

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	September 19	Day 5
Tuesday	September 20	Day 1
Wednesday	September 21	Day 2
Thursday	September 22	Day 3
Friday	September 23	Day 4

Important Dates

September

- 19 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, High School Room D205
- 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
- 7 Wear blue to "Blue it out for Tourette's"
- 8 Learning Garden Clean-up, 1:00 pm, Learning Garden
- 12 **No School:** Yom Kippur



Teacher & Staff Welcome Back Luncheon

Chair: Erin St. John

Volunteers:

*Fran McAuley
Ann Stanton
Joyce Kraemer
Allison Carey
Tara Heidenreich
Sharon Adam
Angela Hanson
Christina Coulter
Michelle Griffin
Sharon Hartung
Erin Huff
Naomi Wilkinson
Kelly Latona
Kara Monocello
Kriss Nightway
Barb Alsko
Laura Crothers
Soncerae Yeager
Nickie Manning
Shelly Alandete*

*Tina Socinski
Joelle Schultz
Melissa Krebs
Leah Roth
Shirley McElhatten
Margaret Vines
Nicole Molinaro
Christina Shaffer
Bonnie Dougherty
CharLynn Wertz
Colleen Kingston
Mary Klaber
Snow Zhang
Samantha Dick
Lori Comber
Martha Reisinger
Heather Boylan Clark
Natalie Taylor
Rosie Pesacreta*

PTA Audit

*Chair: Tara Heidenreich
Volunteers: Deb Ercegovic
Dana Clements*

PTA News

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

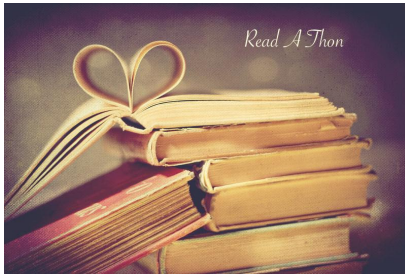
related to a book genre. Then, at some point during the day, an announcement will be made over the loud speaker to “drop everything and read!”

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



Read-A-Thon



It is almost time for our annual Read a Thon. What is a Read a Thon you ask? It is a fun and easy way to help our students read and raise money for our school at the same time.

This year we are going to keep the competition within Washington Elementary School. Classes will compete against the other classes in their grade to be the top

reader each day of the competition. The daily winning class gets the honor of a trophy to proudly display outside the classroom.

If we meet our **goal of 200,000 minutes read** by the whole school, Mrs Davis and the teachers have agreed to a special fun prize for everyone. Prizes will also be awarded for the top reader and top pledge earner for each grade and overall.

We ask that each student get at least \$25 in pledges. Packets will be distributed next week with all the details, including the prize list. For now get your books and magazines ready, think about who you could ask for pledges (Grandmas love reading), and be ready to start reading. **The competition begins Sept 23, 2016.**

~Kyla Reighard, Traci Smith, and Kelly Latona, Read a Thon Committee

Call for Pictures

The Washington Yearbook Committee would love to see your First Day of School, Pool Party, and Fall Family picnic photos.

If you have pictures to share, please email them to wesyearbook2017@gmail.com

A few things to remember when submitting pictures:

- Please include the name and grade of students in the photo if possible
- Make sure the resolution is 400KB or higher - If the picture is low resolution we can't use it
- Do not send a link to a website - the picture needs to be a jpeg attachment

~Jen Query & Christina Shaffer, Year Book Committee

Kona Ice Day

Kona Ice Truck is coming to our school on **Friday, September 30 from 3:35-4:15 pm**. Join us as we enjoy tropical shaved ice and raise money for our school. The neon lights, cartoon animation and tropical soothing music will make everyone have fun and smile.



Thanks for your support, and hope to see you there.

~Christine Wittman & Valerie Watterson, Kona Ice Days Chairs

School News

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 Facebook: Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band

The Mt. Lebanon High School Marching Band
Is proud to present...
The 22nd Annual Festival of Bands
Saturday, September 24, 2016 · 7PM
Featuring the fine performances from...
Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band
Special Performances by:
Mt. Lebanon 8th Grade Band
Mt. Lebanon Percussion
Front & Drum Line
California University of PA Marching Band
Plus a variety of other Southwest PA Marching Bands
f Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band
www.leboband.com
Admission:
Advanced Ticket Sales Available from Band Members...\$6.00
Adults & Students at the Gate...\$7.00
Children under 5...FREE!
Sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Band Builders

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](#).

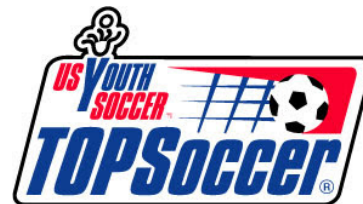
About the movie: Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all 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](#)

TOPS Soccer

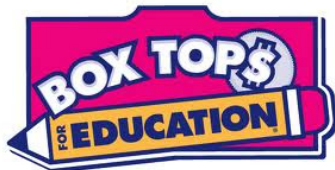
The TOPSoccer fall season for special needs players begins on September 18 and runs through October 30. The program is open to children ages 6 through teens. They play alongside "Soccer Buddies," who help to teach soccer skills and encourage them to have fun. Sunday afternoon sessions are one hour long, beginning with warm-up activities and drills, and



concluding with a brief game. Sign-ups are online at www.mlsa.org. High school students who would like to volunteer as "Buddies" should contact topsoccer@mlsa.org.

Collections Corner

What is the Box Tops for Education Program?



Box Tops are (usually) pink labels on products you already buy. They're located on all kinds of products from A to Z (Annie's Organic to Ziploc that is). If you're buying cereal or filling a kid's lunch box, you probably have some of these products in your home. Click on the link above for a full list.

Why should you save each and every Box Top?

Each one is worth 10 cents to Washington. That doesn't sound like much? Well, Washington earned over \$1,500 from collecting Box Tops last year.

What can you do to help?

Set aside an envelope or plastic baggie to save your Box Tops in. When your envelope or bag is full, drop them off in the main office collection bin. I will pick them up and do the rest! You can also earn BONUS Box Tops by downloading and using the new app. You simply scan your receipt after purchasing Box Tops merchandise. Click on the link above to learn more.

What about the Box Top Contest?

You are correct! We normally have a Box Top Contest in the Spring. Classrooms compete to see who can submit the most Box Tops. Last year's winning class submitted over 1,700 Box Tops and won a video game party! If you want to hold on to Box Tops to give your children an edge, please feel free **UNLESS YOUR BOX TOPS WILL EXPIRE BEFORE THE CONTEST**. So double check those Box Tops when you save them. If they will expire in 2016, send them in NOW!

If you have any trouble figuring out where to find Box Tops on products or installing your app, I'm happy to help. Just send [me](#) an email. And thank you all!

- Amy Olson and Samantha Dick, Collections Chairs

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Adult Swim

Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center

Art Factory, Age 4 - 8th
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Holiday Glass Block Painting, Ages 4-8th
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Fall Parenting Discussions, 9/29, 10/13, &
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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why
should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action).

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or
"customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about
inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

