

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



Monday	December 19	Day 5
Tuesday	December 20	Day 1
Wednesday	December 21	Day 2
Thursday	December 22	Day 3
Friday	<b>December 23</b>	<b>No School</b>

## Important Dates

### December

- 20 Washington Winter Band, Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 2:30 pm, WES Auditorium
- 22 Holiday Parties, 2:45 pm
- 23-30 **No School**: Holiday Recess

### January

- 9 Lunchtime Clubs Session I Begins, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 11 Bingo for Books, 6:30 pm, WES Gym
- 16 **No School**: ML King Day - Teacher in Service
- 16 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, High School, Room D205

## PTA News

### Lunchtime Club Sign Up

It is time again to sign up for Lunchtime Clubs!  
Don't delay as **the deadline is December 22** and the clubs fill up fast!

- First grade: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?43964>
- Second grade: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?44006>
- Third grade: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?44013>
- Fourth grade: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?44020>
- Fifth grade: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?44027>

~Mary Kay Davis, Principal

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## *PTA Nominating Committee*



Every year the PTA Nominating Committee selects nominees to fill vacant board positions for the following school year. The committee consists of a representative from each grade. Currently, we are looking for a volunteer from Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grade. If you are interested, please contact [Allison Carey](#).

*~Allison Carey, PTA President*

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## *Save the Date - Bingo for Books*

Bingo for Books will be held **January 11** in the WES auditorium. While you are out doing your holiday shopping don't forget to pick up an extra book to donate to the Pajama Program. The PJ program is a wonderful charity that supplies new PJs and books to children in need. We will collect the books at Bingo for Books. More details to follow. Hope to see you there.



*~Kelly Latona, Bingo for Books Chair*

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## *Kids of Steel*



This year, Washington is excited to announce that we are again going to participate in the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Kids of Steel program.

The Kids of Steel Program is an exercise and nutrition program developed to promote healthy lifestyle habits in kids. The kids will be challenged to run or to participate in physical activity that is equal to 26.2 miles over 18 weeks. During the program the kids will be encouraged to make healthier food choices by tasting, studying and sharing with their

family different nutritious foods.

WES has formed a running and exercise club that will be held each Thursday in our gym beginning on **January 19** to help everyone reach their fitness goals. All of this is free of charge!

In addition to the Kids of Steel Program, the children have the option of registering for the Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon (1 mile) or the UPMC Health Plan/UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K Run, to complete the final mile(s) of their 26.2 miles. The cost of running the race is \$20 for the Kids Marathon and \$40 for the 5K.

Check out the Pittsburgh Marathon webpage for more information about the [Kids of Steel Program](#)

This year's program promises to be an amazing amount of fun as well as a great learning opportunity. We will have special guest visitors, fun activities such as relays and scavenger hunts, and an excellent opportunity to learn about nutrition, healthy lifestyles, setting a goal and achieving it, as well as the fun that comes with training as a group.

To sign up, simply click [here](#) for the permission form, print and fill it out, and send it to school with your child. If you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Rignani](#), or [Bethany Adder](#)

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## *Winter Carnival - Help Needed*

Washington's Winter Carnival is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28**. This is the largest fundraiser of the school year and we need many people to help make it a success. If you are able to help make this day a fun one for the kids, please consider signing up for a slot!



We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming sign ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/5ZehrL>
- Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like
- Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

If you have any questions, please contact Joelle Schultz or Jen Hetz

## **School News**

### *Chilling News!*

The Mt. Lebanon Board of Education has just approved the installation of air conditioning for all Elementary schools and the two Middle schools. While this does not have an impact during the winter months, it will be very welcome news for students and teachers who have endured very warm classroom temperatures in the late Spring and early Fall days of school. The installation work will take place during the summer months with the goal of having the new systems totally operational by the start of next school year.

Please find a way to express your thanks to School Board members.

*~Bob Mallery, Interim Washington Principal*

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### *Hoops for Heart Fundraiser Thank You*

Thank you to all the families that donated to the American Heart Association for the Hoops for Heart Fundraiser.

This was the first year for Washington Elementary to participate in this national fundraiser and collectively raised over \$1,500.00!

This money will help fund research, medicines, surgeries, and educational materials to lower the risk of America's #1 and #5 killers: heart disease and stroke.



Thank you again for all your support!

## Community News

### *MLSA Soccer at Cool Springs*

Calling all MLSA soccer players 3rd-8th grade – come play indoor in-house soccer this winter in close proximity to MT. LEBANON!



