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Important Dates

February

- 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
- 22 & 23** 5th grade World Service Project Bracelet Sale, Cafeteria
- 23** Kids of Steel, WES Gym, 4:45-5:15 pm
- 25** Holiday Shop Meeting, WES Cafeteria, 7:00 pm
- 29** WES Principal's Coffee, 8:45 am

March

- 1** Book Fair Set-Up, WES Gym, 3:30-8:00 pm
- 2** Book Fair, WES Gym, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm & 5:30-8:30 pm
- 2** Snuggle Up & Read, 6:30-8:00 pm

What Day Is It?

- 02/15: No School**
- 02/16: Day 1**
- 02/17: Day 2**
- 02/18: Day 3**
- 02/19: Day 4**

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PTA News

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



January PTA Minutes



The meeting minutes for the January 20, 2016 PTA meeting can be found [here](#).

Drop Everything and Read - Backwards/Inside Out Day

Get ready for our next Drop Everything And Read of 2016!

D.E.A.R is scheduled for Thursday, February 18. It's time to get silly with INSIDE OUT/BACKWARD'S DAY!

~Erin St. John, DEAR Chair

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

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

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



Coming Soon - Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!



Mark your calendar for Wednesday March 2. Students will visit the Feeling Groovy Book Fair during the school day, and we hope you can join us and do some shopping during Snuggle Up & Read from 5:30 - 8:30pm.

Hundreds of affordably priced, high quality books will be available. Flyers will be sent out soon to give students a peak at what will be

available at the fair.

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a book from a teacher's "wish list" -- books they would love to add to their classroom libraries. Your child can buy a book for his or her favorite teacher, personalize it with a special note, and we will make sure it is delivered to that teacher right away!

Support one of our biggest fundraisers while getting your child excited about reading!

Parents we need your help to make this a success. We have many opportunities to lend a helping hand. We are using volunteer spot to coordinate helpers. Please just click on the link and sign up : <http://vols.pt/Qs6Wt1>

Questions? Contact Stephanie Fedro-Byrom (stephanie.fedrobyrom@gmail.com), Julie Freedy (tjf8595@msn.com), or Kelly Latona (kellylatona@verizon.net).

~ Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Julie Freedy, & Kelly Latona, Book Fair Co-Chairs

Snuggle Up and Read

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All Ages

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Ages 6-12, 18 & Up

Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse Association

Mark your calendars!

It's time to Snuggle Up & Read at Washington on March 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Come hear your teachers read their favorite books and enjoy a snack of milk and cookies, all while dressed in your pjs!

Share the love by bringing a pair of NEW pajamas to donate to the Pajama Program, which provides new pajamas and books to children in need. Visit <http://pajamaprogram.org/in-the-news> to learn more about their good work. See you there!

~ Soncerae Yeager, Snuggle Up & Read Chair



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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

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Registration, 1st-8th Grades

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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

5th Grade World Service Project Bracelet Sale

Light Up a Life with a Llama!

5th Grade students in the Mt. Lebanon School District will be learning about the importance of llamas in South America in Spanish class. As a World Service Project, they will be raising money to purchase a llama for a South American family through Heifer International (www.heifer.org).



The students will sell friendship bracelets for \$0.50 each during all lunches Monday, Feb. 22 & Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Please support the 5th Grade World Service Project by sending your child to school with \$0.50 for each bracelet they would like to purchase on Monday, Feb. 22 & Tuesday, Feb. 23. They make great gifts!

~Gretchen Brown, FLES Spanish Teacher

Attention 5th Grade Parents - Photos Needed

We need your photos:

- We need a baby photo of your child for the yearbook- you can send them to Amee Oakes at oakes1010@verizon.net or drop them off in the school office.
- We also are asking for a photo of your child from their early school years such as Kindergarten or 1st grade. This will be for the 5th grade slideshow. These photos can be emailed to stephanie.fedrobyrom@gmail.com or dropped off in the school office.
- Also, any pictures of our 5th graders at activities such as homeroom parties, Camp Lutherlyn, field day, variety show or other school-related events over their years at Washington would be greatly appreciated. These photos can be emailed to stephanie.fedrobyrom@gmail.com or dropped off in the school office



Smile

If you are dropping off photos in the office please mark the back with your child's name and homeroom teacher. Once the pictures are scanned and uploaded, they will be returned. If you have any questions please email or call Amee Oakes 412-969-1104 / oakes1010@verizon.net

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

Do you have a stash of Box Tops you've been meaning to drop off at Washington? The next submission deadline is March 1, so get those Box Tops in now! I've got over 1,700 Box Tops ready to mail. Let me add yours to the collection!



Still haven't decided to collect Box Tops? Let me give you 1,359 reasons to do so - that's how much money the Box Tops program paid Washington Elementary in December!

Remember to help, just look for Box Tops on products, clip them, and drop them in the collection bin near the front doors of the school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at amyolson001@gmail.com. Do it now before the deadline! Thanks for your help!

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

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