

# Washington Weekly News

## What Day Is It?



Monday	February 27	Day 1
Tuesday	February 28	Day 2
Wednesday	March 1	Day 3
Thursday	March 2	Day 4
Friday	March 3	Day 5

## Important Dates

### February

- 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
- 13-17 Go for the Greens Week
- 22 PTA Meeting-Elections, WES, 7:00pm

## PTA News

### PTA Slate

The 2017-2018 School Year PTA has been nominated. The following people are up for PTA positions this year:

President: Natalie Kukla

1st Vice President: Ann Deibert

2nd Vice President: Heather Boylan Clark

Recording Secretary: Allison Carey

Corresponding Secretary: Soncerae Yeager

Historian: Stephanie Belcher

Ways & Means Coordinators: Michelle Griffin, Martha Reisinger, and Sharon Adam

If you are interested in a position on the PTA board for next year, we are still taking names for the slate until **March 1**.

PTA Board doesn't fit your schedule? We have many events and committees throughout the year that are always looking for help! No matter how much talent or time you have to give, we have a place for you! Please contact any member of this committee if you are interested.

~Kyla Reighard, Nickie Manning, Joyce Kraemer, Nominating Committee

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## *Science Fair*

Hats Off to Washington's Science Fair Participants!

More than 65 students participated in our 1st Science Fair and the several hundred people who attended enjoyed a fantastic evening and were very impressed by the creativity, hard work and interesting experiments on display. Our student-scientists followed the Scientific Method and investigated the how and why workings of many everyday topics and some unusual items too - congratulations to each of you and thank you for sharing your neat results with everyone!

The Science Fair Committee was able to surprise all who participated by raffling off science-related prizes to help our students continue their scientific inquiry and get ready for next year's Science Fair.

Science books published by Usborne and National Geographic Kids were won by Linnea Engman (K), Simon Svitek (1), Aiden Bronkar (2), Sylvie Milliron (3), AJ Obuchowski (4), Violet Rignani (5).

Microscopes with a 40-piece science set in a Siemens drawstring bag, were awarded to a student from K-2 and a 3-5 student. Winners were Aiden Halter (2) and Finn Thompson (3). And lastly, Gabrielle Fredo (5) won our grand prize of a 1314 piece Steam Challenge K'nex set!

All of our participant's work was shared at STEAM Night as well. At least one display per grade level, including 10 displays representing the work of 12 students was set up at the high school for STEAM Night and every participant's Science Fair display was shared in a slide show at the high school during STEAM Night.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

~ Natalie Kukla, Science Fair Committee Chair

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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.

## 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](mailto:wesyearbook2017@gmail.com).

**YEARBOOK**

~Christina Shaffer and Jen Query, Yearbook Committee

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## 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 peek 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. To sign up and volunteer visit: <http://signup.com/go/kbwyqy>. You can view the class schedule [here](#), to see when your child will be visiting the bookfair.

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

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## 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](http://pajamaprogram.org) to learn more about their good work.

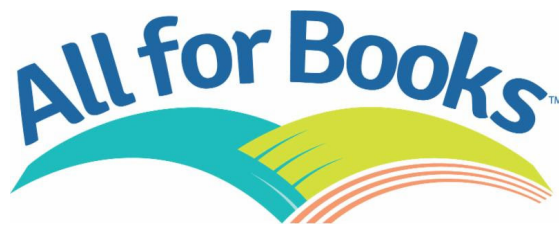
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--** Your help is needed to make this event special for our kiddos. Please consider volunteering and/or baking/buying cookies (nut free): <http://signup.com/go/k33Wfw>

See you there!

~ Tara Heidenreich, Snuggle Up & Read Chair

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## All For Books



Dear Families, Our class is collecting funds for our All for Books program. By donating \$1 or loose change in this baggie, you help us:

- Purchase books for classroom libraries
- Give more children easier access to books
- Help get more kids reading, and kids reading more

The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs® matches monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning. Please send your donation into school my **March 3**. Your act of kindness helps bring more knowledge, imagination, and love for reading into the lives of our students.

~Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Soncerae Yeager, Christine Wittman or Kelly Latona, Book Fair Chairs

## School News

### *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**



## District News

### *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!

## Collections Corner

### *Box Tops For Education Contest*

Washington Elementary Annual Box Top Drive will be March 6, 2017 – March 17, 2017.

You can win a video game party for your class!

Please bring in your Box Tops and give them to your homeroom teachers. The students in the homeroom that collect the most Box Tops will win a video game party in the gym!



Box Tops Can Be Submitted Daily!

Send in Box Tops as you collect them. Reach out to your friends, family, and neighbors to collect more!

Then be sure to track your homeroom's submission totals on the bulletin board near the entrance to Washington. We will update the totals daily.

Good luck and let's collect those Box Tops!

~Amy Olson, Collections Corner Chair

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*Pittsburgh Cultural Trust*  
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*Mt. Lebanon Police Department*  
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*Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association*  
Method Day/Match Day Program - **New**

*Mt. Lebanon Youth Lacrosse*  
Spring Registration, 1st-8th Grades - **New**

*Mt. Lebanon Baseball*  
Registration, K-8th Grade - **New**

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