

WICOFF J. FOX

December Newsletter

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WINTER BREAK



School will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20th for Winter Break and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Parents of Kindergarten students should take note of the *early dismissal day schedule on December 20:*

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

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

WW-P ELECTRONIC NEWS & COMMUNICATION

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 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 for all the latest news about Wicoff!

Make sure to follow West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District's official Twitter page (@WWP_Schools): twitter.com/WWP_Schools. Please continue to visit www.ww-p.org for all the news that's fit to post!

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS



It is imperative that parents/guardians plan with their children for emergencies. *All emergency and contact information should be kept up to date in Genesis. It is also important that parents and students know their bus number, teacher's name and bus stop.* Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Each decision regarding school openings/closings must be done on a case-by-case basis as the number one priority is safety.

Please Review Your Plan With Your Child For School Closings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TIMES FOR EARLY DISMISSAL AND DELAYED OPENINGS

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

a.m. Kindergarten – 8:40 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.

p.m. Kindergarten - 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All Day K, 1, 2, and 3 – 8:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE (90 MINUTE DELAY)

a.m. Kindergarten 10:10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

p.m. Kindergarten 12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

All Day K, 1, 2, and 3 - 10:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

PLEASE PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THIS TYPE OF EMERGENCY SO THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF WHAT TO DO!

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EDP EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES

The following procedures will be followed for currently enrolled EDP students:

EDP will **not be** available when school closes early at 1:00 p.m. due to a weather emergency. All children can ride the school bus home, plan for parent pick up (must pick up before 1:00 pm), arrange an alternative bus stop (must contact transportation for an alternate form) or walk, if they are listed as walkers.

PLEASE PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THIS TYPE OF EMERGENCY

OLD MAN WINTER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!



As autumn begins to dwindle and with winter fast approaching, the cold winter air is waiting to break through. We remind you to send your child/children to school each day with appropriate dress. This includes jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats.

Throughout the winter months, we will make every attempt to send the children outside for recess whenever possible. If going outside is not an option due to the temperature or inclement weather, appropriate videos, indoor games, and quiet work will be provided for the children. Children will not be permitted to go outside if they are not dressed in proper attire for the cold weather.

LOST AND FOUND



Lost and found is located in the cafeteria. Please check the unclaimed items already in lost and found. **Please label** your children's clothing, lunch bags/boxes, backpacks, etc. If an item has a name, it can be reunited with its owner.

EXTENDED STUDENT VACATIONS/ABSENCES



Policy and Procedures: Each year there are many requests for students to be released from school for family vacations. These requests are disruptive to the educational process of the students.

Student absence for family vacations is discouraged. However, should it be absolutely necessary for a student to be absent due to a family vacation, the parent or guardian must put their child/ren's absence into GENESIS.

BUS BUDDIES



This past month we have started Bus Buddies meetings to review bus safety and build a sense of community on our buses. Please review the bus rules with your child to help support keeping our students safe.

1. Greet your driver every day!
2. Make sure you sit in your assigned seat and are buckled up.
3. Speak in a quiet voice.
4. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Working together we can all help to make a safe bus environment for your child/ren.

FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT Kacie Kellerman and Jason Petrone



This month we will be working on basketball and volleyball skills. We will finish out the year with some station activities. Please encourage your children to go outside and play when the weather allows for it. Enjoy your winter break and stay healthy.

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FROM OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Ms. Rebecca Dias, Music Teacher



Singing In The Season

If you are in the mood for some warm smiling faces and fun songs during this cold season, please join us on the evening of Tuesday, December 10th as our Third Grade Chorus proudly presents the Wicoff Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. Our singers have been working hard for the past few months and can't wait to share all they have learned with you! Chorus members are asked to report to the Dining Room at 6:45 p.m. for a brief warm up and rehearsal prior to the concert. We cordially invite you to fill your ears with music at our *Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.* We hope to see you there!

