

# Washington Weekly News

## *What Day Is It?*



Monday	June 5	Day 5
Tuesday	June 6	Day 1
Wednesday	June 7	Day 2
Thursday	June 8	Day 3
Friday	June 9	Day 4

## *Important Dates*

### **June**

- 7 Field Day, Mellon Field, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 8 5th Grade Recognition, Mellon Field, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 9 5th Grade Clap-Out, WES, 11:45 am
- 9 **Last Day of School, Noon dismissal**
- 10 5th Grade Pool Party, Mt. Lebo Swim Center, 8:15 - 10:00 pm

## *Message from the Interim Principal*

What a magnificent year we all had at WES throughout the 2016-17 school year! Students, staff, faculty, parents, guardians, family members, and administrators, alike, all contributed to another outstanding year at WES. As you reflect back on all of the academic, social, emotional, and moral growth our students made, I have no doubt many fond memories will come to mind. On behalf of the entire staff and faculty at WES, I would like to wish the very best to all of our Fifth Graders as they move on to Mellon Middle School. There is no doubt in my mind that they have been given all of the foundational "tools" necessary to have highly successful careers at Mellon.

May you have a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer break!

Read! Read! Read! Problem Solve! Problem Solve! Problem Solve!

Warmest Regards,

~Melissa M Nelson, Interim Principal

## Message from the President

Dear Washington Families,

My first President's Message is a send-off to summer and I know many eyes are on the horizon - vacations, rest and play. Instead of re-capping the many great happenings at WES, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and fun-filled vacation. Hopefully a combination of down-time, relaxing, maybe travel and new experiences are in store for your family. At our recent PTA Luncheon when I officially took on the role of PTA President I read something I keep tacked up in my kitchen at home - a small reminder of why I get involved and why I believe now is a great time for being a part of things at WES. I hope it inspires your summer planning:

*When you add up all the time your kids spend at day care, in school, at friend's homes, with babysitters, at camp, and otherwise occupied with activities that do not include you, the remaining moments become especially precious. There are only 940 Saturdays between a child's birth and her leaving for college. That may sound like a lot, but if your child is 5 years old, poof! - 260 Saturdays are gone.*

There are 13 Saturdays ahead for you this summer - I hope you enjoy them, make the most of them and have a safe and healthy summer! We'll see you in September and if you would like to add a few extra hours to your time spent with your child, the PTA has many opportunities to do so which benefit you, your child and WES in innumerable ways!

Happy Summer,  
~Natalie Kukla, PTA President

## PTA News

### Thank You



*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."*

~Erma Bombeck

Washington is truly a unique school with a multitude of activities to enrich the experience of our students. None of these events could take place without wonderful people to organize them. WES PTA would like to extend a special thank you to the following Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs for their leadership and contribution during the school year in continuing the tradition of excellence:

**Alternative Gift Market**  
Heather Boylan Clark

**Indoor/Outdoor Recess**  
Tereza Drabkova

**Arts in Education (Reflections)**

Heather Damron

**Bingo for Books**

Kelly Latona

**Birthday Socials**

Netty Bourdeau-Ott

**Book Fair**

Kelly Latona, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom,  
Soncerae Yeager, Christine Whittman

**Book Sales (Quarterly)**

Kelly Latona

**Breakfast Socials**

Chad Wertz, Todd Schultz & John Petulla

**Bylaws**

Heather Damron

**Collections**

Amy Olson  
Box Tops: Samantha Dick

**Cultural Arts**

Heather Boylan Clark

**Directory**

Kara Monocello

**Environmental Concerns**

Bonnie Dougherty

**Green Team**

Bonnie Dougherty

**Learning Garden & Playground  
Cleanup**

Sarada Santoshi

**Fall Family Picnic**

Joyce Kraemer

**Family Dance**

Christine Wittman, Sara Collins & Heather  
Damron

**Field Day**

Renee Gebben & Denise Helms

**Fifth Grade Activities**

Joyce Kraemer, Fran McAuley, Nickie  
Manning, CharLynn Wertz & Heather  
Damron

**First Grade Lunch**

Natalie Kukla

**Health & Safety****Juvenile Protection**

Bonnie Dougherty

**Kids of Steel**

Jen Rignani & Beth Adder

**Kindergarten Team**

Sharon Hartung, Jill Gates, Amy Seiling,  
Rosie Pesacreta, Leah Roth, Shelly  
Alandete & Kara Monocello

