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Presidents Message

With the school year beginning, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our Washington Families both old and new. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with enriching PTA programs. The PTA is committed to supporting and engaging our students. Some of the programs that our PTA supports include the Fall Family Picnic (coming up on September 9 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm), field trips, author visits, Winter Carnival, assemblies, Bingo for Books, Snuggle Up & Read, Field Day plus so much more. We encourage everyone to get involved and join the PTA, as it is a very rewarding experience for all. We hope that you will consider attending our first PTA Meeting on September 29 at 9:30 am, following the Homeroom Parent meeting. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Important Dates

September

- 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 - **Update**
- 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

PTA News

Welcome

What Day Is It?

9/07: No School
9/08: Day 1
9/09: Day 2
9/10: Day 3
9/11: Day 4

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Washington is certainly growing and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students!

First graders: Eleni Callos, Danny Corniel, Lea Jackson, Sofia Jahaj, Lilah Japalucci, Lucille Kanche, Milena Mitchell, Liliana Samreny, Elora Tighe, Silas Cramer, Olivia Guo, Zoe Reighard, Annaleigh Dwulit, Julia Ghil, Azizakhon Kutbiddinova and Luke Saab

Second graders: Haruya Iyobe, Elias Taylor, Chance. LoCasale and Parker Boyce

Third graders: Naihomy Corniel, Emily Scheller, Evan Pavlik, Muxammadrizo Kutbidinov, Anthony Mincarelli and Joshua Ghil

Fourth graders: Parker Marchewka, Faith Nguyen, Luke Dwulit, Zoe Case and Asher Pavlik

Fifth graders: Mariyan and Dariya Baytar, Nayeli Corniel, Seiya Iyobe, Violet Rignani, William Sandovai-Casa, Catherine Taylor, Hailey Rossman and Yuxiao Meng.

And welcome back Giada Muti!!

Welcome to Washington Elementary. We are so glad you are here and wish you a wonderful school year.

~Laura McKenzie, Sharon Hartung and Christina Coulter - Human Relations chairs

Fall Family Picnic

You're Invited!

All Washington families are invited to 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!



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 need Volunteers to make this super fun picnic a success! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to

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organize our upcoming activity.

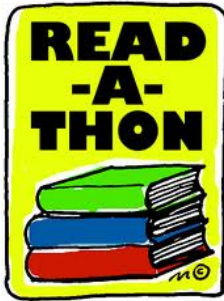
Please sign up for Washington Elementary Fall Family Picnic!
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:
<http://vols.pt/fmtJHY>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

If you have questions, please contact Joyce Kraemer at joyce.kraemer1@yahoo.com.

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

Fall into Reading Read-a-Thon



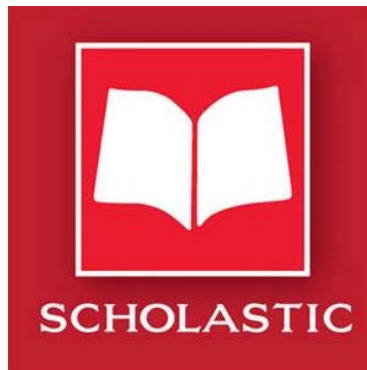
From September 25 - October 9 the students at Washington Elementary and the students at Lincoln Elementary will "Fall into Reading" by participating in our annual school-to-school Read-a-Thon Contest! While raising money for our schools, students will be involved in a worthwhile activity that encourages reading outside the classroom! If we raise enough money from the Read-a-Thon this year, the PTA will not hold any catalog sales fundraisers all year. Be on the lookout for more information

to be sent home with your child on Monday, September 21, then be ready to Fall Into Reading! If you have any questions about the Read-a-Thon, please contact [Kelly Latona](#).

~ Kelly Latona, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom & Rosie Pesacreta, Ways & Means Coordinators

Scholastic Books

Welcome back everyone. It's a time of new teachers, new classes, new friends, and of course new books. Your student should have received a scholastic book handout from his/her teacher. This is filled with grade level books to help keep them motivated about reading (and maybe to help fill in those reading logs.) If you would like to place an order please follow the instructions on the handout for online ordering and enter the code P6L9Q (Ms Kelly Latona). You can pay with credit or debit card.



If you are unable to access the online version, we will accept the paper order forms with check payable to scholastic books. Please make sure child's name and classroom teacher are listed and turn in envelopes to scholastic mailbox in school office. The deadline for ordering is Sept 11, 2015. The books should arrive in time for the annual Washington v. Lincoln read-a-thon. We do have a title to retain. Any questions please email kellylatona@verizon.net.

WES Safe Walking Procedure

Welcome back to all of our WES Students

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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:

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.

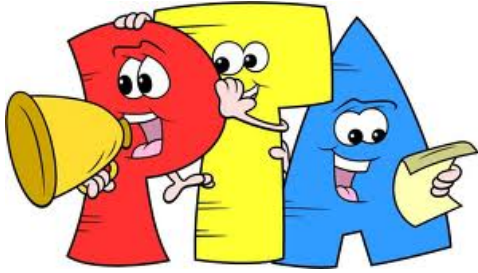


We hope to see you there!

~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 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.
-CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

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). 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.mtisd.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

Keep on Collectin'

Collections Corner

Welcome back to Collections Corner! This week our focus is on things you can collect from your groceries that can make a BIG DIFFERENCE at Washington Elementary.



As you use products, look at the packaging to see if you can save Box Tops 4 Education, Labels for Education, and My Coke Rewards. Click on the links to find out about hundreds of products you might already use that offer rewards for our students. Your collections earn cash back from Box Tops 4 Education and My Coke Rewards, while Labels for Education earn points toward school equipment.

Simply drop your Box Tops, Labels, and Coke Reward codes in the collection bins near the front door of Washington. Our coordinators will collect and submit them. No additional work required!

If you have any questions, you can contact Amy Olson 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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