

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	August 22
Tuesday	August 23
Wednesday	August 24
Thursday	August 25
Friday	August 26

Message From the Editors

Receiving the first copy of the Washington Weekly News is a sure sign that school is just around the corner. As you can see, The Washington Weekly News has undergone some changes over the summer. The new format is designed to be viewed on both your mobile device and your computer. During the course of the past school year the percentage of readers viewing the Washington Weekly News on their phone went from 40% to nearly 80%! The way we view information and communicate is changing, and we thought it was time that the Washington Weekly News made a change too.

You will still find the same information that you have come to rely on; the calendar, the lunch menu, the important dates, the community, school and PTA news and the very important day of the week. Our hope is that the new format will make the information that you need more accessible and easier to read. If you have questions about the new format, or can't seem to locate your favorite part of the newsletter, please feel free to send us an [email](#), we would love to hear from you.

We are looking forward to another great year, and to sharing all of the great events and information that our school and community have to offer.

~Soncerae Yeager & Stacy de las Alas, Washington Weekly News Co-Editors

Important Dates

August

- 21 Family Pool Party, 8:15 pm, Mt. Lebanon Pool
- 25 Faculty and Staff Welcome Back Luncheon, 12:00 pm, WES Cafeteria
- 25 Newcomers' Reception, 5:30 pm, WES Auditorium

- 25 Teacher Meet and Greet, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, WES
- 29 First Day of School, Grades 1-5
- 29 Kindergarten Interviews
- 30 Kindergarten Interview
- 31 First Day of Kindergarten
- 31 Kindergarten Coffee & Kleenex, 8:45 am & 12:45 pm, Outside WES

September

- 5 **No School:** Labor Day
- 7 Fall Family Picnic (Rain Date 9/9), 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Washington Playground and Melon Field
- 9 **Noon Dismissal Grades 1-5** - Elementary Act 80 Day, AM & PM Kindergarten in session
- 15 Picture Day
- 16 PTA Membership Registration Deadline
- 22 DEAR: Science Fiction-Alien Hair Day
- 23 Read-a-Thon Kick Off

PTA News

Pool Party

Washington's Welcome Back Party is tonight! The pool is ours from 8:15 - 10:00 pm tonight, August, 21. Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year with all your Washington friends. The cost for the event is only \$15 per family. This is not a drop off event. Please bring a snack to share. The PTA will provide drinks.

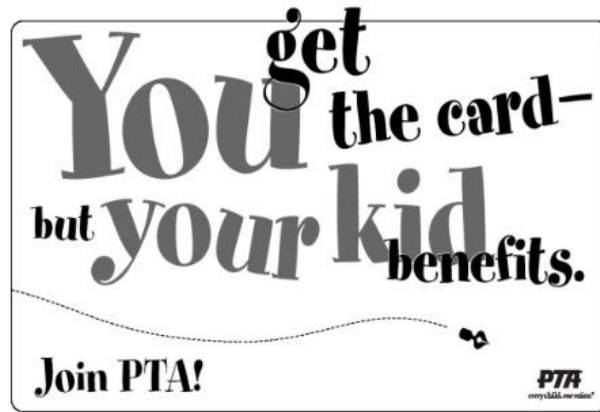


~Kelly Latona, Traci Smith & Kyla Ellis

Faculty Welcome Back Lunch

We are seeking volunteers to provide a delicious lunch for our teachers and staff on Thursday, August 25, while they prepare their classrooms for our children. Please use this [link](#) to sign up to bring a favorite dish to the Washington Elementary lunch room on Thursday August 25 at 11:00 am. You do not need to register, simply enter your email address and you will be directed to our page. Any questions please don't hesitate to call or email [Fran McAuley 412-352-5177](#) or [Ann Stanton 412-944-5695](#)

PTA Membership



School is just around the corner - what better way to celebrate the start of 2016-2017 than joining WES PTA? As a member, you will be helping to enrich our students' educational experience by supporting programs such as cultural arts assemblies, field trips, author visits, lunchtime clubs, and other events throughout the year! The PTA also buys needed equipment and supplies for WES that are not supplied by the district. For example, this past school year, the WES PTA purchased and donated a poster maker/paper, classroom rugs, classroom support supplies, cooling fans for classrooms and books for the classroom leveled libraries. Membership also ensures that you'll receive weekly, digital copies of the Washington Weekly News AND a copy of the Washington Student & Family Directory (in PDF or paper copy form), which is an invaluable tool for keeping in touch with other students and parents throughout the year!

