

# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### November

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 - 6:00 pm,  
WES Gym - **Update**

17 (DEAR): Best Holiday PJ Day

22 Washington Band, Chorus and Orchestra Winter Concert, 2:30 pm

23 Holiday Party, 2:45 - 3:20 pm

24-31 No School: Holiday Recess

## What Day Is It?

11/23: Day 2

11/24: Day 3

11/25: Day 4

11/26: No School

11/27: No School

## Weekly News

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Oops! We'd like to apologize for a mistake in the last edition. We left  
Todd Schultz off the list and we want to be sure to say thanks!

### Breakfast Social

Chairs: Chad Wertz, Todd Schultz & John Petulla

Set-Up: Mr. Dale

Donors: Giant Eagle Market District, Shop n' Save, Dunkin Donuts

Clean-Up: Thanks to all the Veteran's and family members who pitched  
in and made clean-up go super fast!

## PTA News

### Alternative Gift Market



On December 3, along side the Holiday Shop, is the Alternative Gift Market (AGM).

The AGM is a service provided by the PTA to introduce our children to the idea of philanthropy, providing a "teachable moment" about the existence of people in need and our capacity to make a difference.

Through the Alternative Gift Market, our children and their families can make small donations (\$2) to a charity in honor of a loved one, and then receive a gift card announcing the gesture. We will send home the flyer the week

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of Thanksgiving to permit you to discuss with your children the charities we are sponsoring this year. Each charity focuses on families or children.

~Heather Boylan Clark, AGM Chair

### Meeting Minutes for October PTA Meeting



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

### Holiday Shop Help

*Washington Holiday Shop is Thursday, December 3, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.*

The Washington Holiday Shop is scheduled for Thursday, December 3. We are extremely excited to offer our students a wonderful assortment of handmade, Repurposed, Recycled, and Re-imagined items all crafted from our very own Washington Elves.



We have some very exciting news! The Washington Holiday Shop will have extended hours to 6:00 pm for families and teachers to shop.

We need parent volunteers to help make the shop a success please sign up for one of our shifts:

Set-up

Morning shift

Afternoon shift

After school shift / clean up

If you are available to help during any of those times click here: <http://vols.pt/cLmsgI> to sign up on Volunteerspot.

Thank You,

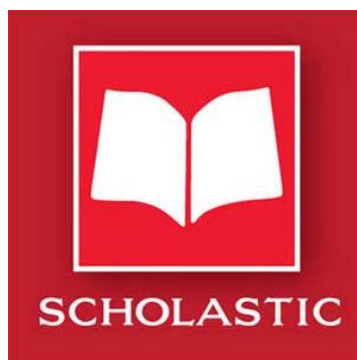
~Amee Oakes, Nicole Gilberg, Molly Simpson, Soncerae Yeager & Julie Toussaint, Holiday Shop Co-Chairs

## School News

### It's Scholastic book time!

Scholastic forms were sent home with your children this past week. The flyers contain some great inexpensive reading options and gift ideas for the readers in your family. There is nothing like a great book to snuggle up with when there is no school.

Ordering from scholastic books is easy and benefits our school. Just log in at [www.scholastic.com/readingclub](http://www.scholastic.com/readingclub) enter



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### PTA Forms & Flyers

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### Community Flyers

Mt. Lebanon Rec Center  
[Junior Tennis Clinic](#)  
Ages 5-8

[Dance Program](#)  
Ages 4-12

[Holiday Craft Class](#)  
Ages 4-4th grade

Mt. Lebanon School District, Public Library, & Recreation Department  
- New  
[Adult Education Survey](#)

Outreach Teen & Family Services

the code P6L9Q (Mrs Kelly Latona).

Once online you can access lots of great items. Online payment is either credit card or debit card. Deadline for ordering is Dec 4, 2015 to ensure delivery before winter break. Orders will be sent home with the children.

If you can't access the online version, we will still accept paper order forms. Paper forms need to be accompanied by a check written to scholastic reading club. Any questions/ problems please email me at [kellylatona@verizon.net](mailto:kellylatona@verizon.net).

#### Lunchtime Club Volunteers Needed



*Calling all Volunteers!*

Do you want to help with Lunchtime Clubs? Does your child love Lego or Bingo Club? Culture, Fitness or Yoga? Whatever club they like, we need your help!

