

washington WEEKLY News



Important Dates

April

- 11-14** ELA PSSA Testing
- 18-20** Math PSSA Testing
- 25-27** Science PSSA Testing
- 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

May

- 2-6** Staff Appreciation Week
- 5** Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 10** Open House/Celebration of the Arts, 2:15 Dismial, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 14** Earth Day Garden Clean-Up, 10:00 am, Learning Garden
- 19** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR): Crazy Hair Day

PTA News

Librarian Appreciation Day



Our children visit the WES library every week to gain a little bit more knowledge and enjoy picking out a good book. This could not happen without Mrs. Macosko there, dedicated to making the library run smoothly each and every day! Tuesday, April 12, is a special day set aside for Librarian's across the nation, to recognize all their efforts - so if you get a chance, stop by the library and say "THANK YOU"

for all she does to make the WES library such a wonderful place!!
~Traci Smith, Staff Appreciation

Holiday Shop Needs Your Help

What Day Is It?

- 04/11:** Day 1
- 04/12:** Day 2
- 04/13:** Day 3
- 04/14:** Day 4
- 04/15:** Day 5

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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



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 or Heather Damron: 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 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.

*Please see the pages below for FAQs:



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Ages 3-6

<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

Science Fair Anyone?



Did you know that Mrs. Davis is Head of the Elementary Science Committee for Mt. Lebanon (I'm not sure that's her technical title, but it sounds good, doesn't it)?

Did you also know that Washington Elementary is one of a handful of elementary schools in the district that does not hold a Science Fair? FOR SHAME!! We need to fix this as soon as possible.

The PTA is looking for a group of parents to run a Science Fair next year. Our hope is to have representation across grade levels. Committee parents would develop criteria for participating and plan a Science Fair Event where students could present their projects. For our first attempt we want the focus to be fun & science so we aren't planning on moving it forward to a state competition or anything, just an in-house Science Fair.

If it sounds like something you'd be interested in helping out with, please contact CharLynn Wertz at charconw@verizon.net or Allison Carey at acarey336@verizon.net.

Kona Ice Day

Kona Ice Day "FUN"draising Event
Friday, April 22, 3:35 - 4:15 pm

Who doesn't love some shaved ice fun? Get ready for summer with Kona Ice. The party on wheels is coming April, 22, so get in the summer mood with their Hawaiian-style shaved ice. Their mouth-watering flavors will take you away to the tropical islands of Hawaii.



Thanks for your support and hope to see you there!

~Ying Yang, Kona Ice Days Chair

February PTA Minutes



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

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Welcome

Please join me in welcoming Christine Jackson to Team Washington as our new Health Aide! She will be doing an orientation with Mrs. Sabol at Washington on Monday, April 11. She will officially join us the last week of April. She will be working Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays here at Washington.
~Mary Kay Davis, Principal



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

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



Smile

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 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

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

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.

District News

School Picnic Information



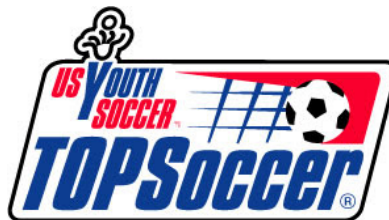
Save the date for the 2016 Kennywood School Picnic!

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

TOPSoccer

The TOPSoccer indoor winter season for special needs players begins on April 17 and runs through June 12. The program is open to children ages 6 through teens. They play alongside "Soccer Buddies," who help to teach soccer skills and encourage them to have fun. Sunday afternoon sessions are one hour long, beginning with warm-up activities and drills, and concluding with a brief game. Sign-ups are online at www.mlsa.org. High school students who would like to volunteer as "Buddies" should contact topsoccer@mlsa.org. More information can be found [here](#).



Taste of Lebo

Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education (MLFE), a wonderful supporter of our school district, is hosting their 2nd annual fundraiser, "Taste of Lebo",

in Uptown Mt. Lebanon. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. In addition to sampling a number of Uptown restaurant's appetizers, music students from the K-12 spectrum will also be performing. It's a great family event. Tickets are limited and you don't want to miss this "tasty" event!! Order now by clicking the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-lebo-battle-of-the-appetizers-2016-tickets-22585998329>

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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

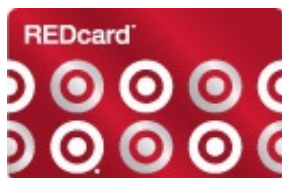
The application deadline is Monday, 4/25.

Free Dental Clinic

Please see the [attached information](#) about free dental clinic in June.
~Do Sabol, School Nurse

Keep on Collectin'

Target Red Card



This week the Collections Corner focus is on the Target Red Card. Target's Take Charge of Education program ends on May 14 - so we have just over a month to raise our final funds from shopping with our Red Cards. We are just shy of \$5000 in lifetime earnings from this program -

let's see if we can get there by May 14! Happy spending!

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

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