

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



Monday	October 31	Day 3
Tuesday	November 1	Day 4
Wednesday	November 2	Day 5
Thursday	November 3	Day 1
Friday	November 4	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*

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## *Veteran's Day Celebration*



Is there a veteran in your family? We'd love to honor your veteran at Washington Elementary!

Send a photograph (or email one to [Bonnie Dougherty](#)) for our Wall of Heroes. You may also invite your veteran to our Veteran's Day Celebration on Friday, November 11 at 7:45 am in the cafeteria, which will be followed by a flag ceremony in front of Washington.

If you have any questions, contact [Bonnie Dougherty](#).

~Bonnie Dougherty, *Veteran's Day Breakfast Social Chair*

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## *Spirit Wear Sale*

It is time to up your school spirit Washington. Are you looking for unique holiday gifts to keep them cozy this winter? Parents, do you need something to wear on the

sidelines of all those activities your child is involved in? We have the perfect gift idea for you. Washington is selling custom spirit wear this year. We have lots of choices, t-shirts, hoodies, long sleeve, short sleeve, youth and adult. This is your chance to get those cool MTL socks or beanies that the kids love. Order forms were sent home with the students this week. A [link](#) to the forms has been included... just in case.



The spirit wear items will be customized for you, maybe you want something that says Washington or LEBO. Please refer to the product list for all the available options. Just pick your item and size, then pick the screen print image or embroidered image and magically it will be made just for you.

The deadline to turn in your order form is November 11. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted, please refer to order form for details. Delivery will be made the week of December 4 to your child in school. If the order is a gift please mark the appropriate box on the order form so that special arrangements can be made for pick up.

Any questions please email [Kelly Latona](#)

~Kelly Latona, Kyla Reighard, & Traci Smith, *Ways & Means Coordinators*

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## *Kids of Steel Coordinator Needed*



Washington Elementary is registered to participate once again in the Kids of Steel program, but we are in need of a coordinator. This has been a very popular program, focusing on exercise, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle habits.

During the training period between January and April, students will complete physical activity and nutrition goals while training for the [Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids](#)

[Marathon](#) on Saturday, May 6, 2017. This a one-mile fun run for children to run with family and friends.

The coordinator will receive a training manual on how to execute the program, monthly e-newsletters with updates to the program, and helpful nutrition and exercise ideas from the Pittsburgh Marathon.

If you are interested in coordinating Kids of Steel for WES students, please contact [Joelle Schultz](#) or [Jen Hetz](#).

~Jen Hetz & Joelle Schultz, *Volunteer Coordinators*

## **School News**

### *Halloween Parade and Parties*



Halloween is just around the corner and here are just a few friendly reminders:

AM Kindergarten parties will begin at 10:15 AM. Please see information below about the details of the parties.

AM Kindergarten parade will begin on the playground (weather permitting) at 11:00 AM.

The PM K-5 parade (weather permitting) will be on the playground at 2:30 PM.

- Anyone is welcome to come and watch the parade.
- Please do not bring pets on school grounds during the parade.
- If there is inclement weather the parties will be extended and begin at 2:30 PM.

Parties will begin promptly after the parade.

- Only parents that have signed up previously to assist will be permitted to stay for the party. If parents sign in the office before the parade, you are able to enter the school with the classroom from the playground.
- Your visitor badge must be visible to enter the building through any door other than through the office.
- No siblings are permitted to join the classroom parties.

Costumes

- Students are invited to wear costumes for the parade and parties.
- No weapons or look-a-like weapons are permitted with the costumes.

~Mrs. Davis, *Principal*

## District News

### *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**

## *Vinyl at the Library: Make, Listen, Learn*

**Saturday, November 5, 6:30 PM**

Join us for a fun, free event for the whole family!

### **LISTEN**

DJ J. Malls, of Pittsburgh's Title Town Soul & Funk Dance Party, will spin an all-vinyl set of classic, rare and eclectic music spanning the decades.



### **DISCOVER**

Pittsburgh's own Get Hip Recordings is an internationally renowned record label and distributor of more than 10,000 titles in independent music. Peruse Get Hip's display table and meet the Mt. Lebanon owners and founders of this small business pioneer.

### **MAKE**

Create Spin Art with Handmade Arcade using repurposed vinyl. Choose a record and vibrant paint colors to make a one-of-a-kind, customized work of art to take home. Learn about creative reuse and up-cycling and meet artists from Pittsburgh's first and largest independent craft fair.

### **MORE TO CREATE & LEARN**

- Screenprint your own music-themed holiday card with Commonwealth Press of Mt. Lebanon.
- Put the needle on the vinyl and discover how record grooves and turntables work during a hands-on demonstration by Mind Cure Records.
- Design your very own band button using repurposed magazines and paper products.
- Join fellow vinyl enthusiasts and bring a record to share, trade or tell a story about for an album swap.
- Channel your inner Kurt Cobain or Taylor Swift with a mini (20-minute, small group) guitar lesson led by experienced instructors from Mt. Lebanon's Empire Music.
- Use props and your imagination to create your dream album cover in front of a Green Screen.
- Interact with old technology at our Lo-Tech Petting Zoo.
- Listen through the ages -- from record players to MP3s! Have you ever seen a turntable that plays 45s, 78s, and LPs? Do you wonder how your old tape deck or Walkman works? Take a seat at the hands-on listening station and try out a variety of real music players to discover how music sounded then compared to how it sounds today.

Light refreshments will be provided.

## **Collections Corner**

### *Box Tops Deadline!*



Don't forget that with Fall, our 2016 deadline to submit [Box Tops](#) is **November 1**. If you're holding onto any Box Tops that will expire in 2016, send them in!

*~Amy Olson and Samantha Dick, Collections Corner Chairs*

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