

Washington Weekly News

What Day Is It?



Monday	May 8	Day 2
Tuesday	May 9	Day 3
Wednesday	May 10	Day 4
Thursday	May 11	Day 5
Friday	May 12	Day 1

Important Dates

May

- 13 Spring Garden Clean-up, Learning Garden, 10:00 am
- 16 **No School:** Election Day - Teacher In-Service
- 18 DEAR - Autobiography - Wear Something from your Heritage Day
- 19 Volunteer Appreciation Social & PTA Meeting, TBA, 12:00 pm
- 19 1st Grade Parent Transition Meeting, WES, 9:00 am
- 23 Principal's Coffee, WES Cafeteria, 8:45 am
- 23 Open House/Celebration of the Arts, **2:15 pm Dismissal**, WES, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 26 Elementary Act 80 Day, **Noon Dismissal**, Grades 1-5 (PM Kindergarten still in session)
- 29 **No School:** Memorial Day
- 31 5th Grade visitation to Mellon Middle School

Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire WES Faculty and Staff, please allow me to extend my most sincere "thank you" to all of the parents and guardians who created an entire week of wonderful celebrations for Teacher Appreciation Week. Not a day went by that the Faculty and Staff didn't exclaim how touched they were by the outpouring of support for all of us. There was no doubt how much we all felt appreciated by the WES community!

As an important safety reminder, please note that we have a "Go Zone" area on Lawncroft Avenue behind the school for student drop-offs and student pick-ups. Drivers, please drop off your student(s) in the morning and then keep moving so others can use the drop-off area in a manner that does not create safety issues or traffic back-up. Also, please remember that you should **not** drop off your student(s) on Washington

Road. Please do not park your car in the pick-up area on Lawncroft Avenue after school as this is creating significant safety concerns and traffic back-ups onto Washington Road. Mount Lebanon Police Officers have issued multiple warnings regarding these drop-off and pick-up concerns. They will issue citations should they witness violations.

With Sincere Thanks,
~Melissa Nelson, Interim Principal

PTA News

Nurse's Day

Our school nurses are there to help our children get the comfort and care they need while at school. They help with minor cuts and scrapes, major injuries or illnesses, and even the dreaded head lice! Washington Elementary School is so lucky to have Mrs. Do Sabol, along with the school's new Health aide, Miss Carrie Ann Thearle, to tend to our children's needs and get them back up and running at full speed!



Wednesday, May 10, is National School Nurse's Day! Let's help them celebrate this special day by asking your child, or children, to stop by their office and say, "Thank You" for all they do to keep our children as healthy and happy as they can possibly be!

~ Erin St. John, Staff Appreciation

You are Invited

Several hours one day or an hour each month, our PTA volunteers make such a difference in each of our children's lives at Washington. The PTA invites help from every grade level - no matter your child's age, kids love to see you involved at school and we want WES to be a place you can comfortably be involved in as many activities as you desire.



How can you take a role in one of Washington's many great activities next year? There are openings in both large and small ways and there are many committees who would love to have a fresh face along next year to learn the ropes. If you are interested in "shadowing" with any of our committees - essentially being a co-chair working with others, please let us know!

If you are able to give of some time to help co-chair one of the following activities specifically, we can use a few more hands and some new faces.

The following activities and events cannot continue without Chairs or Co-Chairs to lead the way:

- Service Project (1, 2 or 3 times per school year) - need 1-2 folks to work with our Principal throughout the year

- Veteran's Day Breakfast Social (morning in Nov) - need a co-chair/shadow to learn the ropes next year and continue this great event the following year
- Holiday Shop (Summer-Fall preparation) - need 2 grade level committee co-chairs to assist our Committee Chairs with preparation, organization and crafting
- Kids of Steel (late Winter to Spring) - need 2 co-chairs to lead this after school fitness and training event
- Go Greens (ongoing during school year) - need a co-chair to assist with A to Z, Greens Week, Apple Crunch, special contests etc.
- Winter Carnival (Saturday in early 2018) - need a team of 2 or 3 to Chair this event plus help still needed for Auction

Please consider becoming involved in one of the many activities at Washington - your efforts will be appreciated and the benefits for our children are immense.

If you have any questions or to offer your time & talent please contact PTA President-elect, Natalie Kukla

Thank you!

~ Your 2017-2018 PTA Board

Invitation to PTA Social



Washington is blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who bring so many activities and enrichment to WES and we'd like to show our sincere appreciation for all you do!

As the 2016-17 school year comes to a close, please join us for lunch as we recognize awardees and retirees and we celebrate your accomplishments as a PTA. We will also introduce the members of next year's PTA Board and honor those who are "graduating" to Mellon!

