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Important Dates

December

- 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
- 21** DEAR: Wacky Hat Day
- 25 No School:** Classroom Management
- 30** Winter Carnival, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

What Day Is It?

- 12/21:** Day 5
- 12/22:** Day 1
- 12/23:** Day 2
- 12/24:** No School
- 12/25:** No School

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Service Project: Halloween Candy Collection

Co-Chairs: Mary Kay Davis and Barb Alsko

Committee Volunteers:

Jamie Bissot

Stacey Jo Bonenberger

Rebekah Krakora

Donors:

Dr. Steven M. Krakora, Western Pennsylvania Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery,
Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, & Castle Shannon Rotary Club,
Washington Students

Barnes & Noble Spirit Day

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Fedro Byrom, Rosie Pesacreta, & Kelly Latona

Stacey Jo Bonenberger

Nickie Manning

Denis Pesacreta

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Renee Gebben
Julie Toussaint
Shaofang Wong
Heather Boylan-Clark
Lisa Dharwadkar

Beth Harhai
Ying Yang
Mary Clare Reynolds
Susan Morgan
Ann Deibert

Special thanks to Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Malock, Mrs Davis, Mrs Sadar, Mrs Chesawich, and all our performers and their parents.

Holiday Shop

Co-Chairs: Nicole Gilberg, Ameer Oakes, Molly Simpson, & Julie Toussaint
Honorary Co-Chair: Kristen Delacour, Steve Toussaint, Don Gilberg, & Jeremy Simpson

Holiday shop Helpers:

Allison Carey
Martha Orona
Julie Freedy
Kelly Latona
Nicole Boiano
Nicole Miller
Ann Deibert
Shaofang Wong
Jenny Barnick
Tom Barnick
CharLynn Wertz
Kelly Latona
Katsue Heginbotham
Nina Reynolds
Nickie Manning

Beth White
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Heather Damron
Pete Damron
Susan Volmrich
Laura McKenzie
Ann Stanton
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Kristin Bronkar
Natalie Kukla
Erin Mooney
Susan Duffy
Soncerae Yeager
Lisa Barnes

Custodians:
Mr. Dale
Mr. Tim
Mr. Ron

Alternative Gift Market

Chair: Heather Boylan Clark

Alternative Gift Market Parent Volunteers:

Heather Boylan Clark
Heather Damron
Jane Harbaugh
Lynda Mallinger
Barbara Muse
Cheryl Sorice

Alternative Gift Market Fifth Grade Volunteers:

Yamin Abuzakhra
Anvar Aliyev
Mariyam Baytar
Catherine Beamon
Ava Bissot
Cole Bodnar
Nayeli Corniel
Ben Coulter
Nathan Crupi
Ainsley Flynn
Andrew Freedy

Mallory Gilberg
Eliza Harbaugh
Nathan Hargrave
Andrew Hogg
Dylan Hollenbach
Hayden Jackson
Andrew Krakora
Emilio Mattison Orona
Sofia Molinaro
Sarah Oakes
Fritz Stengel

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PTA News

Holiday Collection Blitz

During this season of giving and giving back, don't forget the Troops!

As part of this year's school wide service project, Washington will be collecting troop care package items for a short period of time, from December 21 through January 8, 2016. Items will be sent to Operation Gratitude, which assembles and ships the packages to our men and women serving overseas. It's a great way to say we remember you and appreciate your service!



Families can participate in this collection "blitz" in three ways:

- by donating new items from the list below*
- by donating change and bills in the main office, which will go to purchasing items and/or defraying the cost of shipping donations
- by purchasing items directly from Operation Gratitude's Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/FY2O3UG2PNSG/ref=cm_sw_su_w

*You may drop off any of the following (new items only, please) in the hallway collection boxes:

- Knit Hats, Scarves, and Neck Gators
- Yarn for knitters to make scarves
- Paracord Survival Bracelets (see Operation Gratitude website for instructions)
- Beanie Babies, Webkinz or other plush toys 6 inches or smaller. (The troops love these!)
- Socks (black, brown, green, or tan; NOT white)
- DVDs and CDs, Video Games, iPods, Computer Flash Drives
- Lip Balm (with extra seal)
- Roll-on deodorant
- Dental Kits: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, travel-size mouthwash
- Individually packaged razors
- Pens
- Shaving Cream (Gel or Cream based only)
- Moist towelettes (individual packets)
- Travel-Size Board Games, playing cards, or handheld electronic games
- Comic Books in perfect condition
- Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties
- Mini-Battery-operated Fans
- Hand and Foot Warmers

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market this year was a great

success!