The MLSA has rented out the hard court at the new Indoor Sports Facility at Cool Springs. We are balancing the heavy guided play of the Fall and Spring with free pickup futsal style play in the off-season – giving the players all the invaluable benefits of pick-up futsal type play.

The league will run from early January through the End of March (10 Week) for a low cost of 85.00 per player. Registration will run from Early November through Mid-December with teams to be formed and approved by New Years.

Games will be played on Saturday Afternoon with a rotating time range from Noon to 8pm.

Players will be grouped into Co-ed teams based on registration results. The plan is to group 3rd & 4th graders together, 5th & 6th graders together and 7th & 8th graders together. Subject to change.

Lebo Cup and Travel Payers past and present are welcome. Everyone benefits!

Some good experience with the game is recommended. Indoor is fast and fun.

[Register Here](#)

Visit [playcoolsprings.com](http://playcoolsprings.com) for more information on the facility.

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### *Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education - Stadium Blanket Sale*



Looking for the perfect gift for your favorite Blue Devil? Buy them a plush Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil stadium blanket today. Sales benefit the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education. Blankets are 60"x 80" and cost \$65 each. [Purchase a blanket online](#). Be sure to check the box on the form that says "Check if this is for a blanket sale." Or you can mail a check, payable to MLFE, to Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education, 7 Horsman Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Blankets can be picked up in

Central Administration or at your child's school.

Buy a blanket, support a great organization, and stay warm this winter.

Questions? Contact: Sloane M. Astorino, Mt. Lebanon School District's Director of Advancement and Executive Director, MLFE at [412-325-8201](tel:412-325-8201) or email, [sastorino@mtlsd.net](mailto:sastorino@mtlsd.net)

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## Hiring Substitute Cafeteria Workers

The Mt. Lebanon School District food service department is seeking part-time substitute cafeteria workers. We are currently hiring cafeteria workers at our newly renovated high school. This is perfect for those stay-at-home parents looking for some extra cash.

Enjoy working in a friendly, fast-paced environment. Hours are approximately 10:30 am–2:00 pm. Hours and days may vary with a flexible work schedule. Apply today at [www.mtlsd.org](http://www.mtlsd.org) and go to the HR tab. Please feel free to call with any questions:

Dave Misterka  
Food Service Supervisor  
412-344-2014

## Collections Corner

### Keep Collecting



Happy holidays from Collections Corner! Planning a family dinner or a holiday party? Don't forget to check out [Giant Eagle's holiday entertaining guide](#) for complete menus, individual recipes, and a whole lot of time saving ideas.

Running short on time, did you know you can order your groceries online and pick up at the store through Giant Eagle's [Curbside Express](#) program? Just don't forget to register and use your Advantage card to earn cash back for our kids!

And remember, we're always happy to help at Collections Corner – just send [me](#) an email. Thank you all!

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

## Links

### Quick Links

Lunch Menu  
Mt. Lebanon School District  
Washington Elementary School  
Washington PTA  
2016-2017 District Calendar

### District Links

High School Renovation  
PA State Health Requirements  
Volunteer Clearance Policy Information  
Emergency Medical Contact and Release Information  
Health Services Information

### School Links

Counselor's Corner  
FLES Newsletter  
FLES Facebook Page  
Crossing Guard Information  
Crossing Guard Information - 2 Hour Delay  
Playground Safety Guidelines  
Parent Right to Know Notification  
The Energized Guyz  
The Washington Post - Fall ed.

### Collections Corner

Giant Eagle  
Shop 'N Save  
Office Depot/Office Max  
Box Tops for Education  
Labels for Education  
Tyson Project A+ Labels  
My Coke Rewards Points

## Community Flyers

*Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center*

Play Date on Ice, Preschool-Kindergarten

Holiday Craft - December 19

Hockey School, Ages 4-12

Dev. Hockey League, Ages 5-12

Basketball Program, 1st Grade Girls & Boys

Learn To Skate Evaluation Schedule,

Preschool-Kindergarten

Junior Tennis Clinics, Ages 5-13 - **New**

*Pittsburgh Cultural Trust*

Children's Theater

*Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

Kids Calendar of Events (November and

December)

*Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club*

Adult Recreation Program & Family Swim

Learn to Swim Classes, Youth & College

Swim Programs, & Synchronized

Swimming

*Mt. Lebanon HS Percussion Ensemble*

Holiday Bells, Mallets & Drums Family

Matinee - **New**

## PTA Forms, Flyers & Links

2016-2017 PTA Calendar

Join the PTA

PTA Volunteer

Traffic and Safety Information

Amazon Smile - **Check it out!**

Kids of Steel Permission Form

Washington Elementary School

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Deadline to Submit:

Tuesday, 5:00 pm

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