

Washington WEEKLY News



President's Message

As the last weeks of our school year come into sight it is time to give thanks for those that have worked to give our children an amazing year starting with our staff, teachers and our PTA. May 2-6 is Staff Appreciation Week, please be sure to participate in the numerous fun ways we say thank you to our WES staff. Have your child bring in a flower, write kind words, bring in supplies, share a funny card or joke and wear their teacher's favorite color. Also, don't forget to sign up to help create a very special Staff Appreciation luncheon on May 5. Every act of thanks is appreciated by our wonderful WES staff. We will be honoring our PTA as well as our selected PTA award recipients at our May 20 PTA Appreciation social. Washington is exceptional thanks to our Staff and PTA, THANK YOU!!

Your newly elected PTA Board is looking to fill committee positions for all the programs the PTA brings. If a committee looks interesting or if 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!

Lastly, as my family's last year at Washington comes to an end, I would personally like to thank the parents, families, staff and faculty of WES. I am so very grateful to have benefited from the tireless efforts of a truly unique and beautiful group of people. Washington is special in its devotion to its children and I have been both privileged and honored to serve in this PTA. As I am certain many of you will, I will always look back fondly at our Washington years.
~Julie Toussaint, PTA President

Important Dates

May

- 2-6** Staff Appreciation Week
- 5** Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 10** Open House/Celebration of the Arts, 2:15 Dismissal, 5:30 -7:30pm
- 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

What Day Is It?

05/02: Day 5
05/03: Day 1
05/04: Day 2
05/05: Day 3
05/06: Day 4

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& PM Kindergarten in session)
30 No School: Memorial Day

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.

Open House Volunteers Needed

Open House/Celebration of the Art's is fast approaching here at Washington Elementary. This special event will take place on Tuesday, May 10, and we need your help!

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Grades 3-9

[Blue Devil Boy's Basketball Camp](#)
Grades 1-9

[Kennwood School Picnic Day Tickets](#)

[Mt. Lebanon Rec Center Sporties for Shorties](#)
Ages 3-6



For all the bakers out there, we are in need of approximately 60 dozen cookies (**No Nuts Please**) for all the parents and children to enjoy as they walk around the Art Gallery in the gymnasium.

Additionally, we are looking for 8 parent volunteers to work a 30 minute shift during the event which runs from 5:30-

7:30 pm. The volunteers would help out with the cookies or at the water table.

If you are interested in contributing cookies and/or in volunteering for the event, please email me at atctbmb@yahoo.com.

Thanks so much for your help!
~Traci Smith, Open House Chair

Principal's Day

Principals have a variety of responsibilities that involve parents, teachers, and support staff. More importantly, their primary job is about providing the best and safest environment for our children. The effort that Mrs. Davis gives each and every day is what makes Washington Elementary such a successful school for our children to learn, play, and thrive in.



Monday, May 2, is School Principals' Day. Take a minute and stop by her office to say "THANK YOU" for all the wonderful things she does to make WES such a special place for our children to be.

~Traci Smith, Staff Appreciation Chair

PTA Appreciation Social & Awards Recognition Meeting



WES is blessed with a wonderful group of PTA members and volunteers who bring so many activities and enrichment to Washington and we'd like to show our sincere appreciation for all you do. As the 2015-16 school year comes to a close, please join us for lunch and meet the members of next year's PTA Board too!

Friday, May 20, 12:00pm

Founder Room - Tennis Center - 900 Cedar Blvd.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 4 so we can confirm our menu. Thank you.

~Heather Clarke & Natalie Kukla, WES PTA Secretaries

RSVP via E-vite link below or by email:

nats98@yahoo.com

<http://evite.me/7WBz1q7fNB>

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6

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[Lebolympics](#)
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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

Newsletter Editor Needed



Are you interested in learning about all that is happening in our school and community and want to help share that information? If so, please consider volunteering to be The Washington Weekly News newsletter editor. I will also serve as newsletter editor, so you won't be alone. All it takes is a few hours every other week. Please contact us at washingtonweekly@gmail.com if you would like to join the newsletter team, or would like more information.

~ Soncerae Yeager, Newsletter Editor

School News

New Student



Washington would like to extend a warm welcome to 2nd grader Matthew Amey in Mrs. Murtha's room. Welcome Matthew!

~Laura McKenzie, Sharon Hartung and Christina Coulter - Human Relations Chairs

New Event at Open House

Washington's Open House is Tuesday, May 10, 5:30-7:30 pm. This year, don't miss the ENCORE EXTRAVAGANZA, being held in the Gym/Auditorium. Stop by for Magnificent Music, Fantastic Fly Fish Demonstrations, Spectacular Spanish Songs, an Awesome Art Gallery and much more.



Cookies and ice cold drinks will be served. Please stop by and help us celebrate another successful year of Encores at Washington! We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Sadar (Orchestra)
Mrs. Cheskawich (Vocal Music)
Mr. Wilcher (Physical Education)
Senora Brown (Spanish/FLES)
Mrs. Macosko (Library)
Mrs. McKeever (Art)

5th Grade Musical



The 5th grade will be performing a musical called "Let's Eat" this year. Parents are invited to attend this wonderful show on Wednesday, June 1 at 2:00 pm in the Washington

auditorium. Hope to see you there.

~Amanda Cheskawich, Vocal Music, Washington and Hoover Elementary Mt. Lebanon School District

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

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.



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 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

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

Save the Date - Plein Air Paint Out



SAVE THE DATE

May 21st, 2016 12-2.00pm

painters ages 6 - 12 years

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/>

sponsored by the MT Lebanon Partnership www.mtlebopartnership.org

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

Our first announcement this week is about the Shop 'N Save S.E.E.D. program. Thanks to this program, the Carnegie Science Center recently presented our kids with "Grand Slam Science" - a program that teaches physics through baseball and inspires love of our hometown Pirates.



STUDENTS EXTRA EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To begin earning for our next wonderful assembly, make sure your Shop 'N Save Perks Card (<https://www.shopsavefood.com/community/seed-program>) is registered to Washington Elementary and keep on shopping!

Our second announcement is a reminder that the Labels for Education program is winding down. But not to 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 bonus points! What better way to end the program? Just drop off the Labels and Caps at Washington, and I'll send them to earn our final rewards from this program!

And as always, thanks for your help!

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

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