Thank you to all of our Washington students and families who donated money to those in need. Your generosity and kindness of spirit during your holiday shopping is greatly appreciated!



We collected \$620 this year to benefit the following nine charities: Center for Theater Arts – Special Actors Program, Hekima Place, The Pajama Program, The South Hills Food Pantry at Southminster Church, Books for Washington Elementary Library Tree, Washington Elementary Scholarship Program, Mt. Lebanon School District Instrument Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and TOPSoccer.

~Heather Boylan Clark, *Alternative Gift Market Chair*

Winter Carnival - Save the Date!



Please save the date for this year's Winter Carnival! This is Washington's biggest fundraiser and will take place on Saturday, January 30th.

This year's theme will be Superheroes! Be on the lookout for updates and the Volunteerspot email. We need lots of volunteers to help make this event a

success! We are also in need of someone to chair the Food Committee.

If you are interested please contact Erin Kennedy eringkennedy21@gmail.com or Erin St. John erinstjohn@gmail.com.

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

Donate Your Used Cellphones & Tablets

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 through 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 jamiiegb@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>

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.](#)

School News

Welcome to Washington



Washington would like to send a warm welcome to Arya Choudhuri in Mrs. Oldaker's 2nd grade class!

Welcome to Washington Arya!

~Laura McKenzie, Sharon Hartung & Christina Coulter, Human Relations Co-Chairs

Late Orders for Art to Remember

Late orders for Art To Remember are still be accepted online until January 4th.

If you've misplaced your child's online code and would like to place an order, please email Mrs. McKeever, jmckeever@mtlsd.net.



All late orders will be shipped to the school and should arrive in early February.
~Mrs. Jodi McKeever, Art Teacher

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

Teen Center News



Thank you to the parents and dedicated community people that have rallied to maintain quality programming for the Middle School students of Mt. Lebanon.

With the generous support of the Commissioners of Mt. Lebanon, The School District and the Staff of The Recreation Department, the programming previously organized by the Teen Center will now be an official program of the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department.

Just as the municipality has brought high quality programs for children and adults of Mt. Lebanon throughout the years, they will now organize, promote, program and implement monthly events for Middle School students. Further details, including volunteer opportunities and the date of the 1st new program will be coming in the near future.

The Recreation Department will be hiring a part-time professional to coordinate the new program under the supervision of David Donnellan. Here is a link to the announcement: <http://www.mtlebanon.org/index.aspx?NID=2258>

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'

Collections Corner

Last minute holiday shopping? Having a party? Need to feed the family, friends, or the whole neighborhood this winter?

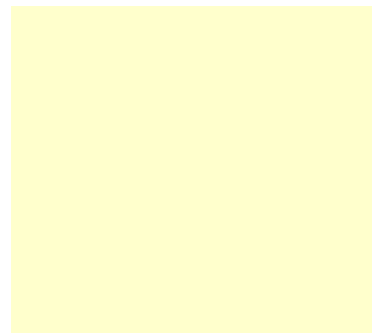
Don't forget to register your Target Red Card or your Shop 'N Save Perks card before you go. So far this year, our dedicated Washington family shoppers have collected \$671 from Target and enough from Shop 'N Save to fund a Carnegie Science Center assembly in the spring semester! We're doing great! Let's see what we can do before 2016 sneaks up on us all!

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





This is the last issue of the Washington Weekly News for 2015. We'll be back to our normal schedule on January 3!



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