

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	October 24	Day 3
Tuesday	October 25	Day 4
Wednesday	October 26	Day 5
Thursday	October 27	Day 1
Friday	October 28	Day 2

Important Dates

October

- 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
- 16 PTA Meeting, 9:00 am, WES
- 17 DEAR - Comedy-Dress Crazy Day
- 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences, **No PM Kindergarten**
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, **No School K-5**
- 21 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, High School Room D205
- 24-25 **No School:** Thanksgiving Recess

PTA News

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

Read-A-Thon



And the winner isWashington Elementary School.

I would like to congratulate all our students for their hard work reading and collecting pledge for our Read-a-thon. Our students read a total of 177,000 minutes and collected approx \$7,000 for our school. The winner assembly occurred last week at school. Everyone had a blast at the chicken dance party with our giant chicken (Mrs Davis) and our dancers aka teachers who joined her on stage to perform.

Our grand prizes (Kindles) went to top readers Grace Manning and Gabriella Ott. Melenna Palaschek won our top prize for highest pledge amount, raising \$317 herself. Mrs Davidson's class read the most number of minutes with 16,041 winning the video game party.

Our highest reading homerooms winning coupons to Lebo Subs included Mrs Cernicky, Mrs Folmer, Mrs Malock, Mrs DeMicco, Ms Perrett, and Mrs Davidson. Our top pledge classes winning a PJ day or extra recess include Mrs Matthis (am), Mrs Spitznagel, Mrs Higgins, Mr O'Toole, Mrs Robbins, and Mr Philips.

Enjoy your prizes everyone and don't stop reading!

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



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

District News

Bands in Review Concert

You're invited to attend the high school's annual Band in Review Concert!

When: **October 26**, 7:30 pm

Where: High School Auditorium

This concert features the high school's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and a special indoor performance by the Marching Band and Percussion groups, including the popular drum line! This is a great opportunity for your children to preview the band options available to them at the high school.

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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Pumpkin Patch Parade, October 29 - **New**
Karate, Ages 7-11 - **New**
Canvas Creations, Ages 4-14 - **New**
Holiday Craft - December 19 - **New**

Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association
Basketball Travel Tryouts
Fall Basketball Clinic

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

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
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Mt. Lebanon Youth Wrestling
Free Lesson & Signup Night, November
15, Kindergarten-6th Grades

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