

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



Monday	January 23	Day 2
Tuesday	January 24	Day 3
Wednesday	January 25	Day 4
Thursday	January 26	Day 5
Friday	January 27	Day 1

## Important Dates

### January

- 24 PTA Meeting/Winter Carnival Meeting, 9:00 am, WES Auditorium
- 25 Fifth Grade Parent MS Transition Meeting, 6:00 pm, Mellon Middle School
- 26 Science Fair Information Session, 3:30 pm, WES Library
- 28 Winter Carnival, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, WES

### February

- 3 Lunchtime Clubs Session I Ends, 12:00 - 1:00, WES
- 6 Lunchtime Clubs Session II Begins, 12:00 - 1:00 WES
- 14 Valentine's Day Party, 2:45 pm
- 15 PTA Meeting - Slate, 7:00 pm, WES
- 16 DEAR Mystery-Dress Like a Detective Day
- 17 Variety Show, 6:30 pm, MMS Auditorium

## From the Principal...

There are two items that I would like to emphasize, both relating to students' safety and health.

### 1. Flu, Illnesses and Viruses!

With all the viruses going around, some reminders about precautions may be helpful. We have been sending children home quite a bit with various illnesses, but much of it has been the stomach virus that has been so prevalent recently. One day we sent home ten children and two staff members! Mrs. Sabol, our school nurse, reminds us all to wash your hands frequently. I know that sounds old fashioned, but it is the most effective preventative measure we can use. Also, please be reminded that if your child

is home with an illness that includes a fever, the child's temperature must be at a normal level (without Tylenol or meds) for 24 hours before returning to school.

## 2.Student Drop-Offs

I have been asked to pass along a message to you by the Mt. Lebanon Police Department. As most of you are aware, we have a "Go Zone" area on Lawncroft Avenue behind the school for student drop-offs and student pick-ups. Drivers - PLEASE do not park there and get out of the vehicle. Drop the students off then keep moving so others can use the drop-off. Additionally, do not drop students off in front of the school on Washington Road.

The officer indicated he has issued many warnings to drivers, but will now be starting to issue citations. So please take note and use the safe "Go Zone" area behind the school.

### A Farewell...

My short time at Washington has been a pleasure as I have had the opportunity to get to know your children and the staff. It is also a pleasure to welcome Ms. Melissa Nelson as the new Interim Principal. I am confident you will find her to be a wonderful addition to the staff here at Washington. There have been several times she has come over from Mellon Middle School to cover the office in an emergency when Mrs. Davis or I have been away from the building. She is excited to be here and I know the children will love her.

*~Bob Mallery, Interim Washington Principal*

## PTA News

### *Winter Carnival - Ticket Pre-Sale*



Save valuable time and money by ordering all of your tickets ahead of time! Game and Carnival Auction Tickets are 5 for \$1 and Teacher Auction tickets are \$1 each. You can also save money on lunch by ordering those tickets ahead of time as well. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details. A flyer will also be coming home in your child's backpack. Lebo subs again will be available for purchase on the day of the Carnival (NOT included in this pre-sale lunch offer). Please fill out the attached flyer no later than **Tuesday, January 24, 2017** and put in the Winter Carnival box in the office.

Any questions, please contact [Nickie Manning](#), WC Ticket Pre-Sale Chair

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### *Teacher Auction*

Check out what our awesome faculty is donating in support of the PTA. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Teacher Auction tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased with the Pre-Sale Ticket Form as well as on the day of the Carnival.

Any questions, contact [Barb Alsko](#), Teacher Auction Chair

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## Winter Carnival

Washington's Winter Carnival is **Saturday, January 28**.

Sign up and volunteer to help. <http://signup.com/go/5ZehrL>

We need your help to make this a success. This is the largest fundraiser for Washington all year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

~Erin St. John & Erin Kennedy, Carnival Chairs

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## Go for the Greens eating Fruits & Veggies A to Z



The fruits and vegetables for January begin with the letters L, M, N, O and P.

Our featured fruit and vegetable highlight the letters L for *Lemons* and P for *Peppers*.

Some fun facts: **Lemon trees** are evergreens and produce fruit year round! Lemon pulp, juice, rind (zest) and leaves are all used in both foods and drinks. **Peppers** also grow year round and can be red, green, yellow, orange but also black, white or purple. Tricked you again this month... *Peppers are actually fruits!* Just like eggplants they grow on a flowering plant and contain seeds inside.

\* Check out the A to Z bulletin board for these Lemon and Pepper facts and more!

Our recent raffle winner was Brella Ott in Mrs. Robbin's 4th grade class.

Congratulations Brella! Find something fresh and tasty for your lunch with your Shop-n-Save gift card.