Please [click here](#) to RSVP by Wednesday May 10 so we can confirm our menu.
Thank you,

~Heather Boylan Clark & Natalie Kukla, WES PTA Recording and Corresponding Secretaries

School Supply Lists & Kits

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over and we'll need to begin preparing for next year. Preparations usually include purchasing school supplies. In the past, we've provided school supply lists toward the end of the year *and* an option to purchase school supply kits through the PTA. We will be doing things a little differently this year.



First, the supply lists are being published earlier than in the past. Please click the link to

look at the [2017-2018 School Supply List](#). Each grade has it's own supplies, so **please look at the list for the grade your student(s) will be in for the 2017-2018 school year**. Also, flyers will be sent home this week with your student for next year's kits. The list for that grade is also printed in the flyer.

Second, we've changed school kit suppliers. This year we are using a program called SchoolKidz (a subsidiary of Staples). To try and make things a little easier **all ordering will be online**. The process is super easy...

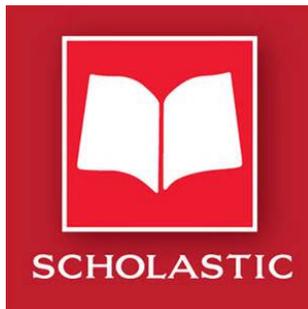
- Click on the [SchoolKidz Link](#):
- Put in our school code: 12497
- View the kit you'd like to purchase
- Input your student's name and add it to your cart
- Continue shopping if you have more than one child at Washington **OR** proceed to the secure checkout
- Payment is by credit card only – no account is required

It's that easy! The school supply kits will be on sale from May 5 to June 9.

So, there you have it - two different ways to get school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please contact [CharLynn Wertz](#) if you have any questions.

Scholastic Books



Summer is coming quick. Do you need to replenish your reading lists? Do you want something for the kids to do this summer besides electronics? This is it the final school wide sale of the year for scholastic books. Flyers went home with the children this week. Orders are due **Friday May 12, 2017** to ensure delivery before school ends for the summer. Please use the online method on the order form entering code P6L9Q using Kelly Latona as Teacher. The online method will allow you to access many more titles than the flyer. Paper orders will be accepted until **May 12, 2017**.

Order forms with checks written to Scholastic may be returned to the main office with student's name and teacher on it. Any questions please email [Kelly](mailto:kellylatona@verizon.net) at kellylatona@verizon.net

Learning Garden Clean Up

The Learning Garden needs your help! Please join us next **Saturday, May 13**, for our Spring **Learning Garden Clean Up**.

We will meet at the garden in front of the school at 10:00 am. Please bring garden gloves and any small tools (e.g. trowels, garden scissors, small pruners) you have at home to help us battle the weeds and trim some of the shrubs. We will be working outdoors, rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. Children are welcome to help, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Please email Sarada at ssangam@aol.com if you are able to make it. Hope to see you there!

Bakers Needed!

Calling all bakers!! We need your help for Washington's Open House/Celebration of the Arts on **Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**. Please volunteer to donate cookies (must be nut-free) to be served in the gymnasium with the art show. If you can help, sign up via the following link: <http://signup.com/go/nlCHBif>

Thank you,
~ Christine Whitman, Open House & Arts Chair

School News

World Service Project a Success

FINAL UPDATE for 5th grade World Service Project ~ Light Up a Life with a Llama:

Once again, the 5th grade friendship bracelet sale was a huge success! The seven elementary schools across the District raised a total of \$1,395 – enough to purchase nine llamas for needy families in Peru through Heifer International! However, with the help of our business contributor, *La Feria*, we will be able to purchase a 10th llama! Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will truly help light up a life!



¡MUCHAS GRACIAS to all who supported this worthwhile cause!

~Sra. Brown

Kennywood



Mt. Lebanon will be hosting its school picnic at Kennywood on **Wednesday, June 21!** Tickets are \$26 if purchased in advance. Bus travel to and from Kennywood is available for \$4 round trip.

There are two options for advance purchase: at the school on May 22 or from the [website](#).

[Click here for the flyer](#), which includes information on purchasing tickets.

[Click here for bus information](#).

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Summer Baseball Clinics, Boys and Girls, Ages 7-15
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Summer Playground Camp, Kindergarten-3rd Grade
Camp Chippeewee, Ages 3 1/2-5
Lil Sluggers Instructional T-Ball, Boys & Girls, Age 4-K

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Children's Theater

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils
Girls Basketball Day Camp
3rd-9th Grades (As of September 2017)
Joey David's Basketball School, Boys 1st-9th Grades - **New**

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

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Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Mt. Lebanon Teachers
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