

Washington Weekly News

SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

PTA News/Events

President's Message

The Fall Family Picnic was a great success! The weather was perfect and the attendance was very high. I want to thank Lauren Bloch for Chairing this event and all the time and effort she and her volunteers put into this great event.

Washington PTA Directory

To have your family listed in the Washington PTA Directory, you must join PTA (\$8 per member) and fill out your family information on the PTA Consolidated Fee Form. This form was mailed to families over the summer, but extra copies are available in the main office. Turn the form into the designated box in the main office **by Monday, September 29th**.

Directories will be distributed to all PTA members at the Washington Open House on Wednesday, October 22nd. Those wishing to purchase extra copies will be charged \$5. Any directory inquiries can be made to Donna DiNardo at 412-561-2434.

Attention Parents, Students and Siblings!

Save the date: On **Wednesday October 1st** at 2:00 pm we will host the well known story teller, Mr. Temujun, in the Mellon Auditorium! All are welcome to this amazing, culturally enriching experience, funded by Mt. Lebanon Schools!

Picture Day

Don't forget next **Thursday, October 2nd** is Picture Day. Please remember to send in the order envelope with your payment. If you want a 5"x7" class photo for an additional \$2 to be included with your order, add Package "(9)" on the order envelope. Checks should be made out to TSS. There are extra order forms in the office.

Playground "FUN"Raiser Event: Saturday, October 18th

Just over three weeks to go!...

Please RSVP for our FUN raiser at Jamie's. You can use last week's flyer or the response card you received in the mail. Just fill out either one and return to the box in the office.

Grab a date—or leave your date at home with the kids and grab a friend—and join us for some great food, drink, live music, football (PSU vs. Michigan will be on), magic tricks, and, of course, fantastic auction shopping!

Would your child enjoy a tea party with her friends at our own wonderful, Karen Pfeil's home? Or how about a chance to practice with coach Oldaker's amazing high school basketball team? These are just a few of the items you could win at our silent auction. There will definitely be something for everyone, and the best part is that your participation in a great evening out will enable our kids to have a brand new playground!

Classroom Baskets

We are hoping to have some exciting baskets to raffle off that night, so please contribute to your child's classroom basket with either an item or a monetary donation. Contact your homeroom parent or Julie Smith at 412-343-3323 or julie@eastendbrewing.com if you have any questions.

Important Dates

- 9/24** Odyssey of the Mind Information Meeting
Mt. Lebanon Library
7:00–8:00 pm
- 9/29** Scholastic Book orders due
- 10/1** Cultural Arts Performance
Mellon Auditorium
2:00 pm
- 10/2** Picture Day
- 10/9** Yom Kippur
NO SCHOOL
- 10/10** In-Service Day
NO SCHOOL
- 10/18** Playground "FUN"Raiser
Jamie's Restaurant
6:30 pm
- 10/22** Open House
6:30–8:00 pm
2:15 pm dismissal

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New to our school? Want to be on the electronic newsletter distribution list? Contact:
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Classroom Baskets *(continued)*

Have an extra basket that you don't need? We need baskets to use for the raffle. Please drop off in the office or contact us and we can make arrangements to pick up.

Any questions? As always, the playground committee can be reached at: washingtonplaygroundcommittee@verizon.net.

2008–2009 Yearbook—EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

Order your yearbook now for only \$15. Hurry—this offer ends on **November 14th!** All yearbooks ordered after November 14th will cost \$20. Look for the order form with this newsletter.

Fall Family Picnic—Volunteer Thanks

The weather was perfect with clear skies and a slight chill in the air on Tuesday, September 16th, which made it FANTASTIC for the school community to attend the Fall Family Picnic—thank you to all who joined us for this wonderful occasion!

Numerous parent and student volunteers offered to assist which helped make this evening spectacular—this was a team effort! I truly apologize if I have missed listing anyone. My sincerest thanks to those who helped set up and clean up—Barb, Nevan, and Tristan Long; Kim Lanphear; Todd DePastino; Tim and Rachel Larkin; Leigh Ann, Aubrey, and Clay Petulla; Taylor and Kyle Bloch; Bill, Bev, and Amy Ferari; Lisa and Ron LoVerde; Mary Ehland; and Julie and Scott Smith.

During the event the following individuals assisted with various tasks—Margaret Vines, Chris Furfaro, Sara Dougherty, and Lisa LoVerde (pizza orders); Bev Ferari and Mary Ehland (hot dog vendors); Anil Gupta and Ron LoVerde (drink vendors); Kelly Wiethorn and Sara Dougherty (popcorn machine); Casey Henry and Yanan Larkin (slushy machine); Jean Kimball, Sara and Mike Collins, Romy Pinkovsky, and Linda Shapiro (dessert walk game); Jen Haberberger, Stephanie Ross, and Elcy Sandora (face painting); Annabel Haberberger, Libbie DePastino, Amy Ferari, and Taylor Bloch—*student volunteers* and Dara Swartwout (temporary tattoos); Anna Berch-Norton, Christine and Lauren Benedict, *high school and middle school volunteers* (helium balloons); and Kyle Bloch—*student volunteer* and Rena Kobelak and Hannah Silverman—*middle school volunteers* (spin art).

