

# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### 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

### February

- 5** Lunchtime Clubs Session I Ends
- 8** Lunchtime Clubs Session II Begins
- 12** Valentine's Day Parties
- 15** **No School:** President's Day - Teacher In-service

## PTA News

### Nominating Committee News



It's that time again - to fill PTA Board positions that will become vacant at the end of the year. The Nominating Committee is looking for enthusiastic people who are motivated to continue the tradition of excellence here at Washington.

Positions that will be open are President, Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator.

If you think you may be interested in any of these positions and would like further information, or would just like to throw your name in the hat, please contact any member of the Nominating

Committee.

- CharLynn Wertz - [charconw@verizon.net](mailto:charconw@verizon.net)
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  - Fran McAuley - [franmcauley@me.com](mailto:franmcauley@me.com)
  - Nickie Manning - [nickiemanning@verizon.net](mailto:nickiemanning@verizon.net)
  - Sharon Riesmeyer - [jries506@aol.com](mailto:jries506@aol.com)
- ~CharLynn Wertz, Tanya Sander-Marks, Fran McAuley, Nickie Manning & Sharon Riesmeyer,  
Nominating Committee

### Washington Winter Carnival - Save the Date!

Please save the date for this year's Winter Carnival!

## What Day Is It?

- 01/11:** Day 3
- 01/12:** Day 4
- 01/13:** Day 5
- 01/14:** Day 1
- 01/15:** Day 2

## Weekly News

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This is Washington's biggest fundraiser and will take place on Saturday, January 30.

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.

For more information, please contact Erin Kennedy [eringkennedy21@gmail.com](mailto:eringkennedy21@gmail.com) or Erin St. John [erinstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:erinstjohn@gmail.com).

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

### Washington Winter Carnival: Classroom Baskets

The Winter Carnival is one of the major fund-raisers each year for the Washington PTA. We need many volunteers and many donations to make this day a success for our children.

One of the most favorite activities each year is the Raffle Ticket Auction, where students (and/or family members!) can purchase raffle tickets and 'bid' on prizes they are most interested in!

Therefore, we are seeking your participation and ask each grade level to donate 'themed' items for our auction gift baskets. The baskets are big so we need many items to fill them up!

This year's donation requests are as follows:

- Kindergarten - An art or craft item for the ARTS & CRAFTS gift basket
- 1st Grade - An art or craft item for the ARTS & CRAFTS gift basket
- 2nd Grade - A sports item for the PLAY SPORTS gift basket
- 3rd Grade - Books and Puzzles for the I LOVE READING gift basket
- 4th Grade - A game item for the GAMES ARE FUN gift basket
- 5th Grade - A sports item for the PLAY SPORTS gift basket

Please place all donations in the appropriate basket in the main hallway by the front entrance no later than Tuesday, January 26.

Questions? Contact Mary-Clare Reynolds at [maryclarereynolds@verizon.net](mailto:maryclarereynolds@verizon.net) or call/text 412-287-2905.

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



### Washington Winter Carnival: Cake Walk

The CAKE WALK at the Winter Carnival is the children's favorite game. This year we are asking families from every grade to get creative and bake silly, fun, traditional, gooey, or hilarious cakes! Have fun with it!

It's a great way to incorporate a little friendly cake baking competition into the Winter Carnival. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

Keep in mind, the theme is "superheroes", so any way you can incorporate something about your child's favorite superhero would be awesome! Also keep in mind that this year there will be only one cake given per winner, so a child can not take multiple cakes home.

Deliver cakes to the school on Friday, January 29. Please bring the cakes in non-returnable containers and place on the table located in front of the auditorium.

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



### WES Service Project Collection

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### PTA Forms & Flyers

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### Community Flyers

**Mt. Lebanon Rec Center**  
[Canvas Creation](#)  
Ages 4-14

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

**Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse Association**  
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**Outreach Teen & Family Services**  
[Website](#)

[Vision Care from the Heart](#)  
- New

### Collections Corner

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As part of this year's service project, Washington Elementary will be collecting care package items for military personnel. Children may also contribute spare change and bills in the main office for us to purchase some of these items on the Operation Gratitude Amazon wishlist.



If families prefer, they can make a donation directly through

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/FY2O3UG2PNSG/ref=cm\\_wl\\_sortbar\\_v\\_page\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/FY2O3UG2PNSG/ref=cm_wl_sortbar_v_page_1)

You may drop off any of the following in the hallway collection box (note, please, that all items must be new):

- Knit Hats, Scarves, Neck Gators
- Yarn for knitters to make scarves
- Paracord Survival Bracelets
- Beanie Babies, Webkinz or other Small Plush Toys (6 inches or smaller)
- Socks (preferably black, brown, green, 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, mouthwash (travel-size)
- Individually packaged razors
- Pens
- Shaving Cream (Gel or Cream based only)
- Moist Towelettes (individual packets)
- Travel-Size Board Games, Handheld electronic games
- Comic Books in perfect condition
- Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties\*, Mini-Battery-operated Fans
- Hand and Foot Warmers

Thank you so much for your generosity!

