

# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### August

- 31 First Day of School, Grades 1-5
- 31 Kindergarten Interviews

### September

- 1 Kindergarten Interviews
- 2 First Day of Kindergarten
- 2 Kindergarten Coffee & Kleenex, 8:45 am & 12:45 pm, Sun Shade near the Learning Garden
- 7 No School: Labor Day
- 8 Odyssey Of the Mind Meeting, 7pm, WES Library
- 9 Fall Family Picnic, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Playground & Mellon Field
- 11 Early Dismissal: Noon Dismissal, Grades 1-5, Act 80 Day, AM & PM Kindergarten in session
- 15 Elementary Curriculum Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 16 Picture Day
- 17 DEAR: Favorite Local Sports Team Day
- 18 PTA Membership & Directory Membership Registration Due
- 21 Dairy Queen Spirit Night
- 21 Principal's Coffee, 8:45 am
- 22 Parent Information Night for Elementary Gifted Education, 7:00 pm, Hoover Elementary Library
- 23 No School: Yom Kippur
- 25 Read-a-Thon Kick-Off
- 29 Homeroom Parent Meeting, 9:00 am, WES Cafeteria
- 29 PTA Meeting, 9:30 am, WES Cafeteria

## What Day Is It?

- 8/31: Day 1
- 9/1: Day 2
- 9/2: Day 3
- 9/3: Day 4
- 9/4: Day 5

## Weekly News

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## PTA News

### WES Safe Walking Procedure

Welcome back to all of our WES Students and Parents! With so many back to school tasks, at hand; getting up early, packing lunches, checking back packs, please make sure you are including discussing safe walking procedures and walking routes with your student.

Our Mt Lebanon Police Department has provided us with some quick tips and walking routes which are all posted on the MTLSD Website under Safe Walking. Here are a few tips from the site:



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## Mt. Lebanon Police Department Safe Walking Rules

- \* Never step into the street from between parked cars.
- \* Watch for turning cars.
- \* Look all ways before crossing.
- \* Obey traffic signals.
- \* Walk! Don't run! Allow yourself plenty of time.
- \* Cross only at corners.
- \* Face traffic when walking on streets without sidewalks.
- \* Be extra alert on snow and rain days.
- \* Go directly to and from school.
- \* Have a partner to walk with if possible.

In the event a student is approached by someone when walking, they should do the following:

- \* Do not approach the car.
- \* Immediately run to a safe place .
- \* Inform a parent or adult of the incident.
- \* Contact the police.
- \* Try to give a good description of the individual and the vehicle.

Also, if you would like to review the Mt Lebanon Police Department guide on Safe Walking Routes for WES, Please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you and remember - Safety First!

~Julie Toussaint, Juvenile Protection Chair

## Dairy Queen Spirit Nights



The Washington Elementary 5th graders are hosting a Dairy Queen Spirit night Monday September 21.

The money that is raised will help support the fifth grade fundraising efforts. Every year the 5th grade class raises money to help pay for Camp Lutherlyn

and for 5th grade recognition.

We hope to see you there!

~Amee Oakes, 5th Grade Fundraisers Chair

## PTA Membership Drive

*WES PTA - The More - the Merrier!*

School starts tomorrow - YIKES! The summer packet flyer regarding membership told you all about what we did last year, however, so far this year WES PTA been quite busy.



There has already been a Welcome Back Swim Party and a Dairy Queen fundraiser in support of the 5th grade Lutherlyn trip. We welcomed teachers and staff back with a delicious breakfast in the morning and then welcomed all new families to Washington with a

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## Community Flyers

Coming Soon!

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Newcomer's Reception in the evening. School Supply bags are already in the classrooms waiting for kiddos who ordered one. Planning is in full swing for the Fall Family Picnic... and I could go on and on about all the great things the WES PTA is doing for Washington. Want to get in on the action? Join the PTA and help with more great activities and events.

Registering is easy. Just click the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/e6FnGP6IT7>

Then, fill out the form and press submit. Dues payments can be made via 1) PayPal (an account IS required) or 2) cash or check (made out to Washington PTA, and placed in the Membership Box in the Main Office). Simple!!

Not only do you get to help out with events such as the ones listed above, but membership also ensures that you'll receive weekly, digital copies of the Washington Weekly News AND a copy of the Washington Student & Family Directory (in PDF or paper copy form), which is an invaluable tool for keeping in touch with other students and parents throughout the year!

Questions? Contact me at [charconw@verizon.net](mailto:charconw@verizon.net).

~CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

### Kindergarten Coffee and Kleenex

All WES Kindergarten Parents are invited to meet under the Sun Shade by the Learning Garden on Wednesday, September 2.

After dropping off your Kindergartener please join PTA board members who can answer questions and other Kindergarten parents who are experiencing the same thing as you!



Coffee, Treats, Kleenex and Conversation. AM parents meet at 8:45 and PM parents meet at 12:45.

~Natalie Kukla, Kindergarten Coffee Chair

### 1st Grade Parent Volunteers Needed



An email will be sent asking for 1st grade parent volunteers for the first weeks of school during lunch. To help 1st graders acclimate to the cafeteria, find their way through line and navigate use of lunch card, plus opening those stubborn drink boxes, we will need

several parents to lend a hand. Please watch for an email asking for volunteers with a Volunteer-Spot easy sign-up!

