

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



Monday	October 17	Day 3
Tuesday	October 18	Day 4
Wednesday	October 19	Day 5
Thursday	October 20	Day 1
Friday	October 21	Day 2

## Important Dates

### October

- 17 School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, High School Room D205
- 19 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm, WES Auditorium
- 19 Lebo Stars Bonfire, 7:00 pm, Bird Park
- 20 D.E.A.R - Travel - Wear Something from Vacation
- 20 Speaker: Keith Webster - "Trends in 21st Century Libraries," High School
- 31 Halloween Parade, 2:30 pm, WES
- 31 Halloween Parties, 2:45 pm, WES

### November

- 8 No School: Election Day - Teacher In-Service
- 8 Election Day Bake Sale, WES & Mellon
- 11 Veteran's Day Celebration, 7:45 - 9:00 am, WES Gym



## Picture Day

Chair: Natalie Kukla  
Volunteers:

*Michelle Griffin  
Jane Harbaugh  
Katsue Higenbotham  
Melissa Krebs  
Nickie Manning*

*Lauren Moore  
Netty Ott  
Amy Seiling  
Ann Stanton  
Nancie Tormey*

## *Learning Garden Clean Up*

*Chair: Sarada Sangameswaran  
Volunteers: Sumedha Sengupta  
Terry Woodlands  
Kaili Woodlands  
Kaishang Woodlands  
Kim Fox  
Sheena Myers  
Nicole Myers  
Christina Myers*

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Learning Garden Clean-Up last Saturday! The rain held off, allowing us to pull weeds, prune bushes and expose the hidden features of the garden. Together we bagged eleven large yard waste bags of weeds. We will have another clean up before winter, so stay tuned for more opportunities to participate!

## **PTA News**

### *Drop Everything and Read*



It's almost time again to **Drop Everything And Read!** **Thursday, October 20** is our next **DEAR** day and this month's theme is travel! The kids are encouraged to wear something from a travel destination – maybe it's a sweatshirt from the beach or a souvenir from another country. At home, pull out some books or maps and talk about where you've been and where you want to go!

*What is DEAR?* DEAR is a school-wide program to encourage reading in fun way. On each DEAR day, kids are encouraged to dress up in something fun, 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!" The more fun we have with DEAR, the more fun our kids will have with reading!

~Lauren Moore, Washington Reads Chair

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### *Calling All Washington Bakers*



We need your help!!

Our annual Election Day Bake Sale is fast approaching and we need your help to make it a success! Every year the 5th grade class has a bake sale on Election Day to raise money for their trip to Camp Lutherlyn and all of the fun 5th grade activities. We are in need of cookies, brownies, breads, cakes and pies for both the Washington and Mellon polling locations. Please consider donating a tasty treat and help our 5th graders. It will be a big election--we will need lots of tasty treats. Please package your treats so they are ready to sell (one to two cookies per baggie). All items should be properly labeled if they contain nuts. You can drop off your items at the table located in the front hallway between 9:00 am - 3:30 pm on Monday, November 7. Please sign up through VolunteerSpot: <http://signup.com/go/RNxkU9>

Additionally, 5th grade families, please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time on Election Day. We need to fill 26 slots for both schools. That means we need two volunteers per hour per school.

Please sign up through VolunteerSpot: <http://signup.com/go/fpQVy4>

Thank you for your help!

~Heather Damron, Joyce Kraemer, Nickie Manning, Fran McAuley, & CharLynn Wertz, Fifth Grade Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs

## School News

### *Wednesdays We Wear Pink*



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Every Wednesday throughout the month of October we will be wearing pink. We invite students and staff to join us in our weekly pink out!

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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### *21st Century Libraries*

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

### Annual Lebo Stars Bonfire

Where: Bird Park

When: **October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Lebo Stars (*formerly Best Buddies*) is a high school club that encourages friendships between students with intellectual disabilities and the general high school population. We have a great time and are trying raise funds for our monthly activities!

We will have a bonfire, a pie eating contest and a great raffle! If you want to buy tickets for the raffle, but can't attend, please click on the following link (or paste it into your browser): <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?56242>

*\*\*There may be more prizes added to this form as we receive donations. We are accepting forms and payment through October 18.*

Thanks for your support!

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### Reflections: What is Your Story?

This years reflection theme is "What is Your Story?" We all love to tell and hear stories at all ages. We all can have a lot to share about our daily experiences. This is the year for you to enter if you have not in the past. Just remember you do not have to be a professional artist or dancer or photographer this is all about expressing and being creative! For more information and for an entry form, visit the [reflections](#) webpage.

#### Get Creative!

This is your chance to express who you are as an individual through one or more of the following:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts



Your work will be reviewed by experienced arts and education volunteers. Judges look for the following:

- **Interpretation:** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement.
- **Creativity:** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
- **Technique:** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

For inspiration, visit our nation award-winning [Art Gallery](#).

### **Tell Us About Your Work**

In your artist statement, tell us about your work and what it means to you.

- How does your work relate to the theme?
- What is your personal connection to the theme?
- What did you use to create your work (e.g. supplies, technology, instrumentation, props, etc.)?
- What/Who was your inspiration?

### **Win Awards & Prizes!**

Be recognized as an artist and enter to win awards and prizes provided by your local, regional, state and National PTA!

Follow your school's PTA deadlines and instructions on how to enter. Additional guidelines and forms may be available by your state PTA. Awards and prizes will vary by PTA.

Learn more about [state-level](#) and [national-level](#) awards and events.

### **Enter the Theme Search Contest**

The search is on for a future National PTA Reflections theme!

One exceptional theme will be chosen on **February 1, 2017** to inspire creativity for the 2018-2019 PTA Reflections program theme. The winner will receive \$100 and recognition at the Annual National PTA Convention. Theme Search judges look for a focused and clear theme promoting PTA values that is appropriate for all grades and applicable to all arts categories. [Past themes](#) are not considered.

Any questions please Contact [Heather Damron](#)

**All projects are due November 4, please turn the projects into the school office**

## **Collections Corner**

### *Keep on Collecting!*



Fall is here! Mornings are cooler, leaves are changing, your kids are already planning their Halloween costumes, and you're probably getting ready to make that big Halloween candy purchase. When you do, don't forget to shop with your registered card at [Giant Eagle Advantage](#) or [Shop 'N Save Perks](#) to earn points for Washington.

Still haven't had time to register – no worries! You can click on the links or contact [me](#) for help registering your card.

Thank you to the 404 families who have registered and are using their Giant Eagle Advantage cards to help Washington. Thank you also to the Shop N' Save families using their Perks cards – you have already helped us to earn a Carnegie Science Center assembly this year.

P.S. Don't forget that with Fall, our 2016 deadline to submit [Box Tops](#) rapidly approaching. If you're holding onto any Box Tops that will expire in 2016, send them in this week!

- Amy Olson and Samantha Dick, Collections Corner Chairs

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### *Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association*

[Basketball Travel Tryouts - New](#)  
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### *Outreach Teen and Family Services*

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### *Pittsburgh Cultural Trust*

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