

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



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| Monday    | January 2 | Day 4 |
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| Friday    | January 1 | Day 3 |

## President's Message

Happy New Year

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. I can't believe that it is 2017 already. With the cold January weather comes lunchtime clubs. The PTA is so thankful to all the volunteers that were able to extend their time and talents so that we could offer these clubs to the kids. If you are available to give some time to the lunchtime club program please email [Heather Damron](#) .

Hopefully you all saw the email to register for this years Variety Show, if not, it is included in this newsletter. The registration link will be live until **Thursday, January 5**. If you are unable to register by then or if you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me.

Every year, thanks to the generous support of our fundraisers, the PTA is able to provide our students with an author visit. On **January 12** Washington welcomes award winning author and illustrator Patricia Polacco. We would not be able to provide programs like these without your support, Thank you!

Be sure to mark your calendars for two fun events that are always helpful in breaking up the long month of January; Bingo for Books on **January 11** and the Winter Carnival on **January 28**. In addition, our next PTA meeting is **Tuesday, January 24** at 9:00 am in the auditorium. Please join us, we'd love to hear from you.

~Allison Carey, PTA President

## Important Dates

## 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
- 19 DEAR (Children's Book - Favorite Character Day)
- 20 **No School:** Classroom Teacher Management
- 24 PTA Meeting/Winter Carnival Meeting, 9:00 am, WES Auditorium
- 25 Fifth Grade Parent MS Transition Meeting, 6:00 pm, Mellon Middle School
- 28 Winter Carnival, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, WES

## PTA News

### *Variety Show*

This year's Washington Elementary School Variety Show will be **February 17, 2017**. The Variety Show is a fun, non-competitive performance of G-rated acts created by our students for the entertainment of their families and peers. There is a \$3 production fee for each performer. The rehearsal and performance schedule can be found [here](#).

**Sign up deadline will be January 5, 2017.** Use this link to sign up for the variety show: <http://forms.mtlsd.org/F/?89723>



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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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### *Bingo for Books*

Bingo for Books...is quickly approaching. It will be held this year on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm in the WES gym. Bring the whole family for some rousing games of Bingo with some of our beloved teachers as callers. We will have pizza, snacks, and drinks for sale so come for dinner and stay for the fun. Cost will be \$3 per player which includes 6 games of Bingo. All prizes will be books! If you can bring a new or gently used book to donate to the Pajama Program. The Pajama program provides PJs and books to local children in our community.



*~Kelly Latona, Bingo for Books Chair*

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## Save the Date

Washington Winter Carnival returns **Saturday, January 28** to Washington Elementary School. The Winter Carnival will be from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

~Erin St. John & Erin Kennedy, Carnival Chairs

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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*

## 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.

## 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 New Year! Now that it's 2017, we will be planning for our Annual Box Tops Contest, so now is the time to start hoarding those pink Box Tops labels!

Did you know collecting Box Tops can also SAVE you money? Every week, you can visit the Box Tops website to print [coupons](#) for Box Tops products. You can also link [digital coupons](#) to your Rite Aid and Shop 'n Save cards.

Remember to help, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and drop them in the collection bin near the front doors of the school.

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

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

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### Collections Corner

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### **Community Flyers**

*Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center*  
Play Date on Ice, Preschool-Kindergarten  
Basketball Program, 1st Grade Girls &  
Boys  
Learn To Skate Evaluation Schedule,  
Preschool-Kindergarten  
Junior Tennis Clinics, Ages 5-13  
Karate Program, Ages 7-Adult - **New**  
Art Factory, Ages 4-8th Grade - **New**

*Pittsburgh Cultural Trust*  
Children's Theater

*Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club*  
Adult Recreation Program & Family Swim

Learn to Swim Classes, Youth & College  
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### **PTA Forms, Flyers & Links**

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