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Important Dates

May

- 10** 2:15 Dismissal, Open House/Celebration of the Arts, 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 & PM Kindergarten in session)
- 30** No School: Memorial Day

June

- 8** Field Day
- 9** 5th Grade Recognition
- 10** Last Day of School

What Day Is It?

- 05/9:** Day 5
- 05/10:** Day 1
- 05/11:** Day 2
- 05/12:** Day 3
- 05/13:** Day 4

Weekly News

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PTA News

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



A huge thank you to all who helped make the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon such a wonderful event! We are always so amazed by the generosity of all of the parents who devote their time and culinary skills each and every year. The teachers and staff so appreciate it! Here are some pictures from the luncheon. Thank you!
 ~ Fran McAuley & Nickie Manning, Faculty & Staff Gatherings Co-Chairs

School Nurse's Day

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From minor cuts and scrapes to major injuries or illnesses, school nurses are there to help our children get the comfort and care they need while at school.

Washington Elementary is so lucky to have Mrs. Do Sabol, along with the school's new Health Aide, Ms. Christine Jackson, to tend to our children's needs and get them back up and running at full speed!

Wednesday, May 11th, is National School Nurse's Day! Let's help them celebrate this special day by asking your child, or children, to stop by their office and say "Thank You" for all they do to keep our children as healthy and happy as they can possibly be!

~Traci Smith, Staff Appreciation Chair



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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>

Scholastic Books Orders

The end of school year is quickly approaching. Do your kids need something to keep them busy over the summer? Look in their back packs... Scholastic flyers were sent home this week for our last order of the year.

Scholastic has lots of great titles to keep your readers occupied all summer. Can't find a book you like on your order form? Just go to scholastic.com/readingclub to access their entire collection. Stock up on some new books to read at the pool, on the beach, or in the car.



Community Flyers

[Adventures in Percussion Camp](#)

[Blue Devil Girl's Basketball Day Camp](#)
Grades 3-9

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

[Kennwood School Picnic Day Tickets](#)

Follow the directions on the flyer to access Scholastic online, place your order using code P6L9Q, and pay with your credit card. Its that simple. If you prefer the paper and pen method, return the order form with a check written to Scholastic Reading Club in an envelope with your child's name and teacher by May 17, 2016. No Cash please.

Books will be delivered before school is out. Any questions please contact me at kellylatona@verizon.net
~Kelly Latona, Book Sales Chair

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 considered 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

Last Chance to Donate Your Old Phones or Tablets



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.

We're wrapping up our cell phone collection this week. The last day for donations is Thursday, May 12. 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 jamiieb@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

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School News

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

Run for Special Olympics

Mt. Lebanon police will again participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics.

On May 31 at 9 am, starting on Washington Road near the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, officers will run the torch for the summer Special Olympic Games, to be held in State College June 2 through June 4. The department's segment will wind circuitously through the streets of Brookline, Beechview and Mount Washington and finally to Station Square.

The public is welcome, with plenty of good spots available along Washington Road to cheer them on. You also can donate through the police [website](#).

Plein Air Kids Paint Out

"Kids' 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

Join Artist Sandra Ward and members of the Mt. Lebanon Partnership for the return of Plein Air's Kids Paint Out on Saturday, May 21. 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/>

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'

Check back next week for more information.

Washington Elementary School

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