

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



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| Monday | January 30 | Day 2 |
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Important Dates

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
- 20 **No School:** President's Day
- 21 Science Fair, Gym, Cafeteria & Auditorium, 6:00pm - 8:00 pm
- 23 District STEAM Showcase, HS Center Court, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- 28 Principal's Coffee, WES Cafeteria, 8:45 am

A Message from the Interim Principal

Dear Washington Elementary Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Please allow me to take a moment to introduce myself as the WES "Interim Principal" through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. When I was asked by Drs. Steinhauer, Irvin, and Davis if I would be interested in assuming the role of "Interim Principal" at WES, I immediately and resoundingly answered, "Absolutely!" As the Assistant Principal at Mellon Middle School for the past three years, I have had multiple opportunities to interact and work closely with Mrs. Davis and WES faculty, staff, students, and families. I walked away from all of those interactions with a deep sense that the WES community is woven together by threads of kindness, compassion, embracing diversity, and a driving purpose to provide an extraordinary education for

each WES student. My former experiences as a child and family counselor, a fourth grade teacher, and an elementary learning support teacher provide the foundation and framework for my philosophy for how I can best assist and lead the WES faculty, staff, students, and families to continue on with a tradition of excellence in education.

Please be assured that throughout this semester, Dr. Steinhauer, Dr. Irvin, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Mallory will provide me with the support necessary to ensure that every child at WES is provided with the best possible education. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please feel free to stop by WES or reach me via email at mnelson@mtlsd.net

Warmest Regards,
Ms. Melissa Nelson
Interim Principal
Washington Elementary School

PTA News

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. 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

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
- Click on the "Sign in" button (top right of your screen)
- Enter this email address: 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*

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.

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](#)

PTA Council is Seeking Nominations

Mt. Lebanon PTA Council is seeking nominations for Board members and Committee chairpersons for the 2017-18 school year.

The Mt. Lebanon Council PTA is comprised of members from the ten local unit PTAs in the school district. Council PTA provides support for all Mt. Lebanon School District PTAs, including training for local unit PTA officers. For this reason, any person being nominated for a board position on Council must have served on a board of a unit PTA. Any person being nominated for President of Council must have served as a board member of Council. Additionally, Council PTA provides programs for the district including a district-wide parent education program, and a scholarship program for high school seniors.

If you are interested in serving on the PTA Council, or if you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the [attached form](#) and forward it to [Bonnie Dougherty](#) by **Sunday, January 29**.

School News

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

Happy February! This week at Collections Corner we're here to remind you about the 5% cash back you can earn for Washington by shopping at [Office Depot](#) or [Office Max](#) and use our school code (70088377).

Not planning a trip to Office Depot or Office Max? Well, here's a couple of reasons you might want to:

1. If your kids have the seasonal sniffles, you can stock up on tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. Buy extra and send supplies to their teachers – we're sure they'll appreciate it.

2. Will your kids be making Valentines for their classmates, friends, and family? You can stock up on arts and crafts paper and supplies.

Just don't forget to credit your purchases to Washington. Thank you and remember, we're always happy to help at Collections Corner – just send me an email.

~Amy Olson and Samantha Dick, Collections Corner Chairs

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Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association
Baseball League Registration,
Kindergarten-8th Grade - **New**

Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association
Little Dribblers, Kindergarten-3rd
Grade - **New**

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