

# Washington Weekly News

## *What Day Is It?*



Monday	September 12	Day 5
Tuesday	September 13	Day 1
Wednesday	September 14	Day 2
Thursday	September 15	Day 3
Friday	September 16	Day 4

## *Important Dates*

### **September**

- 15 Picture Day
- 16 PTA Membership Registration Deadline
- 22 DEAR: Science Fiction-Alien Hair Day
- 23 Read-a-Thon Kick Off
- 26 Apple Crunch Day
- 27 Principal's Coffee, 8:45 am, WES Cafeteria
- 27 Homeroom Parent Meeting, 9:00 am or 7:00 pm, WES Auditorium
- 27 PTA Meeting, 9:30 am, WES Auditorium
- 30 Kona Ice Social, 3:35 - 4:15 pm, WES Playground

### **October**

- 3 **No School:** Teacher In-Service
- 7 Read-a-Thon Ends
- 8 Learning Garden Clean-up, 1:00 pm, Learning Garden

## **PTA News**

### *PTA Membership Drive*



It is the last week for the Membership Drive. The final week to get your information into the PTA Directory. Last year we had almost 300 registrations. So far, we have about half that!

Joining the PTA is the easiest way to support the teachers and students at Washington. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the [online registration form](#). Dues can be paid 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!!

Let's try and beat last year's membership numbers. With over 440 students we should be able to reach that goal no problem.

Let's get everyone involved! Just visit us [online!](#)

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

~ CharLynn Wertz, Membership Chair

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## *Drop Everything And Read*

Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) is about to kick-off another year!

DEAR is a school-wide program to encourage reading in fun way. There will be eight DEAR days throughout the year when we'll ask kids to dress up in something creative and related to a book genre. Then, at some point during the day, an announcement will be made over the loud speaker to "drop everything and read!"

Our first DEAR day is Thursday, September 22 and the theme is science fiction. We encourage your kids to show up with their best alien hair! Think green hair, spiked hair or crazy braided hair! Talk to your kids about your favorite science fiction books and encourage them to pick one out at the library. The more fun we have with DEAR, the more fun our kids will have with reading!

~Lauren Moore, Washington Reads Chair



## Save the Date

Please save the date for an exciting event to explore new opportunities for our elementary libraries on the evening of **Thursday, October 20** at the high school. We will learn about the latest trends in 21st Century libraries and the impact they will have on our libraries in the coming year. We are fortunate to have internationally recognized library visionary Keith Webster, Dean of Libraries at Carnegie Mellon University, and an expert in building libraries of the future as our keynote speaker. Maker activities and childcare will be available for children during the event. I hope you can join us for this special evening to learn more. More information to come. If you have questions, please call 412-325-8201.

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

## District News

### 22nd Annual Festival of Bands

The Mt. Lebanon HS Blue Devil Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Jason Cheskawich, will present its 22nd Annual Festival of Bands on Saturday, September 24 at 7:00 pm at Mt. Lebanon HS Stadium, rain or shine.

Numerous area high school bands will be performing throughout the evening along with the California University of Pennsylvania band. There will also be special performances by the Mt. Lebanon Drum and Front Ensemble, and the Mt. Lebanon 8th Grade Band.

The Blue Devil Marching Band performs at all Mt. Lebanon football games, various parades, including Memorial Day and Kennywood, and the Mt. Lebanon and Bloomfield Halloween parades. The band is always a favorite at Disney World. Mt. Lebanon is well represented in the music community regionally and across the country.

Come support the Mt. Lebanon music program and these fine young musicians who spend countless hours practicing and refining their talents to perform and promote music to the masses. Tickets are available at the gate for \$7.00 or in advance for \$6.00 from any band member.

For more information, contact Band Builders President, [Jodi Kubit](#).

Visit at: [leboband.com](http://leboband.com) Facebook: Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band

## Community News

Mt. Lebanon Council PTA invites you to a community-wide Parent Education event, a free screening of the nationally acclaimed educational film "Screenagers." Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 pm in the Mt Lebanon High School Auditorium (155 Cochran Road, use entrance A2). [High school campus map](#).

About the movie: Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time - friction she knew all too well.

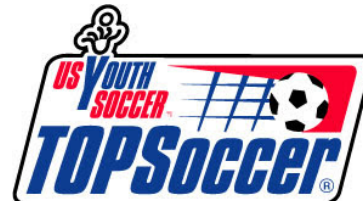
In SCREENAGERS, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and Internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

Learn more about the movie at the [Screenager's website](#)

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## TOPS Soccer

The TOPSoccer fall season for special needs players begins on September 18 and runs through October 30. 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).



## Collections Corner

### Register your Shop & Save Card



Have you got your Giant Eagle Advantage card registered? Great! Then it's time to register your [Shop 'N Save Perks](#) card!

To register your card, just click on the link above. You no longer have to save or submit your receipts!

Shop 'N Save keeps track of the amount of money we spend and we can use those funds to buy awesome assemblies for Washington from the Carnegie Science Center or the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium.

How important is it to register? Last year, the Shop 'N Save SEED program brought Grand Slam Science, a STEM-focused assembly from the Carnegie Science Center, to Washington. Our kids learned about the physics behind baseball and got (even more) excited to support our Pittsburgh Pirates.

If you have any trouble registering, I'm happy to help. Just send [mean](#) email. And thank you all!

- Amy Olson and Samantha Dick, Collections Chairs

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Emergency Medical Contact and Release Information  
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Marching Band Festival - **New**

### **Community Flyers**

*Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club*  
Adult Swim

#### *Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center*

Art Factory, Age 4 - 8th  
Babysitting Class, 9-15 years old  
Dance, Ages 4-Teen  
Holiday Glass Block Painting, Ages 4-8th  
Jr. Tennis Clinic, Age 5-17  
Karate, Age 7- Adult  
Father & Son Campout, Boys K-5  
Learn to Skate Evaluations, Preschool-Kindergarten  
Play Date on Ice, Preschool-Kindergarten  
Developmental Ice Hockey League, Ages 5-12  
Ice Hockey School, Ages 4-12

#### *Outreach Teen and Family Services*

Fall Parenting Discussions, 9/29, 10/13, & 11/9

TOPS Soccer, Age 6-Teen - **New**

Cub Scouts, Registration Information - **New**

#### *Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association*

Pre-Tryout Player Development Series, Boys & Girls, Grades 4-8 - **New**

Crossing Guard Information  
Crossing Guard Information - 2 Hour Delay  
Playground Safety Guidelines  
Parent Right to Know Notification- **New**

### **Collections Corner**

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