Lunchtime Clubs provide our students in Grades 1-5 with additional recess options during the winter months of January, February, and March when the temperatures dip. Lunchtime Clubs cannot operate without parent assistance. Last year we had over 70 parent/teacher volunteers for the Lunchtime Clubs, so if you have any availability between 12 noon and 1:00 pm, just once a week for 4 weeks please consider volunteering to help with a club. Help us to continue the wonderful WES tradition of the Lunchtime Clubs and become a parent volunteer. We are looking to find the club that you are interested in and which day and session you can head the club.

Some of the favorite clubs from past years Fitness, Lego, Operation Thanks, Craft, Bingo, Yoga, Book Club, Chess, Sign Language. One new suggestion for this year would be a game club such as Minute to win it. Lunch time clubs run in two sessions January 11- February 5 Second Session starts on February 8-March 4.

Mt. Lebanon School District requires all volunteers who may have contact with a student without a teacher/staff member present to obtain background clearances. To remain in compliance with this policy, all volunteers of WES Lunchtime Clubs will need to provide proof of clearances prior to volunteering. The School District has set up a webpage with all of the volunteer clearance information, including links on how to apply for the clearances, <http://www.mtisd.org/parents/volunteerclearances.asp>.

To structure our Lunchtime Clubs appropriately, please have all clearances completed by December. Clearances that have been obtained in the past will be accepted by Mrs. Davis if they have been completed with in the last two years.

Any questions about Volunteer Clearances or want to sign up to be a Lunchtime Club Volunteer? Contact Heather Damron at [Damrongirls3@gmail.com](mailto:Damrongirls3@gmail.com)

#### Technology in the Classroom Survey

*A message from the Director of Technology, Chris Stengel:*

Hello Washington parents,

Beginning this year, the district will be assessing the impact of technology on our students' learning using Clarity's BrightBytes survey

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tool. The results of this survey will be used to help us continuously improve how we utilize technology in our classrooms and in your child's learning. The survey results will be tied to specific suggestions that are research-based and intended to help us understand where we can utilize our resources to bring about the best outcomes for our students. You can learn more about the survey at <http://www.brightbytes.net>.

Thank you in advance for the 10-15 minutes it should take to complete this survey. We intend to offer it every year. If you have children in multiple schools, you will receive this email with a different survey link for the other schools. If you care to fill it out for each of the schools for which you have children attending, that would also be appreciated.

I am excited to gather this data and share the results with our teachers, parents, and students. Thank you for your contribution!

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY PARENT SURVEY:

<http://www.BByt.es/TU4LP>

Students in grades 3-12 are also being surveyed. Please ask them to check their @mtlstudents.net email for a similar invitation from me to complete the BrightBytes student survey for their building.

### Variety Show Sign-Up

Need something to keep your kids busy this holiday weekend? Have them start working on their Variety Show act. Yes, It's time again to start thinking about the Variety Show.



Sign up using this link:

<http://forms.mtlsd.org/DisplayForm.asp?FORMID=81561>

The deadline is December 18.

~Allison Carey, Shirley McElhattan & Ameer Oaks, Variety Show Chairs

### Kleenex Boxes for the Library



The library is in need of your used tissue boxes again this year. You may be 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

### Adult Education Survey



LIVE. LEARN. STAY. PLAY.

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library, The Recreation Department and The School District Adult Education Department have teamed up. We're taking the community's "adult education pulse" to discover what types of programs spark your curiosity.

Help us put together a comprehensive cultural, educational and recreational community-wide Adult Education Program Schedule by clicking on the link below and taking our brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDNVLNC>

## Keep on Collectin'

Thanksgiving is right around the corner...

Looking for a few recipe ideas? See these websites for family favorite side dishes using [Box Tops](#) products and for Thanksgiving recipes using [Campbell's Labels for Education](#) products.



And as you shop for your family's favorites, visit the [Box Tops](#) and [Labels](#) websites for coupons to "gobble" up extra savings.

Happy Holidays, Washington families, and thank you for your continued support!

-Amy Olson and Diana Kierzkowski, Collections Corner Co-Chairs

Washington Elementary School

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