**Kona Ice Days**

Christine Whitman & Valerie Watterson

**Lunchtime Clubs**

Heather Damron, Nickie Manning, Darlene  
Obuchowski, Traci Smith & Denise Helms

**Membership**

CharLynn Wertz

**Newsletter Editor**

Soncerae Yeager & Stacy de las Alas

**Odyssey of the Mind**

Barb Alsko

**Open House/Arts**

Christine Whitman

**Parent/School Education**

Heather Boylan Clark

**Picture Day**

Natalie Kukla

**Pittsburgh Pirates Night**

Ann Stanton

**Science Fair**

Natalie Kukla, Valerie Zediak, Margaret  
Vines, Jen Hetz, Mark Hetz, Angela  
Hanson, Soncerae Yeager & Bryce Yeager

**Service Project**

Kyla Reighard

**Snuggle Up & Read**

Tara Heidenreich

**Technology/Website**

Chris Stengel

**Variety Show**

Allison Carey, Christina Shaffer Erin  
Mooney & Deb Ercegovic

**Veteran's Day Breakfast Social**

Bonnie Dougherty

**Vision Screening**

Natalie Kukla

### **Holiday Shop**

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

### **Homeroom Parent Coordinator**

Allison Carey & Netty Bourdeau-Ott

### **Hospitality Team**

Fran McAuley, Ann Stanton & Erin St.  
John

### **Human Relations**

Christine Coulter & Sharon Hartung

Ann Deibert

### **Washington Carnival**

Erin St. John, Erin Kennedy, Joyce  
Kraemer, Kara Monocello, Nickie  
Manning, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Barb  
Alsko, Kim Martin, Soncerae  
Yeager, Lauren Moore, Maura Robbins

### **Washington Reads**

Lauren Moore

### **Yearbook**

Jen Query & Christina Shaffer

## *Pool Party*



School is almost out for summer, but we're already busy planning the WES Back-to-School pool party for next school year! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27 from 8:15-10:00 pm. Be on the lookout for the informational flyer in the summer mailer. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact:

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## *PTA Reflections*



Looking for something to do over the summer?

The **PTA Reflection** program is a national art recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in both the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities are encouraged to participate. The theme for 2017-18 is **Within Reach**. Project categories include:

**Dance Choreography**

**Film Production**

**Literature**

**Music Composition**

**Photography**

**Visual Arts**

Deadline will be set once school returns in the Fall, but usually occurs in October. Projects need to be original works of one artist. For more information visit [pta.org/reflections](http://pta.org/reflections) or see our flyer.

Any questions please email Reflections Chair: [kellylatona@verizon.net](mailto:kellylatona@verizon.net)

## *Field Day*



### **Field Day is Wednesday, June 7**

Field Day is a FUN and FAVORITE day where students spend either the morning or afternoon out on the Mellon Field participating in games planned by Mr. Antis. Please remember to send your children to school dressed to play outside with appropriate shoes. **Please apply sunscreen, send a hat, and a water bottle.**

This year's schedule is as follows:

#### **Morning - 9:15 - 11:15 am**

Kindergarten AM  
2nd grade  
3rd grade

#### **Afternoon - 1:15 - 3:15 pm**

Kindergarten PM  
1st grade  
4th grade  
5th grade

We need 20 parent volunteers for each session. Volunteers are needed in the morning from **8:30 - 11:15 am** and in the afternoon from **12:55 - 3:15pm**.

Please sign up using the [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com)  
or e-mail [deniseghelms@gmail.com](mailto:deniseghelms@gmail.com) or [rgebbs@aol.com](mailto:rgebbs@aol.com).

*~Denise Helms and Renee Gebben, Field Day Co-Chairs*

## *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.

## School News

### *Summer Reading*



Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and maintain their language skills. Each year, the Association for Library Services to Children, a division of the American Library Association, creates a Summer Reading List with new and exciting titles. This year's list is full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer! Click on the link below that matches your child's grade level for some wonderful book suggestions. Happy Reading!

[K-2 Summer Reading List](#)

[3-5 Summer Reading List](#)

~Mrs. Macoskco, Librarian

## 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.

Purchase from the [website](#).

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

[Click here for bus information](#).

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### Community Flyers

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### School Links

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### Collections Corner

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### PTA Forms, Flyers & Links

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Lil Sluggers Instructional T-Ball, Boys & Girls, Age 4-K  
Public Safety Camp, Ages 9-12  
Discounted Amusement Park Tickets

*Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils*

Girls Basketball Day Camp  
3rd-9th Grades (As of September 2017)  
Joey David's Basketball School, Boys 1st-9th Grades

*Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club*

Adult Swimming & Family Swim  
Youth Swimming & Diving/College Swimming Program  
Youth Summer Swim Programs and Synchronized Swimming  
Piranhas and Learn to Swim Program

*Kennywood*

School Picnic Ticket Information  
School Picnic Bus Schedule

*Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

Teen & Adult Events for June - **New**  
Children's Events for Summer - **New**

*International Students Program*

Request for Host Families

*Boy Scouts of America*

Moraine Park Camping Trip (Try Out Scouting), 4th-8th Grade Boys

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Tuesday, 5:00 pm

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