

# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### February

- 29** WES Principal's Coffee, Cafeteria, 8:45 am
- 29** Box Tops Contest Begins

### 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
- 5** Yearbook Orders Due
- 7** STEAM Showcase, 7:00 pm, Mt. Lebanon Sr. High School
- 7-11** Go for Greens Week
- 11** Box Tops Contest Ends
- 15** Kids of Steel, WES Gym, 4:45-5:15 pm
- 16** PTA Meeting - Board Elections, Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 22** Kids of Steel, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 24-28** No School: Spring Recess

## What Day Is It?

- 02/29:** Day 4
- 03/01:** Day 5
- 03/02:** Day 1
- 03/03:** Day 2
- 03/04:** Day 3

## Weekly News

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## PTA News

### Chipotle FUNdraiser



Please join us at Chipotle on Cochran Road, Monday, March 7, between 4-8pm.

Enjoy an easy dinner (eat-in or take-out) while benefiting the WES PTA. Mention Washington Elementary at checkout to be sure we get credit! Hope to see you there!  
 ~Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Rosie Pesacreta, & Kelly Latona, Ways and Means Co-chairs

### Nominating Committee News

## Quick Links

[School District Website](#)

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[Washington PTA Website](#)

District Calendar:  
[2015-2016 Calendar Website](#)

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## District Links

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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  
◊ = 2nd year in 2 year of 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](mailto:charconw@verizon.net)  
Fran McAuley: [franmcauley@me.com](mailto:franmcauley@me.com)  
Nickie Manning: [nickiemanning@verizon.net](mailto:nickiemanning@verizon.net)  
Tanya Sanders-Marks: [tsandermarks@gmail.com](mailto:tsandermarks@gmail.com)  
Sharon Riesmeyer: [jries506@aol.com](mailto:jries506@aol.com)  
~ Nominating Committee

## January PTA Minutes



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

## Yearbook Orders Due Soon

*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](http://www.hjeshare.com). and enter school code WES1 (case sensitive)
2. Use your mobile phone with the free app HJeShare app found in

## [Health Services Information](#)

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[STEAM Schedule of Events](#)

## School Flyers/Blogs

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[February](#)

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[Marzo](#)

[FLES Facebook Page](#)

Art Studio:  
[Art-BEAT](#)

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[Crossing Guard Information](#)  
2 Hour Delay Schedule

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[eShare Parent Instructions](#)

[5th Grade Transition Power Point](#)

## PTA Forms & Flyers

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## Community Flyers

**Mt. Lebanon HS Marching Band**  
[Spaghetti Dinner - March 12](#)

**Mt. Lebanon Rec Center**  
[Art Factory](#)  
Ages 4-6 & Grades 1-6

[Canvas Creation Style](#)  
Ages 4-14

[Karate](#)

your App Store.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Shaffer - [christinaspyn@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:shannon_neemes@yahoo.com).

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

## 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](mailto:stephanie.fedrobyrom@gmail.com)), Julie Freedy ([tjf8595@msn.com](mailto:tjf8595@msn.com)), or Kelly Latona ([kellylatona@verizon.net](mailto:kellylatona@verizon.net)).  
~ Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Julie Freedy, & Kelly Latona, Book Fair Co-Chairs

## Snuggle Up and Read

Ages 7-Adult

[Ski & Snowboard Program](#)  
Grades 6-8

[Learn to Skate Evaluations](#)  
Preschool-Kindergarten

[Hockey Goalie Clinic](#)  
All Ages

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

[Spring Learn to Skate](#)  
All Ages

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

**Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse Association**  
[Boys Lacrosse Clinic](#)

[Girls' Youth Lacrosse](#)  
Registration, Grades 1-8

**Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association**  
[Method Day/Match Day Spring Skill & Game Program](#)  
Grades 1-7

**Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association**  
[Baseball Registration](#)  
Kindergarten-8th Grade

**Outreach Teen & Family Services**  
[Website](#)  
[Spring Parenting Series](#)

[Free Dental Clinic](#)

**Mt Lebanon Aqua Club**  
[Adult Programs](#)

## Collections Corner

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[Loyalty Card Registration](#)

[Box Tops Process](#)



*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 pj's! Click [here](#) to see a schedule.

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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## School News

### Principal's Coffee



*You are invited!*

Please join me for the Principal's Coffee on Monday, February 29 at 8:45 am in the cafeteria. The intent of the coffee is to hear from you and feedback, questions, or concerns you may have about Washington. This is an informal discussion that is focused on the topics you would like to discuss.

*~Mary Kay Davis, Principal*

### Welcome to Washington

Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to 4th grader Yiyang Wang in Mr. Cogis' room! Welcome Yiyang!

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



### 5th Grade World Service Project



MUCHAS GRACIAS to all Washington families for their generous participation in the 5th grade World Service Project to "Light up a Life with a Llama"!

With your support, we were able to raise \$377 to purchase more than two

llamas for needy families in South America!

Mt. Lebanon's other six elementary schools are also raising money for this worthy cause and our funds will be combined to better the lives of



many families in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

~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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

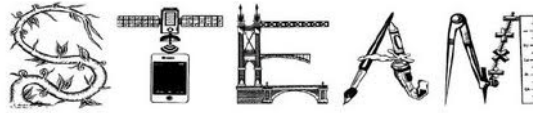
~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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## District News

### STEAM Showcase - Schedule of Events

Have you marked your calendar for the STEAM Showcase?



The Mt. Lebanon School District presents its first ever STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) K-12 Showcase on Monday, 3/7, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the high school. Students and families will have a chance to see a laser show, try some hands-on demonstrations, and tour the high school labs.

The [evening's schedule of events](#):

7:00-7:45 p.m.

Science Spectacular Laser Show - Auditorium

7:45-9:00 p.m.

MakerSpace Wearable LEDs - C302

MakerSpace Keva Planks Challenge - C304

MakerSpace Build a Balcony - C306

MakerSpace LEGO Challenge - C308

Tour of FabLab and Robotics Facilities - E304

MakerSpace Use a Laser Engraver - E307

Tour of Computer Science Lab - F305

Tour of A.P. Chemistry Lab - C416

Tour of A.P. Biology Lab - C418

Tour of Wildlife Biology Classroom - C420

Tour of Wildlife Biology Lab - C422

Tour of Wildlife Biology Classroom - C424

Showcase of K-12 STEAM Curricular Materials - Center Court

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and learn more about STEAM!

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## Community News

### MLEA Summer Grant Applications



*MLEA is now accepting summer grant applications.*

For nearly 35 years, Mt. Lebanon School District teachers have awarded study grants for returning Mt. Lebanon students (current kindergarteners through 11th graders) who plan to participate in summer enrichment programs. These scholarships are sponsored by the members of the Mt. Lebanon School District Teachers' Union.

Examples of acceptable programs: (NOT found in our regular curriculum)

- Leadership conferences
- Art programs
- Music programs
- Drama programs

- Dance studies
- Forensic/debate programs
- Science or computer science camps
- Culture and language camps

Programs that will not be funded:

- Athletic camps
- Religious camps
- Travel-abroad programs
- Private tutoring/lessons

For an application to be considered, you must submit both of the following:

- Online application \*Do NOT use the "copy" and "paste" function when completing your online application.\*
- Two brief teacher/coach/mentor recommendations

NOTE: Applying does not ensure an award.

Submit an application online at:

[www.mlea.org](http://www.mlea.org)

The application deadline is Monday, 4/25.

### Free Dental Clinic

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

~Do Sabol, School Nurse

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## Keep on Collectin'

### Box Tops for Education Contest

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! For more information, [click here](#).



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

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