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Important Dates

November

- 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
- 26-27 No School: Thanksgiving Recess
- 30 Principal's Coffee, 8:45 am, WES

December

- 2 Holiday Shop Set-Up, 3:30-8:00 pm, WES Gym
- 3 Holiday Shop & Alternative Gift Market, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, WES Gym

PTA News

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 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

What Day Is It?

- 11/09: Day 2
- 11/10: Day 3
- 11/11: Day 4
- 10/12: Day 5
- 10/13: No School

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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

The Brain Show



Tuesday, November 10th, 7 PM
High School-Main Gym

Come out on Tuesday November 10th, to cheer on the Washington Team! This year the Washington Team will be the following staff: Mr. Philips, Mrs. Oldaker, Mrs. Higgins, and Mrs. Davis. 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 Washington's school color - which is white! School seating will be available so that schools can sit together to cheer on their teachers!

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. 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 MLFE (Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education). For more information on the fund, visit: www.mtlsd.org/mlfe

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

REFLECTIONS News!

Congratulations to all of the Washington Elementary School artists. All of the entries have moved on to the district level. If you see your friends in the hall make sure you give them a handshake.

~Heather Damron, Reflections Chair



Simon Svitek	1st place Visual Arts	Primary
Hallee Damron	1st place Photography	Intermediate
Sarah Oakes	1st place Visual Arts	Intermediate
Gabriella Ott	2nd place Visual Arts	Intermediate
Malanna Palaschak	3rd place Visual Arts	Intermediate
Danny Ziegler	1st place Music Composition	Intermediate

Meeting Minutes for October PTA Meeting



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

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Community Flyers

Mt. Lebanon Rec Center
More coming soon!

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Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra
[Free Concert](#)

New World Symphony
November 15 - New

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

Art to Remember



The ART TO REMEMBER fundraiser has begun!

Order forms were sent home in your child's backpack. The form is customized with your child's name and a picture of his/her personal artwork. If you choose to order, you may do so online, or send back the form with payment to your child's homeroom teacher. (Online ordering is preferred.)

Product delivery is expected around Monday, December 7th- just in time for the holidays!

All details and information can be found on your child's ordering form. Any questions, email Mrs. McKeever, jmckeever@mtlsd.net.
~Mrs. Jodi McKeever, Art Teacher

Dairy Queen Cake Design Challenge

Once again, Washington student artists participated in the Dairy Queen Cake Design Challenge. Designs were submitted and 2 finalists were chosen from each class by staff voting. Finalists' designs are hanging

Collections Corner

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at the Mt. Lebanon Dairy Queen until Saturday, November 14th. Stop in and vote for the one you think is sweetest!

Mt. Lebanon Dairy Queen: 1693 McFarland Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216

Finalists are:

5TH GRADE

Davidson- Sarah Oakes, Eliza Harbaugh
Sharkey- William Sandoval Casas, Seiya Iyobe
Philips- Sydney Martin, Olivia Wu

4TH GRADE

Robbins- Molly Mooney, Ezra Heidenreich
Cogis- Lilly Anderson, Raquel Campuzano
Crouthamel- Hallee Damron, Jack Werner

3rd GRADE

Bronco- Olivia Barnes, Grace Weir, Roman Molinaro
DeMicco- Gianna Sabatini, Natalie Morgan
O'Toole- Josh Ghil, Bryce Beamon
Perrett- Sam Deibert., Mary McElhattan

2nd GRADE

Oldaker- Grace Query, Samuel Luther
Malock- Grant Hester, Caitlin Kilbane
Murtha- Audrey Gracik, Isabella Shane

1st GRADE

Tomlins- Vanshika Jain, Annaleigh Dwulit
Spitznagel- Aziza Kutbiddinova, Aiden Halter
Higgins- Ellie Shaffer, Liam Mooney
Folmer- Julia Ghil, Max Deibert
~Mrs. Jodi McKeever, Art Teacher

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



Community News

Having "The Talk" About Guns

Don't miss this important information from Mt. Lebanon Chief of Police Aaron V. Lauth:

Here's the scenario...you schedule a play date for after school with your child's classmate. You've asked their classmate's parent the tough questions..."what time should I come pick them up?"... "should I send a snack?"...maybe even, "do you have an extra car seat so my child is safe and secure on the drive to your house?" Have you ever considered asking the parent if they have any unsecured firearms in their home? It's not a question that is regularly thought of or one that is always easy to ask. Consider the following information and decide for yourself if this is an important question to consider asking.

With an estimated 270 million civilian-owned firearms in the U.S. -- nearly one for every man, woman, and child -- the odds are good that there's a gun (if not several) located someplace where your child spends time. If that fact doesn't give you pause, this one will: A study published in Pediatrics found that nearly 1.7 million children under age 18 live with a loaded and unsecured gun in the house. It could be on a closet shelf, in a drawer, or under a mattress -- where a child can easily reach it. Yet few parents raise the issue of firearms before letting their kid play at

someone else's home. "Most parents who own guns are responsible about keeping them locked, unloaded, and stowed away safely," says Beth Ebel, M.D., a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention. "Yet nearly 40 percent of gun-owning households with children have an unlocked gun to which a child might gain access."

Since 1988, the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been promoting firearm safety in schools and youth groups as well as through law-enforcement agencies. Its main points: If you see a gun, 1. Stop. 2. Don't touch. 3. Leave the area. 4. Tell an adult. MLPD Crime Prevention Officers utilize and teach kids these key points during some of their safety lessons in the elementary schools throughout the district.

Unfortunately, research shows that most kids can't resist the lure of handling a gun, even after they've been warned repeatedly not to do so. "Children can recite what to do if they find a gun and still do the wrong thing when it counts," says Raymond Miltenberger, Ph.D., professor of applied behavior analysis at the University of South Florida, in Tampa. As proof, he cites his studies published in Pediatrics, which showed that 4- and 5-year-olds who participated in verbal safety training didn't follow the correct procedure when they were left alone in a room containing a gun.

When scheduling that next play date, please consider asking about unsecured firearms. It could save your child's life.

Some additional resources on the topic can be found at the following links:

<http://askingsaveskids.org/>

<http://besmartforkids.org/>

<http://www.parents.com/kids/safety/guns-within-reach/>

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/10/living/guns-parenting/>

~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Keep on Collectin'

Check back next week for more information.

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