**And keep bringing fruits and veggies in your lunch. Green tickets might win you a prize!!**

~ Do Sabol, School Nurse and Natalie Kukla, Committee Chair

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## Year Book Update

The 5th grade yearbook cover design contest winners were chosen!

Congratulations to:

**1st Place**- Front Cover- Raquel Campuzano (Mrs. Davidson's class)

**2nd Place**- Back Cover- Yiyang Wang (Mrs. Sharkey's class)

Thank you to Mrs. McKeever for organizing this contest every year!

Look for yearbook order information coming soon.

In the meantime, we would love your candid photos from holiday parties, field trips and bingo for books. Remember to take Winter Carnival photos!

Email your pictures to [wesyearbook2017@gmail.com](mailto:wesyearbook2017@gmail.com). Please include the name and grade of students in the photo if possible. Make sure the resolution is 400KB or higher - If the picture is low resolution we can't use it. Thank you!

~ Jen Query & Christina Shaffer, Year Book Committee

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## *Fifth Grade Parents - Time for Baby Pictures*



Fifth grade parents, as you know fifth grade is a special time with lots of stuff going on. One of the special things reserved only for fifth grade is the publication of baby pictures in the yearbook. The pictures are also used for the Fifth Grade Recognition slide show tribute. Well, we can't do either of these things without pictures, so we are asking for your help.

This year we are doing things a little differently. Rather than emailing your pictures or dropping them off in the office, we are asking you to download your pictures into a folder on our onedrive account. Here's how it works:

- Go to [onedrive.live.com](https://onedrive.live.com)
- Click on the "Sign in" button (top right of your screen)
- Enter this email address: [washington2024@outlook.com](mailto:washington2024@outlook.com)
- Enter this password: 5thGrade (it is case sensitive)

Once in our account you'll see a folder for each fifth grader. Click on your child's folder. When you are ready, click the "upload" button (top left of screen - second icon in a line with an arrow pointing up to it) and it'll take you to your computer files to choose the picture you want.

We are asking that you put a baby picture and a picture from the beginning of their school career (kindergarten or first grade) into your child's folder. If you have other pictures you think are note worthy (sports related, Variety Show, school parties etc.), you can click on the "5th Grade Other Photos" folder and download them there.

The process is super easy. Please make sure you upload your pictures so your child's baby picture will be included in both the yearbook and 5th grade recognition slide show. If you are unable to upload the photos yourself, please feel free to contact either [Melissa Krebs](#) or [CharLynn Wertz](#) so we can help you get them uploaded.

Thanks for your assistance with this process. These pictures are a huge part of what makes the yearbook and 5th grade recognition so special. We appreciate your support!

~CharLynn Wertz, Fifth Grade Recognition

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## Science Fair



Washington students please put on your thinking caps and get ready for some scientific inquiry!

Any students K-5 who would like to participate in Washington's Science Fair on **February 21, 2017** are encouraged to do so. The Science Fair is not a judged competition, but it is a fun science showcase held in our gym from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Linked here is a [guide](#) to help you generate an idea, begin a project, reach a conclusion and share it with your school. There is also a sample [Science Journal](#) you can use to record your work - two versions are available which are appropriate for K-2 and 3-5 students. [Sign-up forms](#) are required to be submitted by February 1.

There has not been a Science Fair at Washington in many years so this is a new opportunity for students in every grade and we urge any interested student to take part.

The Science Fair Committee has answers and is ready to help and the [attached flyer](#) has more information too.

**A question and answer session and help on narrowing down your topic will be held on January 26 at 3:30 pm in the WES library.**

Please contact Committee Chair, [Natalie Kukla](#) or ask any member of the Science Fair Committee for more information:

[Angela Hanson](#), [Jen Hetz](#), [Margaret Vines](#), [Soncerae Yeager](#) or [Valerie Zediak](#)

## School News

### *Change of Report Card Date*

Mt. Lebanon School District has announced that the release date for the next student report card has been changed. The new date for the release of the second quarter report card will be **Wednesday, January 25**. This is one day later than is posted on the District calendar.

*~Bob Mallery, Interim Washington Principal*

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### *Mt. Lebanon Preschool Program*

Mt. Lebanon High School will once again offer a preschool program for three and four year olds. To be eligible children must be at least age 3 ½ by March 1, 2017 and 4 year olds must be no older than four years ten months by March 1, 2017. The program is operated by high school students enrolled in the Advanced Child Development Course

under the supervision of the child development teacher. The program will run from March 13 through May 25, 2017. The children will attend Monday – Thursday from 9:10 am to 10:40 am. The cost for the program is \$65. Enrollment is limited to 10 children. Deadline for application is **February 24, 2017**. For information call Susan Kordistos at 412-344-2023.

*~Bob Mallery, Interim Washington Principal*

## Collections Corner

### Keep Collecting



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

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January Newsletter

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