# west-windsor-plainsboro regional school district REGIONAL REVIEW Structure 2016

## WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. The full calendar is posted on the district web site, and includes four emergency closing dates, which means that if school is closed for an emergency or for inclement weather, school is in session for designated emergency closing days.

Join us in welcoming the newest members of the district administration:

- · Janet Bowes, Principal, Town Center Elementary School.
- Renee Osterbye, Assistant Principal, Town Center Elementary School.
- Daniel Savarese, Assistant Principal, Community Middle School
- Heather Shanklin, Assistant Principal, Millstone River School
- Guy Tulp, Assistant Principal, Village School
- David Lieberman, Interim Director, Special Services.



The **Community Middle School** Science Olympiad Team once again was named the New Jersey State Champion. This honor marks the 15th consecutive year that CMS has won the New Jersey Science Olympiad Competition. The team also competed in the National Tournament.

### VIRTUAL BACKPACK

While not 100 percent green, WW-P is doing its share of not using paper. To accomplish this, we place flyers, program events, and calendar items on the WW-P Virtual Backpack. Items are listed by month under three categories: Community Activities, School Events, and Sports Programs. Link: http:// www.ww-p.org/n\_e\_w\_s\_r\_o\_o\_m/community\_news



They were a singular sensation. These are the students who performed in the **High School South** spring musical, A Chorus Line. HSS students worked tirelessly to present this musical (the longest running show on Broadway), with a full student stage crew and musical accompaniment.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

WW-P welcomes David Lieberman as the Interim Director of Special Services. Mr. Lieberman will oversee a reorganized department: Samantha Tognela: Supervisor for Pre-K through Grade 3; Kristen Hanson: Supervisor for Grades 4-8; and Dawn Cuccolo: Supervisor for Grades 9-12, and up to 21 years of age. This new structure will allow us to focus attention on the needs of our students and support faculty and staff in our quest for continued improvement of programs and services.



The **Millstone River School** Pavilion is a new outdoor classroom used by teachers and students throughout the school year. This now-completed three-year project gives students an opportunity to enjoy and experience nature, along with a space that motivates and engages children in a vibrant setting.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Kindergarten: September 15, 6:30 pm Kindergarten Extension: September 29, 6:30 pm Grade 1: September 15, 6:30 pm Grade 2: September 22, 6:30 pm Grade 3: September 22, 6:30 pm Grade 3 (Millstone River): September 21, 7 pm Grade 4: September 21, 7 pm Grade 5: September 26, 7 pm Grade 6: September 14, 6:30 pm Grade 7: September 19, 6:30 pm Grade 8: September 20, 6:30 pm Grades 9-12: October 6, 6:30 pm



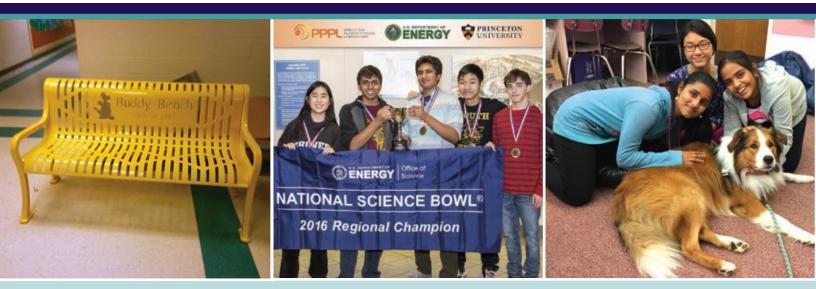
▼Grover Middle School Grade 8 students created a 12-foot long mural, which was installed in the GMS lobby. The mural, a compilation of items from the school's Lost and Found, is based upon the work of artist Robert Rauschenberg, who used non-traditional materials in innovative combinations.

▲ The High School North Model United Nations team won Best Small Delegation in the winter and won Outstanding Small Delegation in the fall. Students are 'delegates' to the United Nations, and their work involves public speaking, debating, and writing, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.

## TEL SAFE

Tel Safe is an attendance procedure adopted by the Board of Education to ensure the safe arrival of your child to school each day. If your child is not going to school, you may call the evening before or the morning of any absence or tardiness. In the event the school is not notified, a series of telephone calls will be initiated: to the parents, to the first emergency contact listed, and then to the police who will visit the home if we are unable to make contact by telephone. Call the main number (609-716-5000) and dial your school's extension:

| Dutch Neck Elementary School   |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Maurice Hawk Elementary School |      |
| Town Center Elementary School  | 6510 |
| Wicoff Elementary School       | 5460 |
| Millstone River School         | 5510 |
| Village School                 | 5210 |
| Community Middle School        | 5310 |
| Grover Middle School           |      |
| High School North              | 5110 |
| High School South              | 5063 |



Placed outside of **Dutch Neck Elementary School**, Kindergarten through Grade 3 students sit on the Buddy Bench if they are in need of a friend or someone with whom to play. This bench will be able to teach these young students a new way to reach out to a classmate and become a "buddy." The **High School South** Science Bowl Team was the top winner in the Science Bowl Regional Competition. The Science Bowl is a 'quiz bowl' competition for the following categories: Physical Science, Life Science, Mathematics, Energy, General Science, and Earth and Space Science. PRISM students at **Community Middle School** planned an "Attitudes in Reverse" program to showcase learning healthy strategies for dealing with stress. The PRISM name (Performance Revealing Individual Student Magic) shows the philosophy and intent of the programming offered for interested students.



