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Important Dates

February

- 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
- 4** Lunchtime Clubs Session II ends
- 7-11** Go for Greens Week

What Day Is It?

- 02/22:** Day 4
- 02/23:** Day 5
- 02/24:** Day 1
- 02/25:** Day 2
- 02/26:** Day 3

Weekly News

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Winter Carnival

- Co-Chairs:* Erin Kennedy & Erin St. John
- Sub-Committee Chairs:*
- Food:* Joyce Kraemer
- Pre-Sale Tickets:* Nickie Manning
- Games:* Kim Martin & Jamie Bissot
- Prizes:* Tara Heidenreich
- Classroom Baskets:* Mary-Clare Reynolds
- Teacher Auction:* Traci Smith

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Silent Auction: Shelly Alandete & Melissa Krebs
Lucky Drawing: Christine Wittman, Barb Alsko & Heather Damron
Volunteer Coordinator: Ameer Oakes
Treasurer: Allison Carey
Lady Who Does Whatever Is Needed: Julie Toussaint
Extraordinary Custodial Crew: Mr. Tim, Mr. Ron & Mr. Dale

Extra Special Helpers:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Julie Toussaint/Learning Express | Linda Kuczynski |
| Soncerae Yeager | Logan Kuczynski |
| Mrs. Spitznagel | DiNardo's Candy |
| Mrs. Davis | Sara Collins |
| Washington Teachers & Staff | All of our AMAZING volunteers! |
| Logan Kletter | |
| Jack Flynn | |

Volunteers:

[All of the amazing volunteers who made the Winter Carnival possible](#)

We would like to thank everyone who made this year's Winter Carnival "Superhero Day" such a success and an amazing day for our school and community. We really appreciate all the volunteers and silent and lucky drawing donators which make the carnival possible. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!

Bingo for Books

Chair: Kelly Latona

Volunteers:

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| Julie Toussaint | Mrs Sabol |
| Nicole Miller | Mr Wilcher |
| Molly McCollough | Ms Barsotti |
| Barb Edwards | Mr Cogis |
| Bonnie Dougherty | Mr Tim |
| Carmen Latona | Mr Dale |
| Mrs Davis | Mr Ron |

PTA News

Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2016-2017 school year. It stands as follows:

President: Allison Carey
1st VP: CharLynn Wertz◊
2nd VP: Heather Damron◊
3rd VP: Mary Kay Davis*
Treasurer:
Debra Ercegovic
Recording Secretary: Heather Boylan-Clark◊
Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Kukla◊
Historian: Ann Deibert◊
Volunteer Coordinator(s): Jen Hetz & Joelle Schultz *
Ways & Means: Kelly Latona, Traci Smith & Kyla Ellis*

* = Appointed Positions

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All Ages

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◊ = 2nd year term

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of the above positions, please submit the name of the nominee and position they'd like to run for to one of the nominating committee members listed below. You can submit nominations until March 2. The slate will be voted upon at the March PTA meeting on March 16.

CharLynn Wertz: charconw@verizon.net
Fran McAuley: franmcauley@me.com
Nickie Manning: nickiemanning@verizon.net
Tanya Sanders-Marks: tsandermarks@gmail.com
Sharon Riesmeyer: jries506@aol.com
~ Nominating Committee

January PTA Minutes



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

Yearbook

Yearbook ordering is happening now! Get your 2016 yearbook for only \$13.00 (cash or check-made out to Washington PTA). You can send the [order form](#) with your child to school.

If you have any photos to share with the yearbook committee you have two ways to send and share.



1. Go to www.hjeshare.com. and enter school code WES1 (case sensitive)
2. Use your mobile phone with the free app HJeShare app found in your App Store.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Shaffer - christinaspyn@yahoo.com

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 Ameer Oakes, Variety Show Co-Chairs

Ages 6-12, 18 & Up

Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse Association
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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>. The class schedule for the book fair can be found [here](#).

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



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 and books 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

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, February 22 & Tuesday, February 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. 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 Ameer 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.



Smile

- 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

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 Ameer Oakes 412-969-1104 / oakes1010@verizon.net

Save the Date



Pirates Game
June 8, 2016 at 7:05 pm

Our fifth grade chorus will be singing the National Anthem at the June 8, Pirates game against the New York Mets. More information will be provided at a later date - but put this date down in your calendar

and plan to attend and support our chorus.

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'

Box Tops for Education



The Washington Elementary Box Tops for Education contest will begin on Monday, February 29, and run through Friday, March 11.

During these two weeks, please send Box Tops with your child to turn into their homeroom teachers. The

homeroom who collects the most Box Tops will win a video game party in the gym!

It might be time to start asking friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and random people you meet to collect Box Tops for your kids... Let's snip, clip, and submit those Box Tops

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

Washington Elementary School

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