

# WICOFF J. FOX

## October Newsletter

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### EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

School will close at 1:00 p.m. on all  
early dismissal days for  
Parent/Teacher Conferences:

**Thursday, October 17**

**Friday, October 18**

**Monday, October 21**

**Tuesday, October 22**

Parents of kindergarten students should take note  
of the following shortened day schedule:

A. M. session 8:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

P. M. session 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

For the safety of your child/ren, please be sure  
your emergency contact is a person who lives  
locally and could pick up your child should he/she  
be ill or miss the bus. Please **update** all contact  
information on Genesis.

Also, if your home phone number changes, this  
must be changed through the Registration  
Office at (609) 716-5000 x5505. Please be sure  
to update a change in your business, cell or  
emergency telephone numbers on your  
Genesis Account.

### PARENT PICK-UP

All parents/guardians or babysitters must come to  
the front office when picking up their child/ren  
from school *prior* to 3:15 p.m. At 3:15 p.m.,  
parents should go to **Room 18** to pick up their  
child/ren. Children will not be permitted to leave  
the school building without an adult signing them  
out.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on the following  
dates:

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup> for NJEA Convention**

### DISTRICT NOTIFICATIONS

In addition to using our website, WW-P uses  
Twitter for school and district emergency  
notifications. If you would like to receive  
notices from the district accounts you must set  
up your own personal Twitter account. Visit  
[twitter.com](https://twitter.com) to create an account and follow  
**WWP\_Notices** (which broadcasts district alert  
notifications) and **WWP\_Bus** (which  
broadcasts district transportation  
issues/updates). Please note that this system will  
be utilized only for emergency notification  
messages. Please continue to visit [www.ww-p.org](http://www.ww-p.org)  
for all the latest news about Wicoff!



### VISITORS

**OFFICER GAETA & OFFICER ROWE** will  
grant you access into our building. Our district  
is using the Raptro technology system. It is  
located at the security officer's desk and is our  
check-in/check-out system. Please make sure  
you have proper photo identification (i.e.,  
Driver's license) to show the officer when you  
come into the building. Upon leaving, please  
return your visitor's pass back to the security  
officer. If the officer is not at the desk when  
leaving, please place your pass on the security  
desk.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION.**

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### GENESIS NOTIFY ATTENDANCE OFFICE



**PLEASE LOG IN YOUR CHILD'S  
ABSENCE ON GENESIS.**

**When you log in, click on NOTIFY ATTENDANCE OFFICE and report your child's absence.** The Board of Education requires each parent to notify the school by the morning of any absence. In the event a parent does not notify the school, a phone call will be made to the parent. In the event the parent cannot be reached by phone, **a police officer will visit the home.** This policy has been adopted to insure the safe arrival of your child at school each day. Your cooperation will make this an effective policy.

**Please be sure to update a change in your business, cell or emergency telephone numbers on your Genesis Account. Home telephone numbers must be changed through the Registration Office at (609) 716-5000 x5505.**

### INTERNATIONAL WALK OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY

On **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Wicoff School will participate in the International Walk Our Children to School Day in conjunction with Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. The Plainsboro Police Department will get us started by reviewing pedestrian safety tips to everyone in attendance. Wicoff J. Fox will lead the procession to school where a light snack will be waiting for us. A big thank you to the Plainsboro Police Department, and the Wicoff PTA for organizing this event. We would also like to thank our PTA for donating a snack to our student walkers.



### PENCILS PLUS

The third grade school store, *Pencils Plus* is opening soon! This year, the store will be open Monday-Thursday.

Monday-Kindergarten

Tuesday-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Wednesday-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Thursday-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Items for sale include pencils, erasers, sharpeners, bookmarks and other school supplies. Prices range from \$0.05 to approximately \$1.00. **(Please do not send students with bills larger than \$5.00.)** Students may **only** purchase two items each visit. Our Grand Opening will be on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Each class will visit in the morning and afternoon kindergarteners will be visited by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in their classrooms to purchase items. Thank you for supporting the third grade as they learn to be entrepreneurs.

### RAINBOW PATROL

Rainbow Patrol is now underway. Our students will be patrolling Wicoff's hallways from September through June. Thank you to those third grade students who participate for a job well done.



Thank you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade lunch helpers who helped our first graders get acclimated to lunch.



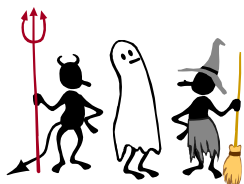
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### HALLOWEEN PARADE



Can you feel the chill in the air? Do you see the pumpkins, mums and cornstalks? Are you feeling the urge to dress up and parade? The annual Wicoff Halloween Parade will take place on **THURSDAY, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** The a.m. Kindergarten classes will parade at **10:30 a.m.** Parents are invited to watch the parade and take pictures.

