

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	March 20	Day 1
Tuesday	March 21	Day 2
Wednesday	March 22	Day 3
Thursday	March 23	Day 4
Friday	March 24	Day 5

Important Dates

March

- 20 School Board Meeting, High School Room D205, 7:30 pm
- 21 ReImagining Elementary Libraries, WES Library, 7:00 pm
- 22 PTA Meeting-Elections, WES, 7:00 pm

April

- 3-6 Grade 3-5 ELA PPSA
- 12-17 **No School** Spring Recess
- 19 Breakfast Social, WES Gym, 7:45 - 8:30 am
- 19 PTA Meeting, WES, 9:00 am
- 20 DEAR - Poetry Wear Something with Words on it Day
- 24-26 Grade 3-5 Math PSSA
- 28 Family Dance, WES Gym, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

May

- 1-2 Grade 4 Science PSSA

PTA News



Thank You!



Thank You to all the participants of the Science Fair!

The 1st WES Science Fair was made possible by the help from many:

Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Morin and our custodial staff all pitched in for set-up assistance.

Bringing this event to life with planning, organizing and structure were the Science Fair Committee including:

Soncerae Yeager
Valerie Zediak
Jen Hetz
Angela Hanson
Margaret Vines
Natalie Kukla

And special thanks to our WES PTA and the Hetz, Yeager, Kukla and Vines families for procuring donations and funds for our raffle prizes.

Each student-scientist should feel such accomplishment and we thank parents as well for providing space and time in your homes, kitchens and basements for experiments, messes and for learning to flourish.

THANK YOU!

Thank You to all the Box Top contest Volunteers!

Anne Atwood
Laura Cabe
Tereza Drabkova
Stephanie Fedro-Byrom
Natalie Kukla
Caryn Loehr
Ying Wu

We appreciate your willingness to collect and return envelopes and count the THOUSANDS of Box Tops over the last two weeks!

Chair: Amy Olson and Co- Chair Samantha Dick

Thank You to all the Snuggle Up & Read Volunteers!

Chair: Tara Heidenreich

Readers:

Mrs. Bronco
Mrs. Cernicky
Mrs. DeMicco
Mrs. Mackey
Mrs. Macosko
Mrs. Matthis
Mrs. Murtha
Miss Perrett

Mrs. Sharkey
Mrs. Spitznagel
Miss Barsotti
Ms. Brown
Mrs. Davidson
Mrs. Malock
Ms. Nelson
Mr. Phillips
Mrs. Robbins

Volunteers:

Amy Seiling
Audrey Bode
Barb Edwards
CharLynn Wertz
Fran McAuley
Jenny Presto
Jessica D'Angelo
Joelle Schult
Tyler Schultz

Melissa Krebs
Molly McCullough
Nickie Manning
Nicole Boiano
Rosie Pesacreta
Sharon Adam
Sharon Verminski-Wilson
Shelly Alandete
Tina Socinski
Traci Smith

Kelly Latona
Liz Kanche
Lori Comber
Lucia Ann d'Arrigo
Martha Orona

Trista Mentz-Johns
Mr. Dale
Mr. Ron
And all those who donated Pajamas!

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

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

SHIM: Sack Hunger, Pack Hope



The Mount Lebanon PTA is partnering with SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement) in their Sack Hunger, Pack Hope initiative.

SHIM operates three food pantries in the South Hills, which serve people in the Baldwin-Whitehall, Bethel Park, South Park, Keystone Oaks, Mt. Lebanon and Upper St. Clair neighborhoods. Last year, SHIM's pantries served more than 600 families and 1,700 individuals.

WASHINGTON families are being asked to bring in only CANNED MEAT (tuna, chicken, chili, etc.) [See Flyer](#) during the week of March 27-31.

This is one of the items SHIM needs most. For more information on SHIM, please visit their [website](#).