Registering is easy. Just click this [link](#), then fill out the form and press submit. Dues payments can be made via PayPal (an account **IS NOT** required) or cash or check (made out to Washington PTA, and placed in the Membership Box in the Main Office). Simple!!

If you have questions, please [email](#) me!

~ CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

Amazon Smiles & Amazon Associates Program

The Washington PTA has joined the Amazon Smile and Amazon Associates Programs, which allow us to make money by doing something most of us already do all the time -- shop online at [Amazon.com](#)! It doesn't cost you anything at all, but it has the potential to provide a nice income stream for the PTA, helping to fund all of the amazing programs the PTA organizes and sponsors throughout the year. Here is what you can do to help:

1. Choose Washington PTA as your Amazon Smile Charity

- Go go [Smile.Amazon.com](#) and sign in with your regular Amazon user name and password.
- If you haven't used Amazon Smile before, you will be prompted to choose a charity. You should enter "Washington Elem School PTA Inc" into the search box that appears. It will say "Pittsburgh, PA" as the location for the charity.
- If you have previously chosen a different charity, please consider switching your Amazon Smile account to support the Washington PTA by hovering over the orange word "Supporting" on the left-hand side of the page (immediately under the search bar), and then clicking on "Change your charity" in the box that appears. This will bring up a page that will allow you to search for a new charity -- if you search for "Washington Elem School PTA Inc" you should find us.

2. Use the Amazon Link Below When Shopping

In addition to the Amazon Smile program, we have signed up for the Amazon Associates program, which gives us a certain percentage of all purchases you make so long as you use our link to get to the Amazon website. All you have to do is click on this [link](#) to take you to Amazon to do all of your regular shopping. You can bookmark this page to make it even easier to use every time you shop at Amazon!

If you have questions, please email [Heather Boylan Clark](#) or call 412-414-6464 if you have any questions or problems using this link.



School News

Back to School Meet and Greet

We are excited to announce a new school/family event this fall scheduled for August 25, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We have determined, based upon input from parents and teachers, that an opportunity to visit before school would be beneficial for our students, staff and families. The format for this Meet & Greet event is informal, and you may come any time between the posted hours. This is a great opportunity to meet your teachers, tour the school and visit with friends.

We look forward to hearing your feedback following our Meet & Greet event. We hope to see you and your child(ren) there!

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

School Supply List

The grade level School Supply Lists for 2016-2017 are building and grade specific. Please click on the [link](#) for the updated School Supply List.

Back to School
**School
Supply
Lists**



New Staff Members

There will be some new faces at Washington this year. I am pleased to introduce the following newest staff members:

- Mr. Polakoski, fifth grade teacher
- Mrs. Charlynn Wertz, part time learning support teacher
- Mrs. Jennifer Vcek, speech and language teacher
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- Mr. Matthew Antis, physical education teacher

- Ms. Taylor Nau, paraprofessional
- Ms. Nicole Eshleman, paraprofessional

We are excited to have the following staff return to Washington:

- Mrs. Sara Accamando, ESL teacher
- Mrs. Katie Cernicky, kindergarten teacher
- Ms. Kimberly Scheuble, as our full time learning support teacher

We are still in the process of hiring a physical education teacher as well as two paraprofessionals.

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

Collections Corner

Coming Soon!

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Outreach Teen and Family Services
Fall Parenting Discussions, 9/29, 10/13, &
11/9

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