

# Washington WEEKLY News



## President's Message

Why is Washington so exceptional and special? YOU!

With over 60 committees that our PTA supports from the Fall Family Picnic to the Alternative Gift Market, Breakfast Socials, Field Trips, Cultural Arts and Winter Carnival, all require parent volunteers.

Many of these committees are looking for new committee chairs. Whether you have little ones at home or you are in your last years at Washington I highly recommend to get involved any way you can in one of our many volunteer opportunities at the school.

So if you see a committee that looks interesting and you want to help next school year, ask a friend and inquire with a PTA board member. Or if a board member approaches you about a committee, say yes. You will receive the support you need and I promise the smiles, enjoyment, and thank you's from the students and faculty will make it worth your while!  
~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

## Important Dates

### April

- 5** Kids of Steel, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 6** Breakfast Social, 7:45-8:30 am, WES Gym
- 6** PTA Meeting, 9:00 am, WES
- 6** Report cards released on Dashboard
- 7** Parent/Teacher Conference (**no AM Kindergarten**), 5:30-8:30 pm
- 7** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR): Favorite College or University Day
- 8** **No School:** Parent/Teacher Conference, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
- 8-10** WES Spirit FUNdraiser, Bruegger's
- 15** Family Dance, 6:00-8:00 pm, WES Gym
- 12** Kids of Steel, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 19** Kids of Steel, 4:45-5:15 pm, WES Gym
- 22** Kona Ice Day, 3:35-4:15 pm, WES Playground
- 26** **No School:** Teacher In-Service

## PTA News

## What Day Is It?

- 04/04:** Day 1
- 04/05:** Day 2
- 04/06:** Day 3
- 04/07:** Day 4
- 04/08:** Day 5

## Weekly News

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## Drop Everything and Read

It's that time again to Drop Everything And Read!



On Thursday, April 7, we will be celebrating your Favorite College or University Day at Washington. Show your school spirit by wearing your favorite t-shirt, hat, tattoo, or hoodie! Grab a book and get ready to drop everything and **READ!**

~Erin St. John, Washington Reads Coordinator and PSU Fan

## Breakfast Social

*Donuts galore!*

Make plans now to join your kids and their teachers for the next WES Breakfast Social on Wednesday, April 6 from 7:45 to 8:30 am in the WES gym.



Please enter through door D-8 near the gym. We will have coffee, juice, donuts, fruit and a few other treats available. Suggested donations to help offset the costs of the event will be \$1 per donut or muffin, \$0.50 per drink, and \$0.50 per banana.

No need to RSVP, just show up and have fun!  
~ Chad Wertz, Todd Schultz and John Petulla, Breakfast Social Co-Chairs

## Bruegger's Bagel Spirit Weekend



Please save the date for the weekend of Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10 for our first ever Bruegger's Bagel Spirit Weekend! When you dine at the Cochran Road Bruegger's Bakery during our fundraising event, 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Washington Elementary School PTA. Click [here](#) for the flyer, which must be presented with your purchase. Bruegger's has delicious

bagels, soups, salads and sandwiches, so take a break from the kitchen and help support the WES PTA!

~Rosie Pesacreta, Kelly Latona and Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Ways and Means Committee

## Holiday Shop Needs Your Help

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## PTA Forms & Flyers

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## Community Flyers

**Blue Devil Girls' Basketball Day Camp**  
Grades 3-9

**Kennwood School Picnic Day**  
[Tickets](#)

**Mt. Lebanon Rec Center**  
Sporties for Shorties  
Ages 3-6

Even though the Holidays are months away, the WES elves are working on items for the Holiday Shop. We need your help gathering materials. If you have any empty soup cans (washed please...or at least rinsed) or t-shirts that you no longer wear, please consider donating them to the elves.

~Jenny and Tom Barnick, Ann Deibert, Jen Hetz, and Sharon Reismeyer, Holiday Shop Co-chairs



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## Bylaws

Please click [here](#) for the updated bylaws which we presented at the General PTA Meeting On February, 16. These bylaws will be voted in at the next General Meeting. The changes are highlighted in yellow.

~Heather Damron, 2nd Vice President

## Family Dance

*It is time to DANCE!*

Pull out those dancing shoes and get ready to shake and groove at the 2016 Family Dance! Come join your family and friends for dancing, snacks, and beverages at the Washington Elementary lunch room and gym. It will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



The students will once again be voting for the top 5 songs of the year with a DJ, balloon drop and glow sticks galore! For more information [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Want to help with the festivities? Contact: Christine Wittman: [christine.wittman15@gmail.com](mailto:christine.wittman15@gmail.com) or Heather Damron: [damrongirls3@gmail.com](mailto:damrongirls3@gmail.com).

~ Christine Wittman and Heather Damron, Family Dance Co-Chairs

## Cell Phone Donation



*We Need Your Used Cellphones & Tablets for the WES Service Project*

As part of this year's service project, we are collecting used cellphones, smartphones, iPhones, blackberries, iPads, and

iPods to mail off at the end of the year. They may not be of any use to you anymore, but they can help Washington support Operation Gratitude.

The cell phones are recycled through an environmentally responsible zero landfill process. For every device donated, Operation Gratitude can receive up to \$300 to help them send care packages to troops and new recruits overseas as well as veterans, first responders, wounded warriors, and caregivers.

The collection will run until May 2016. A box for donations is set up in the

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office.

For more information, including how to erase your data before donation, read the attached FAQ's below, or contact Jamie Bissot at [jamiiegb@gmail.com](mailto:jamiiegb@gmail.com).

\*Please see the pages below for FAQs:

<http://www.grcrecycling.com/recycle-cell-phones-to-benefit-our-military>

<http://www.grcrecycling.com/recycle-cell-phones-to-benefit-our-military/frequently-asked-questions-donate-page>

Thank you!

~Mary Kay Davis & Barb Alsko, School-wide Service Project Co-Chairs

## February PTA Minutes

The meeting minutes for the February 17, 2016, PTA meeting can be found [here](#).



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## School News

### WES T-Shirt Fundraiser

As a fundraiser for the Washington fifth grade activities, we will be selling Washington t-shirts! You can find the order form [here](#). Orders are due April 11, 2016.

Thank you for your support!  
~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

### The Incredibly Innovative Innovators of Pittsburgh



Thank you WES PTA for the wonderful cultural arts assembly! Pittsburgh's CLO performed

*The Incredibly Innovative Innovators of Pittsburgh.* The students and staff really enjoyed the informative and fun show. A special thank you to Mrs.

Boylan-Clark for coordinating the performance. For more information on the exciting musical, please see

<http://www.pittsburghclo.org/education/gallery-of-heroes>.

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

### Last Day of School

On Tuesday, February 16, school was cancelled due to inclement weather. On our official school calendar we indicate that any school cancellation day will be made up at the end of the school year. Since we only need to make up one student day this year, the District is applying for an exception which will result in keeping our **last day for students as Friday, June 10, 2016**. The Pennsylvania Department of Education allows school districts to apply for an exception day that then "counts" as a student day. Again, the last day for students will remain Friday, June 10, 2016.

~Timothy J. Steinhauer, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



## Attention 5th Grade Parents - Photos Needed

We need your photos! We 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*

## 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

## 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.](#)

### Spelling Bee

Don't miss the Spelling Bee at Old Economy Village on June 25, 2016. You can find more information [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'

### Collections Corner

Check back next week!  
~ Amy Olson and Diana Kierzkowski, Collections Corner Co-Chairs

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