

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	February 20	No School
Tuesday	February 21	Day 2
Wednesday	February 22	Day 3
Thursday	February 23	Day 4
Friday	February 24	Day 5

Important Dates

February

- 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
- 27 School Board Meeting, HS Room D205, 7:30 pm
- 28 Principal's Coffee, WES Cafeteria, 8:45 am

March

- 3 Lunchtime Club Session II Ends
- 9 Book Fair, WES Gym, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm & 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- 9 Snuggle Up & Read, WES, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Thank You



Thank you, Washington, for another successful Winter Carnival! It was a great day for all, and we couldn't have done it without the help of so many of our families and Washington staff. Washington is truly wonderful! We hope that we didn't forget to thank anyone, but if we did, please know that your time and effort was essential to the success of our biggest fundraiser. Thank You!

Winter Carnival Co-Chairs: Erin Kennedy & Erin St. John

Sub-Committee Chairs:

Food: Lisa Dharwadkar

Pre-Sale Tickets: Nickie Manning

Games: Kim Martin & Soncerae Yeager

Prizes: Susan Morgand & Marianne Koenig

Classroom Baskets: Kara Monocello

Teacher Auction: Barb Alsko

Silent Auction: Erin Kennedy & Erin St. John

Lucky Drawing: Maura Robbins, Tanya Marks & Erin St. John

Volunteer Coordinators: Joelle Schultz & Jen Hetz

Treasurer: Deb Ercegovic

Extraordinary Custodial Crew: Mr. Tim, Mr. Ron & Mr. Dale

Extra Special Helpers

Mr. Mallery

Mrs. Davis

Ms. Nelson

Mrs. Shetter

Mrs. Jones

Allison Carey

Netty Bourdeau-Ott

Logan Kletter

Ainsley Flynn

Jack Flynn

Harper Flynn

Washington Teachers & Staff

All of the amazing volunteers who made the Winter Carnival possible!

PTA News

Science Fair



Please join us at the Science Fair Tuesday, February 21 from 6-8pm!

Even if you are not participating with a project, please come see what your classmates have accomplished and get inspired for next year's Science Fair!

Enter thru Auditorium/Gym door on playground. Looking forward to a great night of Science and Fun - See you there!

Questions? Please contact Committee Chair, [Natalie Kukla](#)

Variety Show DVD

DVDs of the February 17 performance of the Variety Show will be available to order at \$5.00 each. DVDs will be given to your child's teacher for distribution as soon as they are available.

Please complete the [form](#) and return it to the school office with your payment. Place form and payment in the VARIETY SHOW DVD drawer by **Friday, February 24**.

For questions, please contact [Shannon Neemes](#) at 412-759-2679 or



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Holiday Shop 2017 Planning Meeting

Would you like to be involved in the 2017 Holiday Shop? Do you have new ideas that you would like to discuss? Please join us on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm in the WES cafeteria.



The current committee will recap this past year's holiday shop. Anyone interested in being a holiday shop committee member for 2017 will want to attend this meeting to get important information and helpful tips. All are welcome!

We hope to see you there.

Jenny & Tom Barnick, Ann Deibert, Jen Hetz, Sharon Reismeyer, and Judy Sombar

Yearbook Orders



It's yearbook order time! You can access the order form [here](#). Orders will be accepted through **February 28**. Yearbooks are only \$13 and are delivered the last week of school. We are also still accepting photos. Photos should be sent to wesyearbook2017@gmail.com.

YEARBOOK

~Christina Shaffer and Jen Query, Yearbook 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

Mt. Lebanon Council of PTAs

2017-2018 Slate of Officers

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the Mt. Lebanon Council of PTAs 2017-2018 Board. The Nominating Committee would like to present the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 school year:

President - Jodi Kubit, 1st VP - Moira Aulbach, 2nd VP - Katie Caste, Treasurer - Jennie Bhojwani, Historian - Sara Hendrick, Secretary - Lisa Silverman

The election will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at Jefferson Elementary School at 9 am

~Katie Caste (PTA Council), Christine Neavin (JES), Christina Bataggia (HES), Joyce Divine (Howe), and Bonnie Dougherty (MMS), Council PTA Nominating Committee

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 9, 2017. Students will visit the Happy Camper Book Fair during the school day, and we hope you can join us and do some shopping during Snuggle Up & Read from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Hundreds of affordably priced, high quality books will be available. Flyers will be sent out soon to give students a peak at what will be available at the fair. An Online Fair will also be available for additional options.

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a book from a teacher's "wish list" -- books they would love to add to their classroom libraries. Your child can buy a book for his or her favorite teacher, personalize it with a special note, and we will make sure it is delivered to that teacher right away!



Support one of our biggest fundraisers while getting your child excited about reading!

Parents we will need your help to make this a success. We have many opportunities to lend a helping hand. A volunteer sign up will be out soon.

Questions, contact [Stephanie Fedro-Byrom](#), [Soncerae Yeager](#), [Christine Wittman](#) or [Kelly Latona](#)

Snuggle Up & Read



Mark your calendars!

It's time to Snuggle Up & Read at Washington on March 9 starting at 6:30 pm. Come hear your teachers read their favorite books and enjoy a snack of milk and cookies, all while dressed in your PJs!

Share the love by bringing a pair of NEW pajamas to donate to the Pajama Program, which provides new pajamas and books to children in need. Visit pajamaprogram.org to learn more about their good work.

See you there!

~ Tara Heidenreich, Snuggle Up & Read Chair

School News

The STEAM Showcase

The second annual District wide STEAM Showcase will be held on February 23 from 6:30-9:00 pm at the High School. A night of fun for the whole family is planned. Get ready to make, create, learn & have fun!



The evening will include maker space activities, a fun and engaging presentation about the science of sound from Gregg Gould, Ph.D., while Center Court will be filled with displays of student work in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Maker spaces will be set up throughout the school-- double the number from last year. Plan to play and make with LEDs, LEGOs, Keva Planks, robots, laser engravers, and 3D printers. Don't forget to tour a few of the amazing science classrooms and labs at the high school.

[STEAM Showcase Schedule of Events](#)

Mellon Writing Lab Volunteers Needed



Attention 5th Grade Parents: Looking for a way to volunteer at Mellon Middle School?

Want an early insight into the middle school writing program? Become a writing lab volunteer!

Writing lab volunteers work one-on-one with students on their writing pieces. An info/training session will be held in the Mellon Writing Lab on the third floor on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00 pm.

Please email [Mary Roman](#), Writing Lab Volunteer Coordinator or [Eve Kollar](#), Mellon Writing Clinician with any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Registration

The Mt. Lebanon School District is in the process of collecting information for our 2017-2018 kindergarten registration.

Per School Board policy — *Children who reach the age of five before the eighth day of September or the first student day of the school year (whichever occurs later) in a given year are eligible to enter kindergarten in the school year commencing in August or September of that year.*

Families of all students who meet the kindergarten age requirement are encouraged to contact their neighborhood elementary school as soon as possible so that we are able to register incoming students beginning February 1, 2017.

If you have questions, or would like to know more about our kindergarten program, please visit our kindergarten [website](#) or contact Lynn Proie at 412-344-2027.

~Ms. Nelson, Interim Washington Principal

Save the Date

Kennywood Day will be here soon! Kennywood Day Ticket Sales at WES will be **May 22 at 10:00 am**



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