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Important Dates

October

- 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
- 26-27 No School: Thanksgiving Recess

What Day Is It?

- 10/19: Day 3
- 10/20: Day 4
- 10/21: Day 5
- 10/22: Day 1
- 10/23: Day 2

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Star Wars Day

Chairs: Mary Kay Davis, Rosie Pesacreata, Kelly Latona,
& Stephanie Fedro-Byrom

Volunteers:

Rebecca Davis
Mrs Shetter
Mrs Jones
Mr Philips
Mrs Friesner
The Fifth Grade Band
Julie Toussaint
Steve Toussaint
Sophie Toussaint
Emma Toussaint

Stacey Jo Bonenberger
Diane Kierzkowski
Kim Martin
Susan Morgan
Tina Socinski
Lisa Dharwalker
CharLynn Wertz
Brayden Wertz
Cooper Wertz
Ava Pesacreata

Ann Deibert
Ying Yang
Heather Damron
Heather Boylan Clark

Hailey Latona
Sarah Raspanti
Madison Smith

Red, White & You

Chairs: Mary-Kay Davis & Barb Alsko
Volunteers:
Jamie Bissot
Stacey Bonenberger
Bonnie Dougherty
Jeremy Gracik
Rebekah Krakora
Shirley McElhattan
Sharon Reismeyer
Maggie Reynolds
Nina Reynolds
Aiden Reynolds
Ella Winters

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Age 4-8th grade

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Ages 4-13

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Age 8-Adults

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PTA News

5th Grade Fundraiser



MECKA
CYCLING·YOGA·FITNESS

Cycle Class - Wednesday, October 21, 9:30 am

Join us for a cycle class at Mecka Fitness, and help to support the 5th graders. Washington's own Jill Gates will be the instructor as she takes you on a ride you will not forget. There is a minimum \$10.00 donation, with 100% of the proceeds going toward the 5th grade. Payment will be due at the time of class. You will need to sign up online at meckafitness.com to participate in the class. Be sure to make reservations today - there are only 30 bikes available.

~Amee Oakes, Julie Toussaint, Nicole Gilberg, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, 5th Grade Fundraising Co-Chairs

Apple Crunch Day

The Big Apple Crunch is an attempt to set the world record for the "Most Participants in an Apple-Crunching Event." Washington Elementary School wants to be the loudest crunch heard around the world! Please pledge to take a bite of an apple on October 21, and we are making it easy by giving each student an apple at school! Take a bite of an apple at home on October 21, and help Washington have the "Most Participants in an Apple-Crunching Event!"

~ Natalie Kukla, Health & Safety Chair



Reflections

Washington is Celebrating the Arts through our Reflections Program



Calling all artist! Just a reminder that the reflections projects are Due October, 23. Please place all pieces in the reflections box in the office. Please ensure all forms are filled out and you have followed all entry procedures.

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

-Heather Damron, Arts in Education Chair

Red, White & You

Thanks to everyone who visited our red, white, and blue table at the Fall Family Picnic, to personalize a yellow ribbon or make a donation. For this year's School-wide Service Project, Washington will be supporting the troops and veterans with special activities and collection drives to support two wonderful organizations: Operation Gratitude and Fisher House Pittsburgh.

Watch for newsletter articles and school e-blasts to learn how your child and your family can get involved in the service project throughout the year.

-Mary-Kay Davis & Barb Alsko, Co-Chairs, Schoolwide Service Project

Minutes from PTA General Meeting

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

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

Ages 9-15

[Basketball](#)
2nd-8th
Grade Boys & Girls

Mt. Lebanon Basketball
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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 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 Hostuttler, LCSW - Clinical Director, Outreach Teen & Family Services

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

School News

Kleenex Boxes for the Library



The library is need of your used tissue boxes again this year. You maybe wondering what the library is doing with all of your tissue boxes. Well, we are using Kleenex boxes as a "backstop" for the books on the library shelves. You can see the before and after photos. These backstops put an end to the frustrating problem of small books sliding out of sight toward the

back of the shelves. A backstop keeps all of the books pushed to the front edge of the bookshelves so students and teachers can easily read the spine labels.

Basically, we need 3 Kleenex boxes for every bookshelf in the library. That equals a ton, but, with your help, we are getting there! Every one that is sent in helps. If a student brings a Kleenex box to school, he/she can drop it off in the library. Parents can drop them off in the office. Both Mrs. Shetter & Mrs. Jones know I'm collecting them & will send them to library. Thanks so



much.

~Mrs. Mascoko, Librarian

Community News

Jubilee Soup Kitchen Haunted House



Come join us for a haunted house tour, that supports a great cause. The Jubilee Soup Kitchen is hosting a haunted house, appropriate for the younger crowd; grades 1-7. Admission is free! Just bring the attached [flyer](#), and a donation of a canned item. Haunted house dates are:

Friday, October 23 from 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Saturday, October 24 from 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Sunday, October 25 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 29 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Friday, October 30 from 7:30 - 11:00 pm

Keep on Collectin'

Box Tops

A big thank you goes out to all the families saving Box Tops. The next payment deadline is November 2, so get those Box Tops in now. We already have raised \$1300 toward the next payment - let's try to get that up to \$1400 before they write the check to Washington!



Did you know collecting Box Tops can also SAVE you money? Every week, you can visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Coupons> to print coupons for Box Tops products. You can also link digital coupons to your Giant Eagle, Rite Aid, and Shop 'n Save cards by visiting here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/BoxTops/card-linked-offers/retailers>. Remember 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. 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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