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# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### October

- 30 Halloween Parade 2:30
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### November

- 3 No School: Election Day - Teacher Classroom Management
- 3 Election Day Bake Sale
- 3 Lebo Subs & Betsy's FUN-draiser
- 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
- 30 Principal's Coffee

## What Day Is It?

- 10/26: Day 3
- 10/27: Day 4
- 10/28: Day 5
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## Weekly News

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## PTA News

### Calling All Washington Bakers.... We Need Your Help!

Our annual Election Day Bake Sale is fast approaching and we need your help to make it a success! Every year the 5th grade class has a bake sale on Election Day to raise money for their trip to Camp Lutherlyn. We are in need of cookies, brownies, breads, cakes and pies for both the Washington and Mellon polling locations. Please consider donating a tasty treat and help our 5th graders! Please package your treats so they are ready to sell (one to two cookies per baggie). All items should be properly labeled if they contain nuts. You can drop off your items at the table located in the front hallway between 9:00 am - 3:30 pm on Monday, November 2. Please sign up through VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/vEJHmT>



5th grade families, please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time on Election Day. We need to fill 26 slots for both schools. That means we need two volunteers per hour per school. Please sign up through VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/utPT1D>

Thank you for your help!  
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~Amee Oakes, Nicole Gilberg, Julie Toussaint & Stephanie Fedro-  
Byrom, Fifth Grade Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs

### Veterans Day Celebration and Breakfast Social



Please join us Wednesday, November 11 at the WES Gym for a breakfast social celebrating our Veterans. Coffee and donuts will be served from 7:45-8:30 am and following the 8:30 am bell we will have a ceremony out by the flag pole. We encourage our WES families to invite a Veteran so that we may thank and honor our loved ones for their service to our country!

If you are inviting a Veteran to the breakfast, we do ask that you RSVP to [breakfastsocial@gmail.com](mailto:breakfastsocial@gmail.com) so that we may have a count of our Veterans that are attending. As in the past, donations at the breakfast will be collected, and all funds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project that provides programs to honor and empower our wounded veterans and their families. We also invite all of our WES Scouts (Cubs, Boys and Girls) to wear their uniform as part of our celebration. Those scouts wearing their full CLASS A uniform will be asked to stand at the Flagpole and assist with the raising of the flag.

In conjunction with the breakfast social and celebration, we would like to invite every student to submit a photo of a loved one (past or present) who has served our country. Students can bring in a hard copy or email the photo to Julie Jones ([jjones@mtlsd.net](mailto:jjones@mtlsd.net)). Please include the following with the photo or on the email: the Veteran's name, branch of military, the student's name, relation to the student, and student homeroom number. We ask that photos are submitted by Wednesday, November 4. We will scan all of the photos to create a collage for the bulletin board in the main entrance way. Once scanned, all photos will be returned to the student.

If you submitted a photo last year, there is no need to resubmit it. Printed photos were saved to be utilized again. Any questions, please email Stephanie Fedro-Byrom/Bonnie Dougherty at [breakfastsocial@gmail.com](mailto:breakfastsocial@gmail.com).

~Stephanie Fedro-Byrom & Bonnie Dougherty, Veterans Day Breakfast Co-Chairs

### Lebo Subs and Betsy's FUN-draiser!

Mark your calendars for Spirit Day at Lebo Subs and Betsy's on Election Day, ALL DAY, Tuesday, November 3. Mention Washington Elementary at check out, and a portion of proceeds from both Lebo Subs and Betsy's will go to the WES PTA. What a great way to support local business and the PTA.



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

### Treats for Troops!

To kick off this year's schoolwide Service Project, Washington will be collecting Halloween candy and dental supplies to be

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Age 4-8th grade



sent to U.S. servicemen and women deployed overseas!

Send a handful or two of excess candy (Please don't buy extra!) in a small sandwich bag, along with individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, or dental floss, on Monday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 4. Parent volunteers will be stationed outside the front and back school

entrances to collect the donations. Then we'll sort, pack, and ship the candy off to Operation Gratitude, who will include it in their care packages to the troops!

It's a great way to let the troops know we appreciate them -- and a good way to unload some of that excess candy!

Want to do more? [Click on this link](#), print and cut out the pumpkin to personalize your donation with a short note of thanks. (First name and last initial only, please.)

Washington is very grateful for the support of the Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, Castle Shannon Rotary Club, which will be covering the costs of shipping the candy to California for us, and Dr. Steven M. Krakora of Western Pennsylvania Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, who is donating toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss!

