

# washington WEEKLY News



## Presidents Message

March is here and Spring is in the air for our last stretch of the school year! Ending February with the talented performances of our students at our Variety Show was truly awesome and awe-inspiring. Thank you to our Co-Chairs and Parent volunteers for enabling us all an evening to delight in the talent and creativity of our Washington kids!

The hardness of winter was made more enjoyable by our beloved lunchtime clubs that have concluded this month and our annual Book Fair/Snuggle Up and Read night. Events like these always remind me how special Washington truly is: our large lunchtime club program is one to be admired for both the breadth of activities and the number of dedicated parents/teachers involved. Also, how can a child not feel special when enjoying stories from their favorite teachers and faculty while in their jammies on a Snuggle Up and Read evening?

Remember to discuss and include healthy fruits and vegetables in your child's lunches during Go for Greens week, March 7-11. What a great way for our kids to feel proud and healthy as Spring arrives.

Lastly, please consider joining us at our March 16 General PTA meeting at 7:00 pm in the WES Auditorium. We will be electing our slate of officers for the 2016-2017 School year. All are welcome as we love to see new faces and hear new ideas. We hope to see you there!  
~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

## Important Dates

### March

- 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, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 16** PTA Meeting - Board Elections, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
- 22** Kids of Steel, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 24-28** No School: Spring Recess

### April

- 6** Breakfast Social, 7:45-8:30 am, WES Gym
- 6** PTA Meeting, 9:00 am, WES
- 7** Parent/Teacher Conference (no AM Kindergarten), 5:30-8:30 pm

## What Day Is It?

- 03/07:** Day 4
- 03/08:** Day 5
- 03/09:** Day 1
- 03/10:** Day 2
- 03/11:** Day 3

## Weekly News

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**7** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR): Favorite College or University Day

**8** No School: Parent/Teacher Conference, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

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## PTA News

### FUNdraiser



*Chipotle FUNdraiser, Monday, March 7, 4:00-8:00 pm at the Cochran Road Location*

Please join us at Chipotle on Cochran Road tomorrow, Monday, March 7, between 4:00-8:00pm. Enjoy an easy dinner (eat-in or take-out) while benefiting the WES PTA. Mention Washington Elementary or show the [flier](#) on your phone or hard copy at checkout to be sure we get credit! WES PTA will receive 50% of all proceeds! Hope to see you there.

~Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Rosie Pesacreta & Kelly Latona, Ways and Means Co-Chairs

### January PTA Minutes

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



## School News

### Welcome to Washington

Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to 5th grader Zitong Wang (Donna) in Mrs. Sharkey's class and 1st grader Lucy Wang in Mrs. Higgins's class. Welcome to Washington!

~Laura McKenzie, Sharon Hartung, & 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!

## School Flyers/Blogs

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[Crossing Guard Information](#)  
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## Community Flyers

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

**Mt. Lebanon Rec Center**  
[Art Factory](#)

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 Ameer 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 Ameer Oakes 412-969-1104 / [oakes1010@verizon.net](mailto:oakes1010@verizon.net)

### Emergency Contact and Release Forms

Please check your child's Emergency Contact/Release information on the Dashboard and update if needed. Many of these have not been updated in a year or more. To access this site, go to the "parent" Dashboard account, click on "account preferences" then "Emergency Contact/Release" tab and make changes if needed. Keep in mind that changes made in the Emergency Contact/Release tab do not transfer to the Parent/Student Contact tab.

If there are two parent Dashboard accounts, you will not be able to make changes online. Please see attached [hard copy](#) or ask for a hard copy from your Health Office and we will make the changes for you.

Thank you.

~Do Sabol, School Nurse

### Irritable Bowel Disease Seminar

If your child suffers from a gastrointestinal illness, please attend the free IBD (irritable bowel disease) seminar for children and families on March 22, 2016. You can find more information [here](#).

~Do Sabol R.N., C.S.N., School Nurse

Ages 4-6 & Grades 1-6

[Canvas Creation Style](#)

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Ages 7-Adult

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All Ages

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All Ages

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**Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse Association**

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Registration, Grades 1-8

**Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association**

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## 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.

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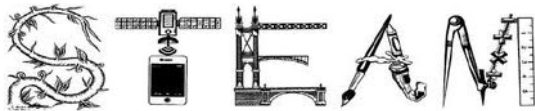
## District News

### School Picnic Information

Save the date for the 2016 Kennywood School Picnic! This year the picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 22. You can purchase your tickets starting Tuesday, April 5. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information



### 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

## Camp Thinkerbotics

Register your camper for energizing robotics summer camps featuring hands-on, minds-on explorations!



All camps are two (2) days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., held at ASSET's South Side Pittsburgh location and are segmented by age:

- June 20-21 (ages 8-11)
- June 22-23 (ages 12-15)
- June 27-28 (ages 8-11)
- June 29-30 (ages 12-15)

Each camper will receive a T-shirt, flash drive with programming software and Hummingbird™ Robotics Base Kit to build a robot. [Register here.](#)

## 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

We're halfway through our Box Top Drive! Keep sending in those Box Tops with your child to turn into their homeroom teachers.

Remember - 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



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Washington Elementary School

Principal: Mary Kay Davis

PTA President: Julie Toussaint, [julietoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:julietoussaint@gmail.com)

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