~Natalie Kukla, 1st Grade Lunch Chair

### Fall Family Picnic

*You're Invited!*

All Washington families are invited to our join us for the Fall Family Picnic on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The family friendly event is one of our schools largest events. Students, parents, siblings, grandparents and friends can all attend!



[Loyalty Card Registration](#)

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The picnic will take place on Mellon Field. The event is free to attend. We will have a photo booth, a bounce house, face painting, and lots of other activities for the kids to enjoy. There will be food trucks available to those who wish to have dinner from Lebo Subs, BRGR, Oh My Grill and the ever famous Kona Ice truck. Popcorn and drinks will also be available for purchase for \$1.00 each.

We will be asking for volunteers to help staff the activities and soda/popcorn booth, so watch for that email from volunteer spot shortly. If you would like to help coordinate the picnic or if you have questions, please contact Joyce Kraemer at [joyce.kraemer1@yahoo.com](mailto:joyce.kraemer1@yahoo.com).

~Joyce Kraemer & Mary-Clare Reynolds, Fall Family Picnic Chairs

#### Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and baking skills for the Teacher Welcome Back Breakfast! Everything was so delicious and the Teachers and Staff raved about it all! What a fabulous way to welcome them back to school. The Staff seemed so excited about the upcoming school year and the school looks amazing!

~Nickie Manning, Joyce Kraemer and Shelly Alandete, Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast



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## School News

#### Health Information for Students

Please read this important information from our district health services:

##### CHIP

If your child does not have health insurance, free or low-cost health care coverage is available through Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program ([www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com](http://www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com)). Packets and applications are available from your school nurse or call 1-800-986-KIDS. All inquiries are kept confidential.

##### FOOD ALLERGIES

Food allergies, especially life threatening nut allergies, are on the increase. Please remember that treats that will be shared with other students are not permitted to contain nuts or peanuts or processed in a facility that manufactures peanuts or nuts.

Also, please remember if you are requesting permission to use school space that products containing nuts are not to be brought into the building. Additionally, please remember to clean up the area after usage.

##### INFLUENZA CONTROL MEASURES

Influenza and most other common illnesses are spread mainly from person to person. Students and adults can take everyday actions to stay healthy. These actions include:

- Frequent hand washing throughout the day with soap and water or using an alcohol base hand sanitizer.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Avoid

touching eyes, nose and mouth.

- Stay home when ill until symptom and fever free for 24 hours.
- Get plenty of sleep, eat right, exercise, drink plenty of fluids, and handle/prepare foods safely.
- Get immunized.

#### MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

In adherence to state medication guidelines, if physician deems it necessary for your child to take medications, either prescription or non-prescription during the school day, the Authorization for Medication Form, # 440, must be completed by both a parent/guardian and physician and returned to your child's health office, with the medication in its original packaging or properly labeled pharmacy container, prior to any medication being administered.

A new form is required for each medication change, dose change, time change and for each school year. It is the responsibility of the student to report to the health office for his/her medication. Please remember your child may not receive his/her medication if these procedures are not followed. These procedures apply to all medications including inhalers for asthma, Epi Pens and over the counter medications.

Please be aware it is a violation of the district's drug and alcohol policy to self-carry any medication with the only exceptions being: inhalers, Epi-Pens and insulin pumps/pens. In order for students to self-carry the above mentioned emergency medications the following must be submitted:

1. a health care provider's written order and permission, (form #440,)
2. a parent/guardian signed Permission to Self-Carry, (form 440-F) and
3. after the certified school nurse has completed an assessment of the student's ability to carry and use the medication in a safe manner

Mt. Lebanon School District reserves the right to withdraw permission to self-carry and administer said medication, if at any time, the student is unable to demonstrate responsible behavior in carrying and/or taking the medication

The Authorization for Medication Form, #440, and the Permission to Self-Carry and Administer, Form, #440-F can be obtained from the health office or downloaded from the district website: [www.mtlds.org](http://www.mtlds.org) under the Health Services link.

Parents may also send in a one to three day supply of maintenance medication in the event of a community emergency requiring in-place sheltering provided that all documentation related to this medication administration has been submitted along with the up-to-date, properly labeled pharmacy container.

Thank you for your cooperation. Best regards for a healthy and safe school year.

*~Mary Kay Davis, Principal*

#### School Supply List

The grade level [School Supply Lists for 2015-2016](#) are building and grade specific. Please click on the link for the updated School Supply List.



## Keep on Collectin'

### Collections Corner

Welcome to Collections Corner!  
Every week, we will bring you reminders and updates about how shopping at our area stores and saving box tops, labels, and codes can make a BIG DIFFERENCE at Washington Elementary.



As our students start their school year, you can start helping out by registering your cards at Giant Eagle, Shop 'N Save, and Target. Please click on the links to be taken to webpages that will allow you to link the cards you already use to Washington Elementary. If you don't have a card, you can request one at these websites.

Know that you're doing good work for Washington by shopping at these stores. Your purchases earn school equipment at Giant Eagle, bring assemblies from the Carnegie Museums, Pittsburgh Zoo, and PPG Aquarium at Shop 'N Save, and give cash back to the school at Target.

If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Olson ([amyolson001@gmail.com](mailto:amyolson001@gmail.com)), and I'll be happy to help you out. Thanks for all you're doing for Washington!

~Amy Olson & Diana Kierzkowski, Collections Corner Co-Chairs

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