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Important Dates

January

- 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
- 17** PTA Meeting, WES, 7:00 pm
- 18** DEAR: Inside Out/Backwards
- 19** Variety Show, MMS Auditorium, 6:30 pm

What Day Is It?

- 01/18: No School**
- 01/19:** Day 3
- 01/20:** Day 4
- 01/21:** Day 5
- 01/22:** Day 1

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PTA News

PTA Meeting



Please join us for our PTA meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 9:00 am in the WES auditorium. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!
 ~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Lunchtime Clubs

A big THANK YOU to Beverly Gray for stepping up and helping with yoga during Lunchtime Clubs.

We are also looking for donations of yoga mats, if you have a yoga mat that is gathering dust, please send it in and have your child drop it off in the library. Thanks in advance.

~Jan Loney, Liz Hagan Kanche and Beverly Gray, Lunchtime Club Yoga Team



Nominating Committee News

After some investigation, we are ready to start really working to find quality people to fill open board positions. The Nominating Committee is looking for enthusiastic individuals who are motivated to continue the tradition of excellence here at Washington. Board positions that will

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be vacant at the end of the year are: President, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator(s) and Ways & Means Chair(s). 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. The PTA is only as great as its volunteers - let's keep the streak of awesomeness alive.

CharLynn Wertz - charconw@verizon.net
Tanya Sander-Marks - tsandemarks@gmail.com
Fran McAuley - franmcauley@me.com

Nickie Manning - nickiemanning@verizon.net
Sharon Riesmeyer - jries506@aol.com

Washington Winter Carnival - Volunteers Needed

Please save the date for this year's Winter Carnival, Saturday, January 30, 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

The Winter Carnival is the largest fundraiser for the PTA and we need your help to make a success. We require many volunteers to staff the carnival so please consider signing up for at least 1 time slot. Use this link to volunteer on VolunteerSpot : <http://vols.pt/FpMoSg>. If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Anee Oakes at oakes1010@verizon.net.



Washington Winter Carnival - Teacher Auction



Check out what our AWESOME FACULTY is donating in support of the PTA!

[Click here for a preview.](#)

Teacher Auction tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased with the attached [Pre-Sale Ticket Form](#), as well as on the day of the Carnival!

You may want to consider pre-printing labels with your child's name and phone number, so that they can easily attach them to the tickets instead of having to handwriting their name and phone number during the carnival.

~Traci Smith - Teacher Auction Chair

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



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Outreach Teen & Family

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 or call/text 412-287-2905.

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

Washington Winter Carnival: Ticket Presale



Save valuable time and money by ordering all of your tickets ahead of time. Game and Carnival Auction Tickets are 5 for \$1 and Teacher Auction tickets are \$1 each. You can also save money on lunch by ordering those tickets ahead of time as well. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details. A flyer will also be coming home in your child's backpack. Lebo subs again will be available for purchase on the day of the Carnival (NOT included in this pre-sale lunch offer). Please fill out the attached flyer NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 and put in the Winter Carnival box in the office.

Any questions, please contact Nickie Manning, WC Ticket Pre-Sale Chair at nickiemanning@verizon.net

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, gooey, traditional, or hilarious cakes! Have fun with it!

It is 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 cannot take multiple cakes home.



Please DELIVER the cakes to the school on Friday, January 29th. Please bring the cakes in non-returnable containers to the OFFICE. Thank you.

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

Reflections



Reflections News

Sending out our congratulations to Danny Ziegler for placing 5th in the Music Composition Regional level. Danny is a returning winner from last year.

WES Service Project Collection

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

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

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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



Wednesday, January 20

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 is will be held on Wednesday, January 20 at Washington Gym from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

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. 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.

~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

School News

Fifth Grade Transition

Attention Fifth Grade Parents!

Did you miss the fifth grade transition meeting? Click [here](#) for the Power Point that was presented by Mr. Wolfson. Every fifth grade student received a course selection guide. Course selection begins on January 29, 2016 through your Dashboard account.

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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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STEAM Showcase - Save the Date



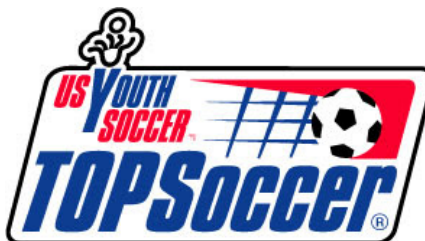
Save the Date for our [K-12 STEAM Showcase!](#) The event is March 7, 2016 from 7-9 pm.

~Mrs. Mary Kay Davis, Principal

Community News

TOPSoccer

The TOPSoccer indoor winter season for special needs players begins on January 17th and runs through March 6th at the Salvation Army on McNeilly Road. The program is open to children ages 6 through teens. They play alongside "Soccer Buddies," who help to teach soccer skills and encourage them to have fun. Sunday afternoon sessions are one hour long, beginning with warm-up activities and drills, and concluding with a brief game. Sign-ups are online at www.mlsa.org. High school students who would like to volunteer as "Buddies" should contact topsoccer@mlsa.org. Please see our flyer for more information.



~Lynda Mallinger, TOPSoccer Coordinator, Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association

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>

Keep on Collectin'

Collections Corner



We're asking Washington Families to save the UPCs and Beverage/Sauce Caps from for the next few months. Beginning February 27, 2015, we can submit UPCs and Beverage/Sauce Caps from participating Labels for Education products to earn FREE Scholastic books!

Start collecting UPCs and Beverage/Sauce Caps

from participating

Labels for Education products and submit them to the Collections Bin.

- Schools that submit 1,000 UPCs and Beverage/Sauce caps earn 5 books
- Schools that submit 2,000 UPCs and Beverage/Sauce caps earn 10 books

- Schools that submit 3,000 UPCs and Beverage/Sauce caps earn 20 books

Visit LabelsForEducation.com

for a complete list of products to start collecting today!

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

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