. Touchdown receptions were had by Rusch R., Amaar Y., Levi U., and Marcello C. Extra points were converted by Amaar Y. Speaking of Amaar, Mr. Konrad would be proud of his fantasy stats for this game! Coach Brooks and Burke are proud of the boys’ efforts thus far as the Wildcats record stands at 4 wins and 0 losses. Up next the Wildcats will be on the road at Jefferson next Tuesday.