▲ The **High School North** cheerleaders placed Second in their division at the Northeast Regional Cheerleading Championship this year and earned a bid to the National Competition. These young women have great skill with timing, balance, and coordination, and know the value of teamwork.

▼Music is a creative art form that allows use of the whole brain and promotes self expression through performance. Students develop musical abilities in ensemble settings, providing students with skills that encourage lifelong learning. Village School students practice for concerts.





▲ Town Center Elementary School Extended Day Program students participated in a Reading Challenge: reading almost 6,000 books. The program was designed to give students an opportunity to use reading to expand their imagination and enhance literacy skills. Students kept logs to document the books read.

### EMERGENCY MESSAGES

WW-P will post emergency information on the district web site and on the main district telephone number (609-716-5000). To receive emergency information by text message, send this text from your cell phone to 40404: follow WWP\_Notices.

If you have a Twitter account, follow @WWP\_Notices

### CHANNEL SURFING

Residents of Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships are served by cable television channels on the Comcast and Verizon networks. Plainsboro residents have two channels: Channel 26 (Comcast) and Channel 26 (Verizon). West Windsor residents have three channels: Channel 27 (Comcast) and Channels 40 and 42 (Verizon). Check out the Bulletin Board for upcoming school events and watch school programs.



**Grover Middle School** students won accolades at National History Day using the theme: Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History. The National History Day competition offers students the opportunity to develop a greater understanding and perspective about historical events. The fundamental basis for the Physical Education program is to develop positive attitudes and values regarding physical well-being. Students from **Wicoff Elementary School** participated in a gym unit for the K-3 Physical Education program and had the opportunity to use a rock climbing wall. Grade 3 students at **Maurice Hawk Elementary School** celebrated their cultural heritage by presenting an immigration play and sharing a potluck luncheon. Students learned to appreciate the cultural contributions that immigrants made to America while learning more about their own history.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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DATED MATERIAL

### Gerard Dalton, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services/Planning

**ADMINISTRATION** 

PRINCIPALS David Argese, Dutch Neck Elementary School Roseann Bonino, Millstone River School Janet Bowes, Town Center Elementary School Patricia Buell, Maurice Hawk Elementary School Shauna Carter, EdD, Community Middle School Jonathan Dauber, EdD, High School North Barbara Gould, Village School Dennis Lepold, High School South Lamont Thomas, Grover Middle School Michael Welborn, EdD, Wicoff Elementary School

David Aderhold, EdD, Superintendent of Schools

Larry Shanok, Assistant Superintendent, Finance/Board Secretary Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

### **REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS**

### HIGH SCHOOLS

7:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS 7:40 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.

**GRADES 4-5** 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

GRADES 1-3 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

### KINDERGARTEN 8:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. (AM) 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

**KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION** 

(Dutch Neck Elementary School and Wicoff Elementary School) 8:25 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (AM) 11:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PM)

KINDERGARTEN FULL-DAY

(Hawk Elementary School, Town Center Elementary School, and Wicoff Elementary School)8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

#### PRESCHOOL INTEGRATED

(Village School) 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (AM) 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

### PRESCHOOL FULL-DAY

(Town Center Elementary School) 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

#### PRESCHOOL HALF-DAY

(Town Center Elementary School) 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (AM) 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

### **MINI EXPLORERS**

(Community Education) 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (AM) 12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

### FOOD SERVICES

Lunch menus are placed on the district web site and you can review the daily selections with your child. Students can bring lunch or can purchase lunch through our system called "My School Bucks." You need to create an account so that your child's meal will be paid for through a credit card. To start an account or to add money to an existing account, visit this link: https://www.myschoolbucks.com/

### CONFERENCES

During the school year, you are welcome to contact teachers or administrators regarding any specific questions or concerns you might have. WW-P also has parent-teacher conference dates scheduled:

| October 20-21 | Grades K-8 |
|---------------|------------|
| October 24-25 | Grades K-5 |
| January 19-20 | Grades K-5 |
| February 6-7  | Grades 6-8 |
| April 28      | Grades K-5 |

These are early dismissal dates for those schools hosting conferences.