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Washington WEEKLY News



President's Message

Wow! Can you believe the first month of school is now behind us? Hopefully, all of us have gotten into our routine and can look forward to many more fun and exciting activities to help the month fly by. I am continually amazed by and thankful for all the programs that our dedicated PTA parents orchestrate. As our Read-a-Thon, chaired by Rosie Pesacreta, Kelly Latona and Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, is in full swing, I realize that our students are learning from these parents and are showing the same dedicated determination to represent Washington against Lincoln. The per child reading participation this year has been beautifully high and I am so proud of our Washington Readers. Keep encouraging your child to read as this Read-a-Thon is a win-win in getting our children to read.

And lastly, thank you to everyone who joined the PTA. I am thrilled to report that membership is up this year. Your membership offers you a great voice and shows commitment to yours and all of our students' education.

~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Important Dates

October

- 5 No School: Teacher In-Service
- 9 Read-A-Thon Ends
- 10 Star War Reads, Barnes & Noble
- 15 DEAR: Honor a Super Hero Day
- 17 Learning Garden Clean Up, 10:00 am Learning Garden
- 21 Apple Crunch Day
- 21 PTA Meeting, 9:00 am, WES Auditorium
- 30 Halloween Parties, 2:45-3:20 pm

November

- 3 No School: Election Day - Teacher Classroom Management
- 3 Election Day Bake Sale

PTA News

Homeroom Parent Evening Meeting Added

October 8, 7:00 pm, WES Lunch Room

It has been brought to our attention that there are several parents who could not make the September 29 Homeroom Parent / Volunteer morning meeting and we want to make sure everyone has an

What Day Is It?

- 10/05: No School
- 10/06: Day 4
- 10/07: Day 5
- 10/08: Day 1
- 10/09: Day 2

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opportunity to receive this important information. We have decided to add an evening Homeroom Parent meeting on October 8 at 7:00 pm, in the Washington Lunch Room. We hope to see you there.

~Allison Carey & Ameer Oakes, Homeroom Parent Coordinators

Learning Garden Clean Up

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am

Please join us for our fall Learning Garden Clean-up. We will be doing general maintenance such as weeding, pruning and getting the garden ready for winter. We welcome anyone who would like to join us and appreciate any help, even if for just a short time! Please bring gloves and any small hand tools you may have. We will have some bigger tools and paper lawn bags for weeds. Any questions please contact Ann Deibert - naekopas@aol.com or Jan Loney - jan@metalier.com



Ink Cartridges Needed



WES Needs Your Used Ink and Toner Cartridges!

Please don't throw away your old printer ink and toner cartridges - bring them to school for the PTA to recycle. There is a bin near the front entrance labeled Electronics/Ink Cartridges and you can drop them there any time.

~Natalie Kukla, Corresponding Secretary

Fall into Reading Read-a-Thon

By now you should have all the details of the Fall Into Reading Read-A-Thon and reading should be well under way! Don't forget to submit your raffle tickets daily!



If you misplaced your Read-a-Thon materials, or need extra, do not worry, additional [raffle tickets](#), new [sponsor forms](#) and a new [calendar](#) can be found by clicking on the appropriate links.

Prizes include Barnes and Noble Gift Cards, two Kindle Fire e-readers, Amazon Gift Cards, books, extra recess and more! But most importantly, we really don't want Mrs. Davis to have to fulfill the losing bet against Lincoln, so make sure to encourage your kids Fall Into Reading!

Go Washington! Contact Kelly Latona at kellylatona@verizon.net if you have any questions about the Read-A-Thon. Thank you!

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

PTA Membership

I'd like to thank everyone who registered for the PTA Membership & Directory drive. While registration for the directory is now closed, we would like to encourage those who have not yet

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registered for membership to do so.

Membership has it's privileges. If you register you'll receive the Washington Weekly News - WES's weekly newsletter that keeps you informed about all the events within Washington, the District and the local community. You'll also get a copy of the directory (even though your information will not be included). Membership also provides you the opportunity to become part of a wonderful organization that supports the faculty as well as the students of Washington.

So, if you haven't already, please consider registering to be a member of Washington's PTA. The link is: <http://goo.gl/forms/e6FnGP6IT7>

Please contact me at charconw@verizon.net with any questions you may have.

~ CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

Reflections

Washington is Celebrating the Arts through our Reflections Program

The Reflections 2015 theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly". The National PTA Reflections welcomes all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Annually, thousands of students will reflect on a common theme and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.



The deadline to enter artwork is October, 23 2015. Please click on the link to see reflections in action:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KjzPN4mTdE&feature=youtu.be>

You can also fine more information about the Reflections program at:

www.pta.org/programs/artsineducation.cfm

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Damron, Reflections Chair at damrongirls3@gmail.com

School News

Star War Reads



Washington is honored to be chosen to participate in Barnes and Noble Star War Reads Day. We need your help to make this a smashing success for our school. Volunteers are needed to help at a main greeting table, craft table and cupcake decorating table. There will be lots of fun activities for the

family. If you can spare an hour on Saturday, bring the kids and help out our school. For a list of activities on Star War Reads Day, please read the attached [flyer](#).

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Ages 9-15

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We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Star Wars Reads at Barnes & Noble!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:
<http://vols.pt/XfLuqJ>
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. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Any questions please email Kellylatona@verizon.net.

Keep on Collectin'

Reward Cards

For the past few weeks, we've been telling you about how you can help Washington by collecting Labels and BoxTops off the products you already buy. This week is even easier! All you have to do is shop!



Register your [RedCard](#) and Washington will receive cash donations for your purchases at Target. We've already accumulated nearly \$500 for Target's next donation. Let's see how much we can earn this year!



Register your Perks card at [Shop 'n Save](#) and Washington will receive credit toward awesome assemblies from the Carnegie Science Center and the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. Let's make sure our kids have these opportunities!

Click on the links to find out more about registering your cards. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at amyolson001@gmail.com.

Thanks for your help!

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

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