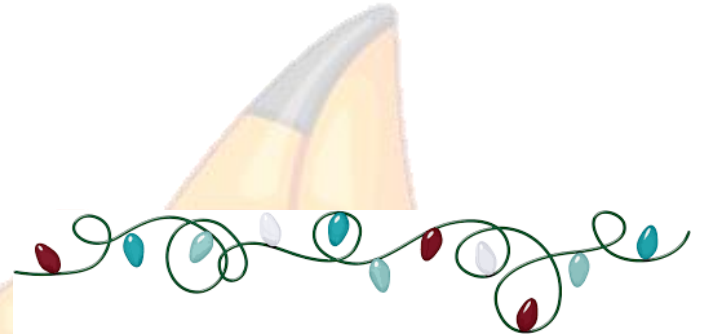
NOTES FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Ellen Incollingo



- The life skill for the month of December continues to be **Social Awareness**. During this month, we are encouraging the students to continue to be respectful of other people's point of view, as well as show empathy and kindness towards others. Please help us by reinforcing this at home as well.
- **Students of the Month** – Congratulations to our November Students of the Month. They were respectful and empathetic to others. Please check out our Star Student bulletin board in the front of the school.

- **Food Drive** – Thank you to everyone who donated to our Annual Food Drive. Once again, the Wicoff Family demonstrated its generous spirit. Many families will benefit from your generosity this holiday season.



Wishing you and your family a season filled with joy, cheer and a Happy Healthy New Year!!



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Wicoff PTA News



Happy Holidays!

Hola everyone! Hope all of you had a relaxing and fun weekend with your loved ones for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support to all our ongoing events.

PAST EVENTS

BOX TOPS FUNDRAISER

Our School participated in the Box Tops for Education program. We collected more than 1000 box tops. Thank You for participating in the program. This program was a success due to Harshad Kamat, who worked hard towards collecting, counting and sending the box tops.

DISCO DANCE NIGHT

On November 14, we enjoyed our first dance night at Wicoff. It was a spectacular event run by Mrs. Marchitelli and her crew. Children, teachers and parents, all had a lot of fun dancing the night away.

PTA GENERAL MEETING

On November 19, we had our second PTA General Meeting. Thank you for the amazing turnout at our last PTA General Meeting to hear Ms. Christine Capaci, (The Director of Data, Assessment and Accountability of the West Windsor Plainsboro school district) talk to us about MAP testing. Why it's done, how it's beneficial to teachers to bolster their personalized instruction to each student and what we should know about it were the main points of discussion. Parents brought their articulate questions and Ms. Capaci had thoughtful and insightful answers for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOY DRIVE

November 27 - December 18

Our Annual Toy Drive is a great way to teach our children, compassion and selflessness. Allow your child to pick out a new toy and bring it unused and unwrapped to school and drop it off in the bins outside the School office and watch them beam with the satisfaction of knowing that they helped improve one little child's holiday season. Spread the cheer and teach a valuable lesson in giving. All our contributions will be distributed by HomeFront.

PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER

December 6

Order your dinner for pickup, delivery or dine in from Panera Bread at Plainsboro and show them your flyer. If you are ordering online, enter the promo code "PRFUND. A portion of your dinner check goes to your PTA in supporting more amazing programming. It is only between 4 and 8pm, so mark your calendars.

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WICOFF'S 9TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

Jan 24 (Grades K & 1) & Jan 31 (Grades 2 & 3)

Hurray! It's that time of the year again when everyone can see one of the many ways your child is amazing. If your child enjoys singing, dancing, playing an instrument or performing in any way, here is your chance to showcase their talent.

Kindergarten & 1st Grades:

Friday, January 24, 2020 at 5:00pm

2nd & 3rd Graders:

Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:00pm

To participate, you must complete the online registration. Please click on the appropriate link below:

Kindergarten & 1st Graders:

<https://forms.gle/d7ndzPbmztB3Cb27>

2nd & 3rd Graders:

<https://forms.gle/pixs1Z5zMzip32Cx7>

DEADLINE: Online registration must be completed by December 18, at 8 pm. NO late entries accepted, NO exceptions!

WRITE A CHECK CAMPAIGN

Please donate to our "Write a Check" campaign so that we may keep funding great events. This is a great way to involve distant family members or family businesses in your child's school. Please make your checks payable to "Wicoff PTA."

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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