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# Washington WEEKLY News



## Principal's Message

Despite the unusually hot weather for some of our initial days, the first two weeks were a fantastic start to the school year. It is great to have students walking the halls again and hearing the sounds of energetic children eager to learn! Already our PTA and parent volunteers have been busy with activities, preparing resources, and events to enhance our school programming. It is the partnership between the parents and the school that makes Washington such a wonderful place for our children!

[Curriculum night](#) is this Tuesday and we hope you are able to join us. This night is for parents only and is intended to provide information on the current curriculum. I will be doing a short presentation on the new report card and grade scale that will be implemented this school year.

The municipality will be replacing the parking sign with the correct times on Lawncroft within the next few weeks. The sign currently allows parking during dismissal, which creates a difficult and unsafe situation for pick-up. The new sign will restrict parking from 8-9, 11-1, and 3-4. Please take time to review the traffic guidelines that were included in your summer mailer. This will allow for a safe and efficient student arrival and pick-up. Supervision on the playground does not begin until 8:20, please do not have your child arrive sooner.

We are excited for another school year!  
~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

## Important Dates

### September

- 15 Elementary Curriculum Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- 16 Picture Day
- 17 Fall Family Picnic, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Playground & Mellon Field  
-Update
- 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

### October

## What Day Is It?

- 9/14: Day 5
- 9/15: Day 1
- 9/16: Day 2
- 9/17: Day 3
- 9/18: Day 4

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District Calendar:  
[2015-2016 Calendar Website](#)

Lunchroom Menu  
[September](#)

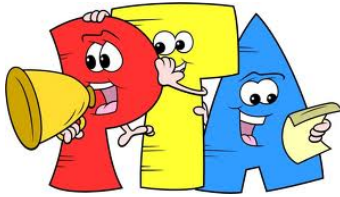
## District Links

[High School Renovation  
Website](#)

- 2 Kona Ice Day
- 5 No School: Teacher In-Service
- 9 Read-A-Thon Ends
- 10 Barnes & Noble Star Wars Event

## PTA News

### PTA Membership Drive



*Only One Week Left... to have your information included in the directory.*

The deadline to register for Washington PTA and have your information included in the directory is Friday, September 18. After Friday, you can still become a member of the PTA, your information just won't be included in the directory. **SO HURRY UP AND REGISTER ;-)**

It's easy! Just click the link and fill out the form:  
<http://goo.gl/forms/e6FnGP6IT7>

If you register by September 18, you will not only be included in the directory (if you choose to be) and receive a directory, but you'll continue to get your Washington Weekly News delivered to you electronically AND have the opportunity to support the wonderful PTA here at Washington.

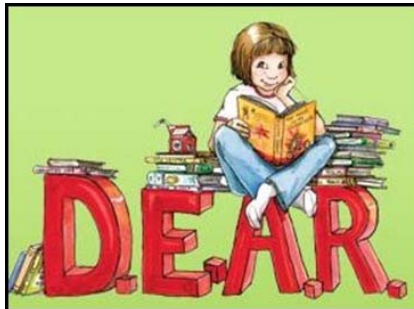
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*Any question, please contact me at [charconw@verizon.net](mailto:charconw@verizon.net).  
 ~ CharLynn Wertz, PTA 1st VP*

### Drop Everything And Read

*Drop Everything And Read is returning...Thursday, September 17th*

Are you new to Washington Elementary School? Here's the scoop. DEAR days are similar to school spirit/dress up days at school. At some point during a DEAR day, Mrs. Davis will make an announcement to Drop Everything And Read! The students will grab their books and READ! Each DEAR day has a different theme to add to the fun. Each time you dress up you demonstrate your school spirit and LOVE for reading!