Again, my tremendous thanks to everyone who participated in this fun and memorable evening.

—Lauren Bloch (412-531-9226 or blochheads@comcast.net)

Fall Family Picnic—Donation Thanks

The Fall Family Picnic is a special event for our Washington families that is primarily sponsored by our school's PTA. However, many local businesses supported our 2008 Fall Family Picnic through donations of food, beverages, or gift cards. The businesses and personal donations listed below made this an incredible picnic for our 375 students and their families—THANK YOU!

- Chick-fil-A—South Hills (2 Cases of Brownies)
 - Costco (Gift Card)
 - Dan Duffy (Slushy and Popcorn Machines and Supplies and Giant Eagle Desserts)
 - Foodland—Lebanon Shops (Gift Card & Cookie Platter)
 - Giant Eagle—Cochran & Greentree Roads (Gift Card)
 - Giant Eagle—Sleepy Hollow Road (Gift Card)
 - Giant Eagle—Caste Village Shopping Center (Gift Card)
 - Giant Eagle—Village Square (Gift Card)
 - Howard Hanna—Mt Lebanon/Ruth Foltz & Kim Lanphear (Bottled Water)
 - Jackson Welding Supply—South Side (Discount on Helium Tank)
 - Kim Lanphear (Hot Dog Condiments)
 - Mm!Mm! Pizza—Mt. Lebanon (Discount on Pizzas)
 - Shop 'n Save—Library Road, Bethel Park (Gift Card)
 - Shop 'n Save—Washington Pike, Carnegie (Gift Card)
 - Shop 'n Save—Castle Shannon Boulevard (Gift Card)
 - Wal-Mart—Library Road, Bethel Park (Gift Card)
 - Wal-Mart—Washington Pike, Carnegie (Gift Card)
- Lauren Bloch

Fall Family Picnic—Lost & Found

The following items were found after our picnic on Tuesday, September 16th:

- White Rebels Seton-La Salle water bottle with the name "SMITH" written on it (found on lower playground).
- Silver necklace with blue butterfly (found near moon bounce).
- Nike boy's small (size 8) black sweatshirt with blue emblem on front (found on upper playground).
- Green, pink, and white rose comforter (found near pavilion).

All items have been left in the front office near the PTA boxes.

Community News

What Do You Have in Common with Nancy Yi Fan, Alicia Keys, and Sabriye Tenberken?

Girls in grades 3, 4 or 5 find out by joining *Strong Women, Strong Girls!*

Strong Women, Strong Girls is a FREE program offered from October through November and January through March after school at:

- Rainbow Kitchen Community Services on Tuesdays from 3:30–5:00 pm
- Hill Top United Methodist Church on Wednesdays from 3:30–5:00 pm
- Centre Avenue YMCA on Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 pm
- Providence Family Support Center on Fridays from 3:30–5:00 pm
- Homewood-Brushton YMCA on Fridays from 3:30–5:00 pm

At *Strong Women, Strong Girls*, college women come once a week to teach about cool women and do awesome projects together! It's a place to make new friends! *Strong Women, Strong Girls* welcomes girls of ALL abilities! We hope you will join us!

HURRY! Girls need to register before October 1st!

Contact Mila Yochum at myochum@swsg.org or 412-736-4050 to register.

Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association Travel Team Tryouts

4th–8th Grade Boys and 4th–8th Grade Girls

All tryouts to take place at the High School North Gym.

Tryouts start on **October 8th**.

For more information, please check the website at mtlebanonbasketball.com

Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association Preseason Skills Clinic

1st–8th Grade Boys and 1st–8th Grade Girls

Skills clinic to take place at High School Gold/South Gyms.

Dates are **October 20th, October 28th and November 4th**.

For more information, please check the website at mtlebanonbasketball.com

Green Tip

Use it....again and again and again and again!

Many years ago, we didn't have things like plastic shopping bags, paper cups or paper towels—products specifically designed to be used once and then thrown away.

Let's do something to stop this waste and make a difference!

Keep a towel by the sink and instead of using a paper towel to wipe up a spill, grab the cloth towel instead.

Switch to cloth tote bags for trips to the grocery store.

Use a plastic container in your lunchbox for your sandwich, snack and veggies and stop using plastic baggies.

Make every dinner special—use cloth napkins at every meal.