*~Mary Kay Davis & Barb Alsko, WES Service Project Committee Co-Chairs*

## Bingo for Books



Are the kids driving you crazy because everyone is stuck in the house with nothing to do? Looking for some new books to help pass the time until spring arrives?

The perfect opportunity is Bingo for Books. It will be held on Wednesday, January 20 at Washington Gym from 6:30pm-8:00 pm.

Bingo for Books is a fun, inexpensive way to spend the evening with the family. Get out of the house, come back to school at night, in your PJs if you wish, play bingo and win books! Its a win for everyone.

Your favorite Washington teachers will be bingo callers! We will be selling Badamos pizza, snacks and drinks. There is no admission fee; its only \$2 per player for a bingo card pack good for the entire night including door prizes.

We will be collecting new books for the Pajama Program that brings pjs and books to local children in need. More details will follow as the date gets closer. For now go get a new book, hone your bingo skills and pick out your favorite PJs. We will see you soon. Questions regarding Bingo for books please email me at [Kellylatona@verizon.net](mailto:Kellylatona@verizon.net).

*~Kelly Latona, Bingo for Books Chair*

## Drop Everything and Read - Wacky Hat Day

*Get ready for our first Drop Everything And Read of 2016!*

D.E.A.R is scheduled for Thursday, January 21. This is an easy one...WACKY HAT DAY!

Design your own or grab your SILLIEST one from home.

*~Erin St. John, DEAR/Washington Reads Chair*



## Pittsburgh Three Rivers Kids of Steel Program



This year, Washington is excited to announce that we are again going to participate in the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Kids of Steel program. The Kids of Steel Program is an exercise and nutrition program developed to promote healthy lifestyle habits in kids. The kids will be challenged to run or to participate in physical activity that is equal to 26.2 miles over 18 weeks. During the program the kids will be encouraged to make healthier food choices by tasting, studying and sharing with their family different nutritious foods. WES has formed a running and exercise club that will be held each Tuesday beginning on February 2, 2016 from 4:45 to 5:30pm. All

of this is free of charge.

In addition to the Kids of Steel Program, the children have the option of registering for the Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon (1 mile) or the UPMC Health Plan/UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K Run, to complete the final mile(s) of their 26.2 miles. The cost of running the race is \$20 for the Kids Marathon and \$30 for the 5K. For more information about the Kids of Steel program click [here](#).

This year's program promises to be an amazing amount of fun as well as a great learning opportunity. We will have fun activities such as relays and scavenger hunts, group running events with the other schools in the school district and an excellent opportunity to learn about nutrition, healthy lifestyles, setting a goal and achieving it, as well as the fun that comes with training as a group.

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information, if you are interested, please fill out the attached [permission form](#).

~Sarah Carvellas & Soncerae Yeager, Kids of Steel Coordinators

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## School News

### Welcome to Washington



*Oops! We made a mistake in the last issue!*

Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to Ronan Egal in Mrs. Bronco's 3rd grade! Welcome, Ronan!

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

### Winter Concert

Just before break, Washington students performed a Winter Concert for the school. Please click [here](#) to enjoy the beautiful music.



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## District News

### STEAM Showcase - Save the Date



Save the Date for our [K-12 STEAM Showcase!](#) The event is March 7, 2016 from 7-9 pm.

~Mrs. Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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## Community News

### Free Vision Care

Please see the [attached information](#) about free eye exams and glasses.

~Do Sabol, School Nurse

### 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>

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## Keep on Collectin'

### Collections Corner

Welcome back to Collections Corner, and we hope your holidays were joyous! Did you know that 2016 is the year of collecting? No really!

With the New Year, we wanted to remind you of the great opportunities you have to make a BIG DIFFERENCE at Washington Elementary in 2016 and to update you on a few changes.

You can still register your cards at [Giant Eagle](#), [Shop'N Save](#), and [Target](#). Please click on the links to be taken to webpages that will allow you to link the cards you already use to Washington Elementary. If you don't have a card, you can request one at these websites. Your purchases at these stores earn school equipment at Giant Eagle, bring assemblies from the Carnegie Museums, Pittsburgh Zoo, and PPG Aquarium at Shop 'N Save, and give cash back to the school at Target.

Also, you can save [Box Tops 4 Education](#), [Labels for Education](#), and [My Coke Rewards](#) and drop them in the collection bins in front of Washington.

Click on the links to find out about hundreds of products you might already use that offer rewards for our students. Your collections earn cash back from Box Tops 4 Education and My Coke Rewards, while Labels for Education earn



points toward school equipment.

There are also some recent changes that you should know. Target will discontinue their program at the end of the school year, so it's even more important to earn money for Washington while we still can!

Also, Annie's Homegrown has recently joined BoxTops 4 Education, and in celebration, they are offering a [raffle opportunity](#) (no purchase necessary) to earn our school 10,000 Box Tops. Just click on the link to learn more.

Thank you to you all and Happy Collecting in 2016!  
~Amy Olson and Diana Kierzkowski, Collections Corner Co-Chairs

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