All classes will exit and proceed through the doors by the playground. Classes will walk around the entire school until they return to the same doors. Classes will then break out to specific grade level areas for parents and visitors to view costumes and take pictures.

- o a.m. Kindergarten – will parade to the blacktop behind Rooms 9 and 15.
- o p.m. Kindergarten – Playground
- o First Grade – Blacktop behind Rooms 9 and 15 – Rear of Building
- o Second Grade – Karr's Korner/Blacktop/Front of Building
- o Third Grade – The grass in front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom

When considering your child's school costume, please consider appropriateness and ease of dressing and parading. **NO WEAPONS** of any type are permitted. **All costumes should be able to be put on quickly in the classroom.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you do not wish to have your child participate in the parade, please let your child's teacher know immediately. An alternate activity will be provided for children who do not participate.

### ANIMALS TO SCHOOL



We love animals, but many of our children have severe allergies to many critters or are afraid of them. Please, if you are walking your child to or from school with a pet, please do not come into the main blacktop area in front of the school or other areas where you would come in contact with children. Thank you for understanding.

### SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES: TOO EARLY – TOO LATE

Drop off time for Wicoff School is 8:40 – 8:55 a.m. Prior to 8:40 a.m. there is no supervision for students unless they are in the Extended Day Program (EDP).

If your child arrives **after 8:55 a.m.**, he/she is considered **LATE** and marked tardy. More importantly, your child misses morning organization and orientation time in the classroom. Students arriving after 8:55 a.m. **must** stop in the office for a late pass.

**Please have your child arrive at Wicoff between 8:40 and 8:55 a.m.**

If a student is arriving by car, it is important to remember that **automobiles are not permitted to park in the main driveway.** (Also, if cars drive through the main driveway during school arrival and departure times, they run the risk of getting stuck between buses, since this is a one-car lane.) Free access to the parking lots by the church must be maintained for all vehicles. Parking spaces are also provided in the church parking lot.

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### BUS SAFETY

Bus transportation is provided by the Board of Education. Each child has been assigned a bus stop. For the safety of your child and others please encourage proper conduct at the bus stop as well as on the bus.

Any child who fails to conduct him/herself in a safe and courteous manner will be reported to the principal. If the behavior does not improve, a Bus Conduct Form will be completed by the bus driver. The principal or assistant principal will then meet with your child to discuss the inappropriate behavior. Upon receipt of the conduct report, the principal will contact the parents to discuss strategies to improve behavior.

### NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Moira Jean Healey, MSN, RN, CSN



All children are screened for height, weight, blood pressure, vision and hearing each year. It is essential for your child's education that he/she is able to see and hear properly. Should you receive notification advising you to seek appropriate professional advice and treatment, please do so as soon as possible.

### REMINDER: Medication Policy –

If any medication must be administered to a student during school hours, it **MUST** be submitted under the following conditions to the nurse:

- a. The approved school district form (available in the school nurse's office and on the district website at ww-p.org) for the "Administration of Medication in School" must be completed by the student's physician, and signed by the parent.

- b. The form and the container with the pharmacist's label designating patient's name, instructions, name of drug and name of physician **must be given to the nurse by the parent.**

### FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Ellen Incollingo



Our first **School Spirit/Warm Fuzzy Day** was a lot of fun! Students were delighted to see the large warm fuzzies hanging in the hallways, and were excited to receive a warm fuzzy (pom pom critter) to take home. The purpose of the day was to remind students to be kind to each other and to show the power of compliments and kind words. We like to kick off each school year with Warm Fuzzy Day in the hope that students will keep these ideas in mind throughout the year. Parents, thank you for making the day even more special by enclosing a positive message in your child's snack or lunch. The children were excited to read your messages! A special thank you to our PTA for decorating the school on Warm Fuzzy Day and for purchasing the warm fuzzies for staff and students!

Wicoff's "**Choose Kind**" theme will continue throughout the year. As one slogan says, "In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND!"

**Have You Filled a Bucket Today?** The students and staff at Wicoff School will also continue filling class buckets with positive messages about other students and staff members. The goal of this program is to create a more positive school environment by encouraging everyone to reach out and express kindness, respect and appreciation for others.

In addition, we will continue with our **Bus Buddies Program** and the **Buddy Benches** on the playground. The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. It will help us to continue to spread the message of inclusion and kindness at Wicoff School.



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### FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT

**Kacie Kellerman & Jason Petrone**



September and summer are behind us now and the cooler has weather started to arrive.

Please have your child prepared to go outside on the brisk fall days. It is time to kick our Physical Education classes into full gear. This month students will be learning the fundamental skills needed to play a game of soccer and football. Students will practice and refine their skills through drills, stations, scrimmages and games. We will also continue to play other low organized P.E. games to practice tagging and fleeing tactics, along with throwing and catching.