Thanks for sending a smile to the troops and supporting Operation Gratitude!

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

### Holiday Shop Help

The Washington Holiday Shop is fast approaching and we are working hard to make sure there is something for everyone. We are looking for more elves so if you are interested in making a craft or joining us for a crafting session, we would love to hear from you! We are also looking for donations of buttons, recycled CD's, ribbon, glitter and glitter glue. These can be placed in the red plastic bin marked Holiday Shop in front of Washington. Thanks!



*-Amee Oakes, Nicole Gilberg, Molly Simpson, Soncerae Yeager & Julie Toussaint, Holiday Shop Co-Chairs*

## School News

### Halloween Parade and Parties

Halloween Parade and Parties are scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2015. Students will be permitted to bring a costume to school to put on just before the parade and party begin. Please do not send your child in grades 1-5 to school in costume.

[Canvas Creation Kid Style](#)

Ages 4-13

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Kindergarten students may wear their costumes to school. Morning kindergarten will have their party at 10:00 am ending with the parade on the playground at 11:00 am. Afternoon kindergarten and grades 1-5 will have the parade at 2:30 pm and the parties immediately after the parade.

Weather permitting, our children in costume will parade around the playground. Parents and neighbors are welcome to observe from the perimeter of the playground. We certainly hope for nice weather, but in the event of rain, there will be no parade and the parties will be a little longer.

Please remember the following:

- Parents and neighbors are welcome to attend the parade.
- Only the homeroom parents scheduled to volunteer for the party are to be in the classrooms afterward. For an easy transition, these individuals should sign in the office and get a visitor's badge prior to going to the parade. You will then be able to go inside with the classroom through the back of the building.
- Students' younger siblings are not permitted to attend the Halloween Party.
- Students are not permitted to have any toy or look-alike weapons with their costumes.
- No edible treats sent in with students can be distributed. Your child is welcome to bring in non-edible items if you would like to have something passed out. This is optional and it is not expected for students to bring items in for their classmates.

Thank you for your help in making this an enjoyable celebration for our students!

*-Mary Kay Davis, Principal*

#### Welcome to Washington



Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to Hayden Jackson a 5th grader in Mrs. Davidson's Homeroom! Welcome Hayden!  
*-Laura McKenzie, Sharon Hartung and Christina Coulter, Human Relations Co-Chairs*

#### Lab Ratz Science Club for Grades 3-4

Lab Ratz Science Club is coming to Washington Elementary,

meeting each Thursday, beginning November 12, 2015 after school (from 3:45 pm -4:45 pm).



Lab Ratz Science Club is a five week program (November 12, 2015 through December 10, 2015, no class November 26, 2015) that presents basic Science principles in an engaging, hands-on manner which encourages students to be inventive and creative, to question the world around them, and make discoveries through firsthand experimentation. This session will be open to all students in grades 3-4. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Washington Warms Winter



Once again Washington will be collecting jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, etc. to donate to Salvation Army. Please [click here](#) for details.  
~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

### 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



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## 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

### Winter Clothing Donations Needed

The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services will participate in the Mt. Lebanon Halloween Parade on October 31.

Immediately following the parade, from Noon to 3:00 pm, in the Southminster Parking Lot next to the Mount Lebanon Library, volunteers will be on hand to collect donations of gently used coats for kids. But they are not just looking for coats. They will accept hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, scarves, hats, boots, shoes, gloves and the like. Appropriate donations include anything that is in good condition with lots of wear left that will help keep a child warm this winter. Although the main focus is on winter apparel for kids, adult coats will be accepted as well.



~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

### Keep on Collectin'

#### Labels for Education

We are gearing up to earn extra points from the Fall Collection of Labels for Education. You can earn 50 bonus points for Washington by gluing 2 Pepperidge Farm and 3



Campbell's UPCs to this collection sheet! There's no limit to the number of sheets you can prepare. Just attach the UPCs and place the completed sheet in the collection bin in front of Washington.

Don't feel like filling out the sheet? Don't have the right number of UPCs? No problem! Just drop whatever Pepperidge Farm and Campbell's UPCs you do have in the collection bin. I'll collect, glue, and send the sheets in for you!

And keep collecting Labels for Education as well. Remember the points we earn from Labels can be used to buy school supplies and equipment for Washington. Collecting Labels has allowed Mrs. Davis to bring everything from art supplies to playground and sports equipment into our school. We already have over 24,000 points for our next big purchase!

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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