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Important Dates

October

- 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
- 11 Veteran's Day Appreciation Breakfast Social, 7:45-9:00 am, WES Gym
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no pm kindergarten), 5:30-8:30 pm
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences (Grades K-5 not in session)
- 19 DEAR: Mustache Day
- 19 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, WES Auditorium/Cafeteria

What Day Is It?

- 10/12: Day 3
- 10/13: Day 4
- 10/14: Day 5
- 10/15: Day 1
- 10/16: Day 2

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PTA News

DEAR: Superhero Style



It is time to...Drop Everything And Read:
Superhero Style. Show your school spirit
on Thursday, October 15. Wear your
favorite super hero character or logo on a
t-shirt, hat, or hoodie! No costumes or

masks please.

~Erin St. John, Washington Reads Chair

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



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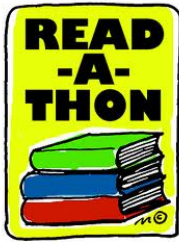
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~Ann Deibert & Jan Loney, Learning Garden & Playground Cleanup Co-Chairs

Read-A-Thon



Congratulations Washington for winning the Read-A-Thon! We're so incredibly proud of our students for their dedication and we hope that they have developed some lasting reading habits. Mr. Kitsko, Lincoln's principal, will soon be making a visit to get a pie thrown in his face!

Now it's time for parents to do our part and help collect those pledges. Remember, if we raise enough money from the Read-A-Thon, there will be no catalog sale fundraisers for the entire school year. Please send all pledge forms and money in to the office by Wednesday, October 14.

The winning class, top readers, and winner of the two Kindle Fires will be announced Monday. GO WASHINGTON!

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

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



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 find 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

~Heather Damron, Arts in Education Chair

Minutes from PTA General Meeting

To view the minutes from the September 29 General PTA Meeting, please [click here](#).

Star Wars Reads Day

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Community Flyers

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

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Ages 4-13

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Age 8-Adults

[Babysitting Course](#)
Ages 9-15

[Basketball](#)
2nd-8th

Couldn't make it to Barnes and Noble on Saturday? You can still help out by ordering online at BN.com/bookfairs. Washington will get the proceeds from 10/10/15 to 10/14/15 by entering Bookfair Id # 11683620. For more information, [click here](#). Any questions please contact me kellylatona@verizon.net
 ~Kelly Latona, Book Sales Chair



2015-16 School-wide Service Project



Washington Supports Our Troops and Veterans

For the second year, Washington Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in a yearlong school-wide service project. This year's focus: supporting our troops and veterans!

Students in all grades will have the opportunity to participate in service activities in the fall, winter, and spring. Planned activities include a Halloween candy collection* (along with toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss!), a holiday care-package collection, yearlong lunchtime thank you letters and crafts, a yearlong cell phone collection, and a flag placement activity on Memorial Day.

Activities will benefit two worthy organizations: Operation Gratitude, which sends care packages to troops overseas, and Fisher House Pittsburgh, a home-away-from-home for military families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at the Pittsburgh VA Hospital.

Please be on the lookout for newsletter articles, flyers, and e-blasts throughout the year letting you know how your child(ren) and your family can help Washington support our troops and veterans!

The School-wide Service Project is a joint undertaking by Washington Elementary Principal Mrs. Davis and the Washington PTA. The purpose of the project is to educate students about community service and provide them with age-appropriate ways they can help.

If you have any questions about any of the year's activities, e-mail barb.alsko@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

*Leftover candy or student-donated only! Please do not purchase extra candy because it is expensive to ship.

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal, and Barb Alsko, School-wide Service Project Co-Chairs

Mt. Lebanon PTA Council Presentation

*Mt. Lebanon PTA Council Presents:
It Takes a Village...How Supportive Is Yours?*

Don't miss this informative evening on Thursday, 10/22 at 7:00 p.m. in the newly renovated HS Fine Arts Theater. Learn about the resources available for families as you deal with the many stresses of today's fast-paced world. Discover more about the activities-including the latest social media trends-your kids are engaging in. And find out how to

Grade Boys & Girls

Mt. Lebanon Basketball
[Basketball Kickoff Clinics](#)
 1st-8th
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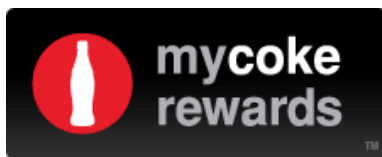
manage it all and preserve your health and wellness while doing it.

There will be short presentations and a panel discussion, featuring:
Laura Crooks, RN - Certified Wellness Coach, YouBloomWellness.com
Aaron V. Lauth - Chief of Police, Mt. Lebanon Police Department
Philip Little - Education and Outreach Specialist, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
Christina Hostutler, LCSW - Clinical Director, Outreach Teen & Family Services

Special thanks to Representative Dan Miller for his assistance with this event.

Keep on Collectin'

Reward Cards



A big thank you goes out to all the parents already collecting my Coke Rewards - Washington has earned nearly 11,000 points so far this year!

If you don't know about the program, collecting My Coke Rewards is another easy way to help Washington with the products you already buy. The points you earn are converted to cash and paid directly to the school.

To help, just look for codes on bottle caps and inside the cardboard packaging on Coke products, such as Coca-Cola, Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Pibb, MelloYello, Fuze, Seagrams, and Tab drinks. You can drop off the bottle caps and codes in the collection bin at the front of the school or you can enter the codes yourself at the My Coke Rewards website. If you enter your own codes, don't forget to donate the points you enter to Washington Elementary.

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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