We will introduce our fabulous, "Traverse Climbing Wall" to the students! We will culminate one of our most exciting months of the year with the infamous, "Haunted Gym." Don't worry...it is only really haunted at nighttime.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings, bracelets, necklaces, watches and any other jewelry on the days that they have physical education. This will help to prevent injuries to your child and others. Please remind your child to always wear sneakers with laces or Velcro straps that support their ankles. They should not wear open top sneakers since they do not support lateral movement. Please **double knot** your children's laces in the morning before they leave the house and please no skirts or dresses on physical education days.

***Thank you and stay healthy.***



### Cafeteria News

Lunch is served daily in our cafeteria. Both hot and cold lunch selections are available for \$2.65. Milk is included with these lunches and is also available a la carte for \$.50 and kindergarten milk for \$.35. Healthy snacks are also available for purchase.

### Lunch Money

All lunch payments can be paid by cash or check written out to ***YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL NAME CAFETERIA*** (e.g., ***Wicoff Cafeteria***), or online through **My School Bucks**. My School Bucks (<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>) has a web site where parents can read information about school lunches and nutrition, as well as information about how to manage a student's online lunch account. To access your account, parents and students need to know the child's Lunch PIN number. If you do not know the Lunch PIN number, it can be found in your child's Genesis account. If your child does not have a Lunch PIN number please send an e-mail to [marcey.behler@ww-p.org](mailto:marcey.behler@ww-p.org) and you will receive an e-mail response with the information; please include your child's name and school in your email.

Money for lunches can be sent in for lunches only or for both lunches and snacks. If you want lunches only, please write that on the envelope with the lunch payment. When sending in lunch money please include your child's name on the bottom of the check or on the envelope.

Charging of lunches is highly discouraged. However, if a child should forget or lose his/her lunch or lunch money he/she will be permitted to charge lunch for the day. Should it be necessary

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to charge, please pay the amount owed the following day.

There will be no lunch served on half days; however, children are encouraged to bring a snack.

Please check the District website [www.ww-p.org](http://www.ww-p.org) for cafeteria lunch menus! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Burby, Wicoff Cafeteria Manager at (609) 716-5450 x5459.

Interested in a part time job, call Marcey (609) 716-5000 x5938.



### Wicoff PTA News

## Welcome to another great year at Wicoff Elementary School

It was wonderful meeting many of you at the Back to School Nights. Don't forget, if you haven't sent in your membership forms and merchandise purchase requests, you can still do so. Just email us for any forms you can't find.

## PAST EVENTS

### School Spirit Day – Warm and Fuzzy Day

On Friday, September 20th, we celebrated Warm Fuzzy Day. Warm Fuzzies are kind comments or “Random acts of Kindness” given to others. We hope your love buckets were filled watching the joy on your child's face when they showed you their fuzzies from Warm & Fuzzy Day.

## REDBERRY FUNDRAISER

On Friday, September 20th, we also had RedBerry Fundraiser. Thank you also to all those who stopped by RedBerry to enjoy some frozen yogurt and supported your PTA.

## Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair was organized from September 23 – September 27. The children enjoyed shopping at the book fair for the books. They also donated generous amount to help schools in need. Thanks to all the parent helpers who volunteered at the book fair. Big shout out to Tina Mangold, Loi Moliga, Meenakshi Phophaliya, Jenny Joo and Gunjan Khare for organizing this event.

## Bingo Night

September 26

What a wonderful turnout at the Bingo Night!!! All the children had a lot of fun at the event. Thanks to our wonderful teachers who stayed after the school hours and helped in running the Bingo Night successfully. Thank You to Shreya Dasgupta, Lalitha Lakshmanan and Harshad Kamat for organizing the event.

## Walk to School Day

October 2, 2019

In honor of International Walk to School Day, Wicoff students will congregate in the parking lot in front of Lightbridge Academy within Plainsboro Plaza at 8:10 AM. We will walk as a group to school via a scenic route of safety posters by all the Wicoff classes. We will meet again on the blacktop at Wicoff for a snack sponsored by your PTA and a visit from Wicoff's Mascot- Mr. Fox. During the walk, please remain with your child until they reach the school and are handed off to their respective teachers. Our amazing Plainsboro Police will ensure road safety.

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### PTA General Meeting

October 2, 2019, 9:15 a.m.

After the Walk to School, we will have our first PTA general meeting of the year in the dining room at 9:15 a.m.

Guest Speakers: Principal, Dr. Michael Welborn, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Lindsay Jablonski and Guidance Counsellor, Mrs. Ellen Incollingo

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Box Tops

Due by October 27, 2019

Wicoff is participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. Please be on a lookout for the instructions on how to participate in this program.

Thank You for your participation and your support. Your support is invaluable to the school, PTA and your child's academic life.

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