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January Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

SCHOOL CLOSED



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
I have a dream.



School will be **closed** on
Monday, January 20th
in recognition of the birthday of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



School will have **early dismissal** on
Thursday, January 16th & Friday,
January 17th for Conferences

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & KINDERGARTEN - EXTENSION REGISTRATION



Information regarding kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is available on the WW-P web site (www.ww-p.org). Registration takes place at Central Office, 321 Village Road East, West Windsor (609)716-5000 and is by appointment only.

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2020. **Registration begins on January 6, 2020.**

The Kindergarten Extension (KE) Program provides a safe and convenient extension of the Kindergarten school day providing developmentally appropriate enrichment activities enhancing regular half-day Kindergarten. The KE Program runs five days a week; the morning program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. The afternoon program begins at 11:45 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. All KE students must provide a nut-free lunch.

KE has limited enrollment and there is a high demand. KE registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. Parents may register for KE on the district website under "Community Education."

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the second half of the school year is upon us. As stated in the district's attendance policy, regular attendance in class, participation in school activities and interaction between students and teachers are essential for the learning process. Frequent absences or tardiness from classroom learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional and learning process. Arriving on time to school is an important part of the day for all children in order to help promote their academic success. Thank you for your support!

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OLD MAN WINTER HAS ARRIVED!!



The cold winter months are upon us!

We kindly remind you to please send your child/children to school each day dressed appropriately. 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 projects, 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.

NOTES FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Ellen Incollingo



Life Skills - The life skill for the month of January is **Self-Management**. Self-Management is the ability to successfully regulate one's emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations. It means effectively managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating oneself. Self-Management is also the ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

Students of the Month – Congratulations to the students who were chosen as “Star Students” for the month of December. These students are truly “Stars” for demonstrating respect and showing empathy towards their classmates. Be sure to look for their photographs on our Star Student Bulletin Board.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS



Should inclement weather force the cancellation of school, the decision to do so will be made as early as possible. The following methods of communication will be available: web site: www.ww-p.org; district telephone system: 609-716-5000; and a Twitter account (WWP_Notices).

Twitter -- If you would like to receive notices from the district accounts **you must set up your own personal Twitter account**. Alerts regarding busses, early or delayed openings, and other important information is sent via Twitter.

Listed below are links with instructions on how to set up a Twitter account.

How to create a Twitter account:

help.twitter.com/en/create-twitter-account

To set up notifications for the district Twitter account:

help.twitter.com/en/managing-your-account/how-to-use-twitter-alerts

Twitter accounts to set up alerts for:

- WWPRSD's Alert account:
twitter.com/WWP_Notices (@WWP_Notices)
- WWPRSD's Transportation account:
twitter.com/WWP_Bus (@WWP_Bus)

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!

During the School Day:

Should it become necessary to close school during the day because of ice, snow, storm, sleet, etc., the following methods of communication will be available: web site: www.ww-p.org; district telephone system: 609-716-5000; and a Twitter account (WWP_Notices).

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It is imperative that parents/guardians plan with their children for emergencies. All emergency information on Genesis should be kept up to date. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Each decision regarding school openings must be done on a case-by-case basis as the number one priority is safety.

WW-P Communications

District Web Site. To keep in touch with all the latest news about WW-P, we urge parents to visit the district web site. The district web site (www.ww-p.org) is the place to turn for news about schools along with the district calendar of events. Every Friday, parents will receive E-News, which is a listing of the updates to the district web site. This gives parents the opportunity to check out the latest happenings in all the schools and throughout the district. **Parents should check to make sure their Genesis account has an up-to-date e-mail address, as the district uses those e-mails for its electronic communications.**

Genesis The WW-P student database system is called Genesis. This is a web-based system, which allows students, parents, and staff to access the information from any computer. It is our belief that by making this information readily available to you, we strengthen the lines of communication and improve your child's educational experience. If you have a Genesis account, you do not have to re-register. The USER ID and password are the same from year to year. If you have an issue or problem, with Genesis, please send an e-mail to: wwpsis@ww-p.org. Please check to make sure your contact information, phone number,

School Messenger -- Through School Messenger we will be able to send out automated/recorded phone messages, text messages and emails quickly and efficiently. School Messenger is a communication tool that integrates with Genesis and will pull student rosters, parent emails and parent cell phone numbers. **It is important for parents to ensure that their contact information in Genesis is up-to-date and accurate as School Messenger will send messages**

to the accounts and phone numbers listed in Genesis.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

Twitter: [Twitter.com/WWP_Schools](https://twitter.com/WWP_Schools)
Facebook: [Facebook.com/WWP.Schools](https://facebook.com/WWP.Schools)
Instagram: [Instagram.com/WWP_Schools](https://instagram.com/WWP_Schools)

EARLY DISMISSAL AND DELAYED OPENINGS SCHEDULES

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TIMES FOR EARLY DISMISSAL AND DELAYED OPENINGS

Early Dismissal Schedule

All day K, 1, 2 & 3
8:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kindergarten
8:40 - 11:25 a.m.
(a.m. session)
10:30 - 1:00 p.m.
(p.m. session)

Delayed Opening Schedule (90 Minute Delay)

All day K, 1, 2 & 3
10:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten
10:10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(a.m. session)
12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
(p.m. session)

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

EDP EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES

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

EDP is **not** available when school is canceled at 1:00 p.m. due to a weather emergency. All children will ride the school bus home or to a pre-arranged stop (or walk, if they are listed as walkers) if schools close early for emergency conditions.

