

washington WEEKLY News



President's Message

The Washington Winter "Super Hero" themed Carnival was another wonderful time and success for our school. Seeing so many Washington families and faculty have fun for a great cause was heart-warming. The spirit of school pride enabled the Carnival to come together with required enormous volunteer/parent support.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers, our hard-working Custodial staff, our generous Teachers and Staff and a giant thanks goes out to event Co-Chairs: Erin Kennedy and Erin St. John (Let's all give a shout out to a beautiful job on chairing their first ever Carnival!), their Sub Committee Chairs: Joyce Kraemer, Melissa Krebs, Shelly Aladante, Mary-Clare Reynolds, Barb Alsko, Heather Damron, Christine Whittman, Nickie Manning, Tara Heidenreich, Traci Smith, Kim Martin, Jamie Bissot, Ameer Oakes and our Treasurer, Allison Carey. Thank you all for a fun filled day for all of us!

Lunchtime clubs are in full swing! This is a special Washington opportunity for our children to enjoy cultivating lunchtime programs during the coldest months of the year when outdoor activity can be limited. Again, these clubs are made possible only by large numbers of Parent Volunteers. A big thanks also goes out to Heather Damron and Rosie Pesacreta for their expert organization of these many clubs.

Our students will be showing off their talent, confidence, bravado and creativity on Mellon's stage at this year's Variety show on February 19. I find our students awe-inspiring and hope you will as well.

As we are now officially past the halfway point of our school year, I would like to ask that we all pause to reflect on the enriching PTA programs that our children and families have benefited from so far this year (Field Trips, Cultural Arts, Classroom Support and Parties, Welcome Back Pool Party, Social Fun-Raisers, the Read-a-thon, Fall Family Picnic, Holiday Shop, AGM, Winter Carnival, Bingo for Books, Lunchtime Clubs and Variety Show to name a few). Take pride that without the work of all our Committee Chairs, Board Members, Faculty and Parent Volunteers these positive experiences may not have been able to occur.

Washington is such a special place thanks to all of you!

~Julie Toussaint, WES PTA President

Important Dates

February

- 8** Lunchtime Clubs Session II Begins
- 9** Kids of Steel, WES Gym, 4:45-5:15 pm
- 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
- 23** Kids of Steel, WES Gym, 4:45-5:15 pm
- 25** Holiday Shop Meeting, WES Cafeteria, 7:00 pm

What Day Is It?

02/08: Day 1
02/09: Day 2
02/10: Day 3
02/11: Day 4
02/12: Day 5

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PTA News

Lunchtime Club Session II



Session I clubs ended on Friday, February 5, and Session II clubs will begin on Monday, February 8. Washington is incredibly thankful for our parent and teacher volunteers and their commitment to these clubs!

Please note the following:

- If you are unsure about the Session II clubs in which your child is participating, please refer to the Lunchtime Club Selection sheet that was distributed to students a this week. Homeroom teachers also have the updated club assignment list for their students.
- The rooms designated for the clubs will be communicated to the students by their teachers or the lunchroom attendants and will be displayed throughout the school on posters at the beginning of Session II.
- Please remember that students are expected to attend the club regardless of the weather. If your child is no longer interested in participating in a certain club, please send in a note to let their teacher and the club volunteer know.
- Yoga Club participants - please remember to bring a yoga mat or towel to the club and label it with your name. Mats can be kept at the school for the four weeks in which the club is occurring.

Thanks for a GREAT Lunchtime Club year. Please email any questions to damrongirls3@gmail.com
~ Heather Damron, Lunch Time Club Coordinator

February PTA Meeting

The PTA would like to extend a warm invitation for our evening PTA meeting on February 17 at 7:00 pm to all Washington parents and faculty. Your involvement in our PTA is vital to achieving our goals. The new PTA Board Slate nomination will be announced, I hope to see you there!
~Julie Toussaint, PTA President



Holiday Shop Needs Your Help

Did you enjoy our hand-crafted and re-purposed Holiday Shop this year? Did you love the gifts that your kids brought home? If the answer is "YES!," please consider coming to our February 25 Holiday Shop meeting in the cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

This year's Holiday Shop Chairs would like to provide information in order to continue the Holiday Shop Washington tradition next year. This year's Chairs will be moving to Mellon next year, so please

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January 18

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Ages 4-6 & Grades 1-4

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Ages 1-2

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Grades 6-8

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Preschool-Kindergarten

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All Ages

[Parent & Child Hockey Drills & Skills](#)

[Spring Learn to Skate](#)



consider attending this meeting to see if Holiday Shop planning is right for you!

~ *Amee Oakes, Nicole Gilbert, Molly Simpson and Julie Toussaint, Holiday Shop Co-Chairs*

All Ages

[Power Skating](#)
Ages 6-12, 18 & Up

**Mt. Lebanon School District,
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Association**
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Variety Show DVD

The Variety Show will be videotaped during the evening performance at Mellon Middle School on Friday, February 19th. DVDs of the performance are available to order at \$5.00 each.

Please submit the [order form](#) and payment no later than Feb 26. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Neemes at 412-759-2679 or shannon_neemes@yahoo.com.

~*Allison Carey, Shirley McElhattan and Amee Oakes, Variety Show Co-Chairs*



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~*Julie Maselko, President, Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTA's*

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):

- 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

School News

Welcome to Washington

Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to Andrew "Drew" Martin in Mr. O'Tooles' 3rd grade!
Welcome Drew!

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



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

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

Community News

Free Dental Clinic

Please see the [attached information](#) about free dental clinic in June.

~Do Sabol, School Nurse

Free Vision Care

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

~Do Sabol, School Nurse

Keep on Collectin'

Collections Corner

A big thank you goes out to all the parents already collecting my Coke Rewards - Washington has earned over 11,000 points so far this year! These points are converted to cash and paid directly to the school.



To help, just look for codes on bottle caps and inside the cardboard packaging on Coke products, such as Coca-Cola, Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Pibb, MelloYello, Fuze, Seagrams, and Tab drinks.

You can drop off the bottle caps and codes in the collection bin at the front of the school. You can enter the codes yourself at the [My Coke Rewards website](#) - Don't forget to donate the codes after you enter them! And if you have time, you can help us enter codes. All it takes is a valid email address and a willingness to log on once a week.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to enter codes, please don't hesitate to contact me at amyolson001@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

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

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