School News

PSSA

It's almost spring and that means it is the time of year where the halls are quiet, the pencils are sharpened and PSSA's begin. Please take note of the testing dates, per MTLSD Board Policy, Pre-approved Absences will not be granted on these dates:

Third through Fifth Grade ELA: April 3, 4, 5, 6
Third through Fifth Grade Math: April 24, 25, 26
Fourth Grade only Science: May 1, 2

~Ms. Nelson, Interim Principal

Go for the Greens: Recipe Contest

As part of Washington's expanded Go for the Greens initiative and celebrating Fruits & Veggies A to Z, we are excited to announce that it is time for a school-wide Recipe Contest!



All students are encouraged to use some of their favorite fruits or vegetables to create a recipe for this contest. An entrée, a salad, a sandwich or a side dish are all possibilities! Create and try your recipe at home with your family. Write down your recipe and take a photo to submit to our contest.

Winning recipes will be chosen for grade K-2 and 3-5. The winner will receive a fruits & veggie party for his/her homeroom class!

A selection of recipes will be chosen from each grade and distributed so everyone can try something new at home and find out more creative ways to include fruits and veggies in their meals.

Recipes should be submitted [on this form](#) by March 31.

~Do Sabol, School Nurse and Natalie Kukla, Go for the Greens Committee Chair

District News

Dare to Dream: Reimagining Our Elementary Libraries



Elementary parents are invited to a kick-off meeting for the ***Dare to Dream: Reimagining Our Elementary Libraries*** initiative on Tuesday, 3/21 at 7:00 p.m. in their school library. The event will be hosted by the principal and school librarian and will be an opportunity for parents to learn how to become involved in the creation of a maker space in their school library. We are also pleased to announce our partnership with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, a national leader in maker space design, to

help us with this project.

This library initiative is made possible because of the generous initial gift of \$175,000 (\$25,000 for each elementary school) from Mt. Lebanon alumni and parents David and Noelle Conover to help establish a maker-centered learning space in each library to be named ***Matt's Maker Space*** after their son Matt, who lost a courageous battle with cancer in 2002.

We hope you can join us to reimagine our elementary libraries as 21st century learning centers.

This initiative is part of the District's Century of Excellence Campaign. For more information about the campaign, please visit www.mtlsd.org/advancement or call Sloane Astorino, Director of Advancement, at [412-325-8201](tel:412-325-8201) or sastorino@mtlsd.net

Taste of Lebo

Save the date – April 22 – for Taste of Lebo!

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Taste of Lebo: Battle of the Appetizers on **Saturday, April 22**, 2:00-4:30 pm in Clearview Commons, Uptown.

Several Uptown restaurants as well as Mt. Lebanon School District Food Services will be participating. Throughout the afternoon, there will be live entertainment from our K-12 student groups.

This event is sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education (MLFE). The foundation provides funding for extraordinary and innovative learning opportunities while expanding the boundaries of learning by supporting teacher-driven projects. All proceeds benefit MLFE.

Tickets are \$25 for adults (\$30 day of event); \$10 for students and senior citizens; free for children 5 and under. To order tickets, please visit: [Taste of Lebo](#)

MLFE granted over \$10,000 in grants in 2016. Information about some of those grants is on the [website](#).



Community News

Relay for Life

The motto of Super Heroes is NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE, the Belice Squad says that too - so we RELAY for LIFE. Be a HERO today, please [help](#) to support the American Cancer Society.

~Natalie Kukla

Collections Corner

Box Tops For Education Contest

Thanks to all the families who collected Box Tops! We will be announcing winners and honorable mentions in Collections Corner next week after the final counts are in.

As I type this, Washington has collected over 6,202 Box Tops – that's over \$600 for our school! You are all amazing and your support is appreciated.



As we wind down the Box Tops Contest and prepare to award the winning classroom, it's time to turn our sights to other important collections. Send in any remaining Labels for Education, Tyson A+ Labels, and My Coke Rewards. Keep using your rewards cards when you shop at Giant Eagle and Shop 'N Save. Every little bit helps!

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

~Amy Olson, Collections Corner Chair

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Junior Tennis Clinics, Ages 5-17 - **New**
Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance, K-5, 6/11

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Children's Theater

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils
Girls Basketball Day Camp
3rd-9th Grades (As of September 2017)

Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association
Baseball League Registration, K-8th Grade
Spring Skills & Drills and 3 on 3 Play, Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grades

Mt. Lebanon Basketball Association
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