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If parents plan to pick up children at their school, it must be done before the early closing time, as there will be no gathering place for children to wait to be picked up.

PLEASE PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THIS TYPE OF EMERGENCY!

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Moira Jean Healey



Lice outbreaks commonly increase when children come together in social groups. Now that the children are back in school from winter break and other community activities, it is time for you to periodically check your child's head for lice. This is the best preventative measure to curtail lice infestation.

• When checking:

It helps to use a magnifying glass and natural daylight. Divide the hair in sections and fasten off the portion of hair that is not being examined at the time. Closely examine hair nearer the scalp. Lice may be hard to locate, so look for small, grayish-white or yellowish-white eggs (nits) attached to the hair. These nits can sometimes be mistaken for dandruff, but they cannot be easily brushed or blown away.

If lice or nits are found:

- Contact your physician for a recommended treatment. Treatment instructions should be strictly followed.
- Examine all family members, daily, for at least two weeks.
- Notify school nurse immediately. (This information will remain confidential.)
- Inspection of classmates and friends will help to prevent further spread of lice.
- Notify close personal contacts.

Because lice outbreaks are common among school children and even the cleanest child can easily become infested, parents are encouraged to make checking for head lice a part of routine hygiene. A cooperative effort between home and school will enhance efforts to control the spread of head lice in our community.

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Danica Taylor



SIX FLAGS 6 HOUR READING CLUB

Happy New Year! It's that special time of the year when reading counts more than ever.

Students and teachers at Wicoff School are invited to participate in the **Six Flags Read to Succeed 6 Hour Reading Club**. ALL children are being asked to spend at least 6 hours reading just for fun between **now and Friday, February 29th**. Children can read books, magazines, newspapers, ebooks or comic books. Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count. The READ TO SUCCEED Student Reading Log Parent Info sheets will be sent home with instructions on how to log the reading hours online.

All reading hours must be logged **no later than Friday, February 29th**. A free child's ticket to Great Adventure Theme Park will be awarded to all participants who complete the 6 hours of reading. Tickets will be distributed in June.

We would like to encourage ALL children to participate in this reading program whether or not the free ticket to Great Adventure will be used. The program is a fun way to encourage daily reading, and achieving a goal set for oneself can give students a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.



Happy Reading to all!

Danica Taylor, Media Specialist,
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Read to Succeed Program Coordinator

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FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Jason Petrone and Kacie Kellerman

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We will jump start our new year with "Physical Fitness Training" so everybody should be ready to break a sweat!

Activities will include: circuit training, distance running and vigorous exercises and stretches.

Our Floor Hockey unit leads us into February followed by "cup stacking" and "problem solving" activities and creative games.

Inclement weather does not excuse your child from wearing sneakers to physical education class. Please be prepared so that your child may participate in his or her class. (NO BOOTS!)

Thank You.

Wicoff PTA News



Happy New Year!!

We are excited to bring to you fun filled events as the year begins

PAST EVENTS

TOY DRIVE

During the month of December, we organized the Toy Drive. It was a very successful event. We collected a lot of new toys and donated them to Homefront. We had a lot of happy kids during the vacation. *Thank you for your kindness!*

PTA REFLECTIONS

PTA Reflections program ended in November. We had a good participation from the students this year.

The winning entries have been handed over to PTA Reflections chairperson at the County Level.

Winners of Reflections 2019:

MUSIC COMPOSITION:

Ridit Sharma- 1st Grade – Mrs. Shwom

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY:

Roshika Gnan- 3rd Grade- Ms. Paterson

Ashwin Thillai – 3rd Grade – Ms. Exler

LITERATURE:

Tulika Deshmukh – 3rd Grade- Mrs. Robinson

VISUAL ARTS:

Mihir Chandra – 1st Grade- Mr. Erb

Harshika Santhimurthy – 1st Grade – Mr. Erb

Mark Wittenburg – 2nd Grade – Mrs. Cousart

Akshat Choudhary – 3rd Grade - Ms. Exler

Naisha Doshi – 3rd Grade – Mrs. Marchitelli

UPCOMING EVENTS

WICOFF'S 9TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

January 24th: Grades K & 1 - 5:00 p.m.

January 31st: Grades 2 & 3 - 5:00 p.m.

We hope all the children are practicing well. Please make sure that the act is limited to 2 minutes. We can't wait to see our talented children perform on the stage.

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* Registration for participation is now closed. Hope you got your entries in on time!

* Acts may be individual or in groups of no more than 6 children. ONLY Wicoff students can participate.

* There is a one act limit per child.

* All performances are limited to two minutes or less. This is strictly enforced.

* All acts & music should be kid & age appropriate.

If you have any questions, please email at: wicoffentertainmentnight@gmail.com

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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