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Important Dates

April

- 18-20** Math PSSA Testing
- 25-27** Science PSSA Testing
- 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

What Day Is It?

- 04/18:** Day 1
- 04/19:** Day 2
- 04/20:** Day 3
- 04/21:** Day 4
- 04/22:** Day 5

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Thank You!



PTA Closet Cleaning

Chair: CharLynn Wertz
 Volunteers: Ann Deibert
 Heather Damron
 Mr. Dale

Scholastic Book Fair

Chairs: Julie Freedy, Kelly Latona & Stephanie Byrom

Voluteers:

Tina Socinski
 Katsue Heginbotham
 Julie Toussaint
 Allison Carey
 CharLynn Wertz

Michelle Griffin
 Ann Stanton
 Karen Erikson
 Rebehah Krakora
 Laura McKenzie

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PTA News

Bakers Needed

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day

How we can show our

"THANKS!"

Calling all WES chefs and bakers! It's that time of year again when we show the fabulous WES Faculty and Staff how much we appreciate them. The annual luncheon will be Thursday, May 5 and we need YOUR help. There are lots of ways to help make this luncheon the huge success that it has been in the past. You can cook, bake or help out at the school during the lunch. Please use the link below to sign up. If there are any questions, please contact either Nickie Manning at nickiemanning@verizon.net or Fran McAuley at franmcauley@me.com.

We're using VolunteerSpot, the leading online signup and reminder tool, to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/XRLXQH>

2. **Enter your email address:**

(You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)

3.

Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

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Blue Devil Girls' Basketball Day Camp
Grades 3-9

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

*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 jamiegb@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

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

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Preschool & Kindergarten

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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 March 16, 2016, PTA meeting can be found [here](#).

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Library Needs your Cereal Boxes

Thanks to everyone who has donated Kleenex boxes to the library over the past few year. I think we've reached our goal and received more than enough. For those who have always wondered, "What do you do with all those Kleenex boxes?" Well, we use them to back-fill our library shelves. We place the Kleenex boxes behind the books on the library shelves so the books stay forward! It makes it much easier for the kids' (and adults :) to browse the shelves! The smaller books no longer disappear somewhere in the depths of the shelves. We've now moved on to collecting empty cereal boxes for a 5th grade project. If you have any empty cereal boxes or larger food boxes (brownie mix, rice, breakfast bars...) that resemble a book, please send them my way.



Thank you for all your help!
~ Mrs. Macosko, Librarian

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.

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School Picnic Information



Save the date for the 2016 Kennywood School Picnic!

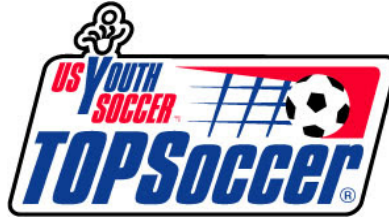
This year the picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 22. You can purchase your tickets starting Tuesday, April 5. Please

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

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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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