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Washington WEEKLY News



President's Message

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks have just about come to an end and that conferences are upon us. We have enjoyed many successful events including the Welcome Back Pool Party, Fall Family Picnic, the Read-a-Thon and our Halloween parties. There are many more exciting events around the corner such as the Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast Social. The Veteran's Appreciation breakfast is being planned as a beautiful way to honor and give thanks to our servicemen and woman of present and past. Please try to come, as our hope is that our WES children will participate and gain a better understanding of the meaning of Veteran's Day.

Moving forward into the coming couple of months the Holiday Shop and Alternative Gift Market are right around the corner. PTA volunteers are busy crafting beautiful handmade items for our shop, feel free to contact our Holiday Shop Committee to get in on the crafting action or the AGM Committee to help plan the worthy charities for this year. And once the Holidays have passed, and we hit the New Year, look for the start of our Lunchtime Clubs and some fun longstanding Washington social traditions such as Bingo for Books and the Washington Winter Carnival.

How are we able to provide so many fun things for our students? Through our Parent Volunteers and Faculty, that's how! We are very fortunate to have a wonderful community here at Washington, who put so much time and energy into making all of the programs at the school engaging for students. So at this time of giving thanks, I would like to thank our Parent and Faculty for their time, effort and commitment to our Students!

~ Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Important Dates

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)
- 18 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, WES Auditorium - **Changed**
- 19 DEAR: Mustache Day
- 19 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, WES Auditorium/Cafeteria
- 26-27 No School: Thanksgiving Recess

What Day Is It?

- 11/02: Day 3
- 11/03: No School
- 11/04: Day 4
- 10/05: Day 5
- 10/06: Day 1

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30 Principal's Coffee, 8:45 am, WES

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 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). Please include the following

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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.

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

Veterans Day Celebration and Breakfast Social



It's hard to believe that it's already time to prepare for the Winter Carnival! This is Washington's biggest fundraiser and a fun afternoon for all of our Washington friends. A brainstorming session will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria for all interested volunteers, as well as the subcommittee chairs that have already been chosen. We will be discussing possible themes and ideas for this year's carnival. All are welcome. Please contact Erin Kennedy eringkennedy21@gmail.com or Erin St. John erinstjohn@gmail.com with any questions.

~Erin Kennedy & Erin St. John, Washington Winter Carnival Co-Chairs

Meeting Minutes for October PTA Meeting



The meeting minutes for the October 21, 2015 PTA meeting can be found [here](#).

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



Mt. Lebanon Council PTA

The Brain Show
Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm
High School Main Gym

It's back! The hottest interactive trivia game show in the country is both educational and fun, and it is

Mt. Lebanon Basketball
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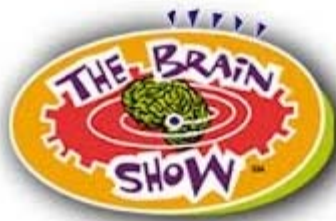
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coming back to Mt. Lebanon. It will be like having a live game show, right here in the high school's Main Gym. Contestants answer trivia questions and dance for points in a fun-filled contest.

Come out on Tuesday, November 10, to cheer on your school and your teachers. Each of our 10 schools will be represented by a group of teachers and staff, as well as an additional team of high school students.

Show your school spirit by wearing your school colors. School seating will be available so that schools can sit together to cheer on their teachers.

This district-wide event is sponsored by Mt. Lebanon City Council PTA. Suggested donation of \$2 per person is payable at the door. All proceeds benefit the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education (MLFE). For more information on the fund, visit: www.mtisd.org/mlfe.

Treats for Troops!

To kick off this year's schoolwide Service Project, Washington will be collecting Halloween candy and dental supplies to be 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 & Barb Alsko, School-wide Service Project Co-Chairs

Directories & Membership Cards

Directories and Membership Cards were distributed last week. They were only given to paid, PTA members. If you think you are missing your directory or membership card, please feel free to contact me at charconw@verizon.net. If you requested a digital copy of the directory and haven't received it yet, check your junk mail (to double check it didn't get sent there accidentally).

Thanks for the tremendous support of the PTA. We are over 340 members strong. Way to go Washington!

~ CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

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

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

Mt Lebanon High School Bands

*Bands In Review Concert
November 5 at 7:30 pm*

High School Auditorium

Please join the Mt. Lebanon High School Bands for a great night of music! This concert will feature the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band, including the Front Ensemble and Drumline. You will enjoy a wide variety of musical styles including traditional concert music, drum cadences, and this year's halftime show, "Wicked". This concert is our way of celebrating a successful marching band season and thanking all of our young band members for being a part of it. As a special thanks, we are bringing all the 5th and 8th grade band members on stage to be recognized. We hope you will join us and that you get to know and love the Mt. Lebanon High School Bands.

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

Keep on Collectin'

Labels for Education

Check back next week for more information.

Washington Elementary School

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