The first theme is to wear your favorite local sports team t-shirt or gear. It could be a t-shirt from your soccer or baseball team last summer. It could be your favorite Pirates, Penguins, or Steelers gear. Show your spirit for all local teams- recreational, travel, or professional. Most importantly, grab a book and get ready to...Drop Everything And Read!  
 ~Erin St. John, DEAR/Washington Reads Chair

### Fall into Reading Read-a-Thon

From September 25 - October 9 the students at

### [PA State Health Requirements](#)

- [Volunteer Clearance Policy Info.](#)
- [Emergency Medical Contact/Release Information](#)

### [Health Services Information](#)

### School Flyers/Blogs

Counselor's Corner:  
[August](#)

FLES Newsletter:  
 Coming Soon!

FLES Blog:  
[Noticias](#)

Art Studio:  
[Art-BEAT](#)

### [Crossing Guard Information](#)

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### [Playground Safety Guidelines](#)

### [eShare Parent Instructions](#)

### PTA Forms & Flyers

### [2015-2016 PTA Calendar](#)

### [PTA Membership Online Form](#)

### [Fall Family Picnic](#)

### [Read-A-Thon](#)

### [PTA Volunteer Form](#)

### [Homeroom Parent](#)

### [Recycling](#)

### [Traffic and Safety Information](#)

### [Spirit Night](#)

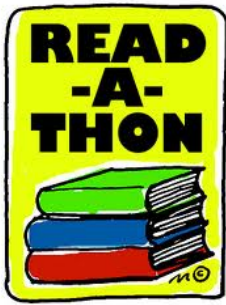
### [Odyssey of the Mind](#)

### Community Flyers

[Mt. Lebanon Fire Department](#)  
 Open House

[Mt. Lebanon Marching Band](#)  
 Annual Festival of Bands

[Mt. Lebanon Pumpkin Patch](#)  
 Parade



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

### 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

### School News

#### Mrs. McKeever's ARTBeat Facebook Page



Be sure to "LIKE" Mrs. McKeever's Facebook Page, Mt. Lebanon ARTBeat! Mrs. McKeever will be posting updates and photos often!

Click here to go there directly...  
<https://www.facebook.com/MTLArtBeat>  
~Mrs. Jodi McKeever, Art Teacher

### Keep on Collectin'

#### Collections Corner

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help Washington earn cash. Box Tops are each worth 10 ¢ and they quickly add up! In the past few years, Washington has raised over \$11,000 just from collecting Box Tops!



To help, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and drop them in the collection bin near the front doors of the school. You can find Box Tops on all kinds of breakfast

Participation Form

[Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Venturing Signup Night](#)  
1st-5th Grade Boys

[YMCA Indian Guides and Indian Princesses](#)  
Kindergarten-5th

[TOPSoccer](#)  
Ages 6 and Up

Mt Lebanon Rec Center  
[Pumpkin Painting Project](#)  
Ages 4-8th grade

[Sporties for Shorties](#)  
Ages 3-6

[Karate](#)  
Age 8-Adults

[Babysitting Course](#)  
Ages 9-15

[Dance Program](#)  
Age 4-Teens

[Art Factory](#)  
Age 4-8th Grade

Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club  
[Lessons & Team Information](#)

Mt Lebanon Field Hockey  
[Information Letter](#)  
5th-8th Grade Girls

[Medical Form and Waiver](#)  
5th-8th Grade Girls

[Registration Form](#)  
5th-8th Grade Girls

Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse  
[Girls Youth Lacrosse Fall Clinic](#)  
1st - 8th Grade

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[Box Tops Process](#)

cereals from Cheerios to Trix; Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, and Yoplait products; Green Giant produce; Ziploc and Hefty bags; and many more.

For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a full list of participating products and to track Washington's earnings, visit [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com). You can also become a member at this website to receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes that use Box Tops products and learn about additional ways to earn bonus Box Tops for our school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [amyolson001@gmail.com](mailto:amyolson001@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!  
~Amy Olson and Diana Kierzkowski, Collections Corner Co-Chairs

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