

washington WEEKLY News



Principal's Message

At this time of year, regardless of the traditions we celebrate, it is a time to reflect on things we are grateful for in our lives. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for the Washington Community. Every day I am surrounded by your wonderful children as I watch how they grow under the guidance and instruction of the amazing Washington staff. The parent and community support allows our school to flourish and be a place the students and staff look forward to coming to each day. It continues to be an honor to serve the Washington Community. I hope each of you and your family has a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

Important Dates

December

- 17** (DEAR): Best Holiday PJ Day
- 18** Variety Show Sign Up Deadline
- 22** Washington Band, Chorus and Orchestra Winter Concert, 2:30 pm
- 23** Holiday Party, 2:45 - 3:20 pm

December 24- January 1 No School: Holiday Recess

January

- 11** Lunchtime Clubs Session I Begins, 12-1 pm
- 13** 5th Grade Parent Middle School Transition Meeting, 2:00 pm
- 18** **No School:** ML King Day - Teacher In-service
- 20** PTA Meeting, WES Auditorium, 9:00 am
- 20** Bingo for Books, WES Gym, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PTA News

Barnes and Noble Spirit Day

What Day Is It?

12/14: Day 5
12/15: Day 1
12/16: Day 2
12/17: Day 3
12/18: Day 4

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Did you miss spirit day at Barnes and Noble? Are you still looking for a few last minute gifts? Is grandma out of town and looking for something educational to get the kids? Still looking for a gift for a teacher (click [here](#) for the teacher book wish list) Maybe you were there but were so busy helping that you forgot

to buy something. NO problem. You can still place an order online using our book fair code and we will still get the credit. The online code for Washington Elementary School is #11753530. It is valid from 12/13/15-12/18/15. Instructions are located on the attached flyer. So shop for those last few items and help out your school all in the comfort of your PJs.

For more information [click](#) here.

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

Drop Everything And Read

Let's Drop Everything And Read one more time before winter break! Thursday, Dec. 17 is Holiday PJ Day at Washington!



What is holiday pajama day? It is a day to wear your silliest Santa or any holiday pajamas. The pajamas could be from Valentine's Day, Easter, or the Fourth of July! Show your silly side and wear those outrageous pajamas from Grandma, it's okay, everyone will be doing it. It will be a great day to be silly, show your school spirit, and most of all show your LOVE for READING!

There is only one restriction, No slippers please
~Erin St. John, DEAR/Washington Reads Chair

Service Project

We Need Your Used Cellphones & Tablets for the WES Service Project

As part of this year's service project, we will be collecting used cell phones, smartphones, iPhones, blackberries, iPads, and iPods to mail off at the end of the year. They may not be of any use to you anymore, but they can help Washington support Operation Gratitude.

The cell phones are recycled through an environmentally responsible zero landfill process. For every device donated, Operation Gratitude can receive up to \$300 to help them send care packages to troops and new recruits overseas as well as veterans, first responders, wounded warriors, and caregivers.

The collection will run until May 2016. A box for donations is set up in the office.

For more information, including how to erase your data before donation, read the attached FAQ's below, or contact Jamie Bissot at jamiqgb@gmail.com.

*Please see the pages below for FAQs:

- <http://www.grcrecycling.com/recycle-cell-phones-to-benefit-our-military->
- <http://www.grcrecycling.com/recycle-cell-phones-to-benefit-our-military/frequently-asked-questions-donate-page>

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Thank you!
~Mary Kay Davis & Barb Alsko, School-wide Service Project Co-Chairs

Meeting Minutes for November PTA Meeting



The meeting minutes for the November 19, 2015 PTA meeting can be found [here](#).

Variety Show Sign-Up

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 & Anee Oaks, Variety Show Chairs



School News

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



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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'

Saint Eagle Apples for Students

Howdy folks! Thanksgiving was a humdinger and we earned a lot of chicken feed, if you know what I mean. Anyhoo, we're on the scoreboard with 312 points for the first period. Period 3 began on December 10 and runs through January 21, 2016. This year we have 4 periods making it more like a football game than a hockey game. Do your best to rack up as many points as possible over the holidays. Have a party, feed your whole neighborhood or buy it and donate it to a food bank. We need points people!



Apples
for the
Students

And lastly, we have 404 Apples for Students supporters at Washington, but we could always use more! Please register the GE Advantage cards of grandparents, aunts and uncles, and even the good-for-nothin' varmint's you work with. Here's how you register:

1) Call 1-800-474-4777

* Make sure to have your Giant Eagle Advantage card nearby - you'll be using the 12 digit number that begins with a "4."

* Our School Code is 1668.

OR

2) Go to <http://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students>, and click on ENROLL NOW.

'til next time, keep on shoppin'!

~ *Granny*

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