

# washington WEEKLY News



## Important Dates

### April

**25-27** Science PSSA Testing

**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 Dismissal, 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

**20** Volunteer Appreciation Social & PTA Meeting, 12:00 pm

**25** First Grade Parent Orientation (current K parents, 9:00 am)

**25** Early Dismissal - Noon Dismissal, Grades 1-5, Act 80 Day, (AM & PM Kindergarten in session)

**30** No School: Memorial Day

## What Day Is It?

**04/25:** Day 1  
**04/26:** No School  
**04/27:** Day 2  
**04/28:** Day 3  
**04/29:** Day 4

## Weekly News

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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

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questions, please contact either Nickie Manning at [nickiemanning@verizon.net](mailto:nickiemanning@verizon.net) or Fran McAuley at [franmcauley@me.com](mailto: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.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6**

We are so fortunate at Washington Elementary to have a fantastic team of Faculty members who teach our children and make their school such a warm and wonderful place to learn.



Attached is a flyer with a list of ways we can show our Teachers every day how appreciative we are of their dedication and commitment to our children. Click here for the [flyer](#).

Monday - Bring in your decorated cut out stars (see [flyer](#))

Tuesday - Bring in a flower for your Teacher

Wednesday - Bring a Book or Supplies for the classroom

Thursday - Wear your Teacher's favorite color (see flyer) & Faculty Lunch

Friday - Bring a homemade card or joke for your Teacher

~ Julie Toussaint, PTA President

### **Administrative Professional Day**



There is not a moment that goes by where you don't see Mrs. Shetter and Mrs. Jones busy answer phones call, doing paperwork, or helping our children out in one way or another. They help to make Washington Elementary School run seamlessly and are a big part of the reason why it is such a wonderful place for our children to be!

Wednesday, April 27th is Administrative Professional Day! Please take a moment to

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### **School Flyers/Blogs**

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2 Hour Delay Schedule

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### **PTA Forms & Flyers**

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### **Community Flyers**

**Blue Devil Girl's Basketball Day Camp**  
Grades 3-9

**Blue Devil Boy's Basketball Camp**  
Grades 1-9

**Kennywood School Picnic Day**  
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**Mt. Lebanon Rec Center**  
[Canvas Creation Style](#)  
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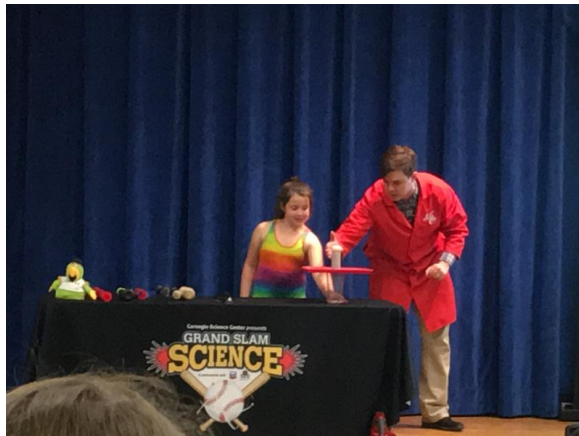
stop by the office and say "Thank You" for all the wonderful ways they make WES such a great place!

~Traci Smith, Staff Appreciation Chair

## Grand Slam Science

Thank you Washington PTA and Mrs. Olson! Because of our Shop 'n Save receipt collections, Washington students enjoyed a special assembly from the Carnegie Science Center Friday.

"Grand Slam Science" presented basic physics concepts by relating it to the Pittsburgh Pirates. The students really enjoyed it!



## 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](mailto:charconw@verizon.net) or Allison Carey at [acarey336@verizon.net](mailto:acarey336@verizon.net).

## February PTA Minutes

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



## School News

## Library Needs your Cereal Boxes

Sporties for Shorties

Ages 3-6

[March & April](#)

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Lebolympics

[Ages 5-8](#)

[Ages 9-14](#)

[Lil' Sluggers T Ball](#)

Ages 4-Kindergarten

[Daddy/Daughter Dance](#)

Kindergarten-Grade 5

[All Sports Camp](#)

Grades 4-8

**Lebo v. The Steelers**

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## Collections Corner

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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

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.



# Smile

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

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

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## Community News

### Save the Date - Plein Air Paint Out



SAVE THE DATE

May 21st, 2016 12-2.00pm

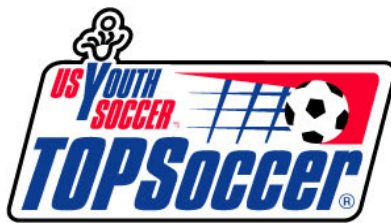
painters ages 6 - 12 years

sponsored by the MT Lebanon Partnership [www.mtlebopartnership.org](http://www.mtlebopartnership.org)

Join Artist Sandra Ward and members of the Mt. Lebanon Partnership for the return of Plein Air's Kids Paint Out on Saturday, May 21st. Sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Partnership and open to kids ages 6-12 years old, the event is May 21, 2016 from 12-2 pm. Registration is available online only at <http://www.mtlebopartnership.org/>

## 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](http://www.mlsa.org). High school students who would like to volunteer as "Buddies" should contact [topsoccer@mlsa.org](mailto:topsoccer@mlsa.org). More information can be found [here](#).



## 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](#).

## Free Dental Clinic

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

## Keep on Collectin'

### Labels for Education

This week the Collections Corner focus is on Labels for Education. This program is also ending this year. I'm preparing a final submission to be sent at the end of the school year. We currently have over 24,000 points to spend on educational supplies and equipment for the school, and an opportunity to earn more before the program ends!



How to Help:

If you have 5 product UPCs from any of the Labels for Education participating products, consider completing [the April collection sheet](#). Each sheet is worth 50 points, but they must be submitted by the end of

the month.

If you don't get them in for the April deadline, don't worry! May is the month of bonus points! We can earn an additional point for every submitted UPC and Beverage/Sauce cap for the entire month. No collection sheets required! Just drop off those Labels and Caps at Washington and I'll do the rest.

And as always, thanks for your help!

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

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