

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	September 26	Day 5
Tuesday	September 27	Day 1
Wednesday	September 28	Day 2
Thursday	September 29	Day 3
Friday	September 30	Day 4

Important Dates

September

- 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
- 19 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, WES
- 20 D.E.A.R - Travel - Wear Something from Vacation
- 20 Speaker: Keith Webster, Dean of Libraries at Carnegie Mellon University - "Trends in 21st Century Libraries", High School

PTA News

PTA Meeting

Interested in volunteering for field trips or class parties, looking to learn more about all the opportunities there are to get involved at Washington, or just interested in finding out what the PTA is all about? Join us in the cafeteria on **Tuesday, September 27** for a

morning full of information. We will start at 8:45 am with our **Principals Coffee**, this is a great opportunity to spend some time with Mrs. Davis and find out what is going on at Washington from an administrative perspective and ask some questions! Stay for our annual **Homeroom Parent/Classroom Volunteer Meeting at 9:00 am**. This is your opportunity to sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom. Finally, at 9:30 am, find out what the PTA has been up to, at our general meeting.

~Allison Carey, PTA President

Apple Crunch Day

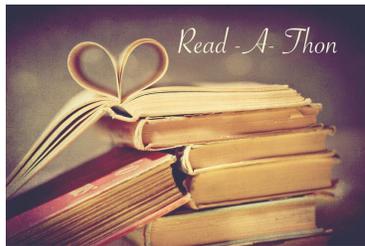
Apple Crunch Day Is Here!

Fall is a great time to crunch into a fresh delicious apple that tastes great and is great for you! Apple Crunch Day marks the start of a new Washington healthy initiative which starts with Apple Crunch and continues all year long culminating in Go For the Greens this Spring. Watch for tasty update in October. Apples are once again generously donated by our Castle Shannon Shop-n-Save - please pass on our appreciation and say Thank You to owner Judy McNabb any time you are there shopping.



~Natalie Kukla & Do Sabol

Read-A-Thon



The Washington Olympic Read-a-Thon has officially begun! I hope you all called grandma this weekend to see how much she will pay you to read.

Everyone should have received a Read-A-Thon packet this past week and a prize sheet. If not, extras are located in the main office. The tickets should be signed and turned in each day. We have combined the weekend days to make it easier for everyone. So on Monday turn in one ticket with all the minutes you read on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Starting Tuesday we will begin to announce the winning homerooms, raffle winners and top readers. Keep those book pages turning, tally your minutes and turn in your tickets so your class gets the Olympic Trophy. Remember turning in those tickets every day also allows you a chance in the daily drawing for a new book! Let's make this the biggest and the best Washington Olympic Read-a-thon!

~Kyla Reighard, Traci Smith, Kelly Latona, Read-A-Thon Committee

Volunteer Clearance

To ensure the safety of our students, MTLSD requires volunteers to comply with the Mt. Lebanon School District Policy IJOC School Volunteers. Therefore, if you would like to volunteer at Washington Elementary this school year, you will need

to meet the necessary requirements stated below. We are providing this information to you now so that you have ample time to obtain any necessary clearances prior to volunteering.



CASUAL VOLUNTEER - A Casual Volunteer is a volunteer who comes to school infrequently and works in the presence of a teacher/administrator when with students. A casual volunteer **does not** have direct contact with children and is **NOT REQUIRED** to obtain criminal history reports or child abuse clearances, but is required, on an annual basis, to sign the Casual Volunteer Affirmation Form in the presence of the principal or principal's designee affirming they have not perpetrated or been convicted of specific offenses.

- To complete a Casual Volunteer Affirmation Form, please see Mrs. Jones in the front office.
- Even if you completed this form for the 2015-2016 school year, you will still need to do it again to serve as a casual volunteer this school year.

PROGRAM VOLUNTEER - A Program Volunteer is a volunteer who: 1) works under the general direction and supervision of a teacher or administrator employed by the district; and 2) provides direct services to students or may, from time to time, have or may be reasonably expected to **have direct contact** with children. A program volunteer **IS REQUIRED** to obtain a PA State Police Criminal History Report (Act 34) and a Child Abuse Clearance (Act 151), along with either an FBI Background Check or a Resident of Pennsylvania Affidavit Form.

- There is no cost for the PA clearances.
- The links for the required clearances are as follows:
 - [Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance \(Act 151\)](#)
 - [Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check \(Act 34\)](#)
- Please note that these clearances must be updated every five (5) years. If you have never obtained these documents before, or if you have done so prior to 2012 you will need to do it again now to serve as a Program Volunteer this school year (contact Mrs. Jones if you're unsure about when you last submitted your forms).

If you have been a resident of Pennsylvania continuously for the past 10 years, in lieu of the FBI Background Check, you may sign a 10-year Resident of Pennsylvania Affidavit Form in the presence of the principal or principal's designee affirming you have not perpetrated or been convicted of specific offenses. The 10-year Resident of Pennsylvania must be signed on an annual basis.

- To complete a Resident of Pennsylvania Affidavit Form, please see Mrs. Jones in the front office.
- Even if you completed this form for the 2015-2016 school year, you will still need to do it again to serve as a program volunteer this school year.

If you have been not been a resident of Pennsylvania continuously for the past 10 years, you will need to obtain an FBI Background Check in accordance with the FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114).

- The cost for the FBI Background Check is \$27.00.
- Visit www.pa.cogentid.com for information and locations of fingerprint sites.
- If you have never completed this process before, or if you have completed this process prior to 2012, you will need to do it again now to serve as a Program

Volunteer this school year (contact Mrs. Jones if you're unsure about when you last submitted your forms).

What should I do once I receive my clearances?

Originals of the **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151)** and **Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (Act 34)** will be mailed to the applicant's home address. Those originals must be presented to Mrs. Jones in the front office no later than when you arrive for your first volunteer activity requiring clearances. A copy of each background check will be made from the original and kept on file in the school office.

For the FBI Federal Criminal History Record (Act 114), applicants should provide Mrs. Jones in the front office their PAE Registration # that they receive when they register online for the FBI finger print clearance. Mrs. Jones will share the PAE # with the Human Resources Department so the applicant's report can be reviewed online. Applicants may request a paper copy of the federal FBI Criminal History Record Information when they register to be fingerprinted, however, the School Administrator is required to review the official record online.

What if I cannot afford the clearance fees?

In the event financial hardship may deter you from volunteering when clearances are required, please contact Mrs. Davis or the MTLSD Director of Human Resources Katie Devine at (412) 344-2080 or kdevine@mtlsd.net for financial assistance. All information regarding your request will be kept confidential.

If you need additional information regarding clearance requirements, or volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact us. Thanks, in advance, for volunteering for the WES PTA!

~Jennifer Hetz, jenniferhertz@gmail.com and Joelle Schultz, toddnjo@comcast.net, Co-Chairs, Volunteer 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

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](#)

Collections Corner

What is the Labels for Education Program?



Labels for Education can be found on products you buy, such as Campbell's soup, Pepperidge Farm cookies, and V8 juices. If you see the logo, clip it and the UPC together. Each one earns points towards athletic equipment and art supplies or can be redeemed for

prepaid Visa cards.

What can I do to help?

Remember that envelope or baggie you set aside to collect Box Tops? If you come across Labels, toss them in as well. 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!

But I thought you told me last year that the Labels for Education program was ending?

It is! Labels are no longer being printed on products, but you can still submit the Labels you have through the end of this school year.

If you have any trouble figuring out where to find Labels on products, 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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