Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has created a new email system for parents and guardians. Every week you will receive our school's newsletter. This email will include school information, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

School News Recaps

- Read Across America Day was a fun-filled festive and literate day for all grade levels! Check out our recap of Read Across America Day!
- In conjunction with Read Across America Day, our monthly Spirit Day was themed "Dress Like Your Favorite Character." Students and staff expressed their love of literature by emulating a favorite fictional character. Students chose a variety of characters from the traditional Cat in the Hat to the more adventurous like Geronimo Stilton.
- The PTA sponsored the "2019 Dads and Kids Spectacular Event" March 16. At this event, there was various sports, games and a DJ! With over 230 in attendance this was a success!
- Check out the recap from the <u>All School Meeting</u>.
- All kindergarten classes enjoyed a visit to Grover Middle School, where Grover musicians played various jazz selections and introduced kindergarteners to various musical instruments.
- <u>STEAM Day</u> was a full day of scientific presentations and experiments presented to our K-3 students.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Anthony Kovatch who has been selected to receive a New Jersey PTA Outstanding Teacher Award!
- Our PTA was selected to receive the New Jersey PTA Arts in Education Award and the New Jersey PTA Healthy Lifestyles Award!
 Congratulations to all!
- Congratulations to art teacher, Keri Cruzado, for her wonderful exhibition at the District Art Show. The Plainsboro Recreation Center

was packed with students and parents beaming with pride. The level of artistry of our 1st to 3rd graders was beyond compare. Keri thoughtfully planned and prepared for this special evening for the children. Bravo!

PTA News

Events

• April 12 - Dutch Neck PTA's "Dare to Read, Are you up for the Challenge?" Bookfair from 1 p.m. to closing. Dutch Neck teachers will be reading books for story time, lunch and selfies with Dexter, an author signing books and more! Dexter, our Dutch Neck Dragon, is Challenging the entire school to read/have read 10,000 books as a school by April 12! If the School hits 10,000 books the PTA will be donating books to every classroom! Please join us for an amazing afternoon, and be sure to stop in to log your book counts! (The book counts will be collected in store).

Reminders

- The <u>2018-19 Dutch Neck Elementary Yearbook</u> is available to <u>order online</u>. This year's yearbook is a full color, softcover bound book and will be available for delivery after June 11, 2019. The pre-order price: \$22 from now until April 14, 2019. The price thereafter is \$25 (April 15 to May 13)
- The <u>Walk of Fame</u> is back! Now is the time to purchase the perfect gift for a Dutch Neck School Alumni, Student or Teacher! Dedicate an Engraved Brick in their honor on the Walk of Fame. The Dutch Neck School PTA is selling engraved bricks to be installed along the pathway leading to the amphitheater and the Dutch Neck Garden. The last day to order will be May 17, 2019.

District Updates

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the website.
- Useful links for the district: <u>District Website</u> | <u>Academic Calendars</u> |
 <u>Calendar of Events</u> | <u>Community Events</u>

Counseling

• <u>Parent University Event</u>: Healing & Recovery - What Parents Should Know at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at High School South.

It is difficult at times for some adolescents and some adults to navigate their emotions following the sudden death of a friend or school community member. This is especially true if the death was due to suicide. The conversation will be facilitated by George Scott, Resource Coordinator for the State Traumatic Loss Coalition. The purpose of the evening is to support parents and other adults to be aware of signs of concern and to connect children to resources for support.

Community Education Program & Event Reminders

- <u>Saturday Youth Sports Programs</u> (K-8) Registration for On the Court Basketball, TGA Tennis, TGA Golf, and TGA Cheerleading programs will remain open until Thursday, April 4, 2019. Programs begin April 6, at Millstone River.
- <u>Summer Programs</u> (K-8) Summer registration has opened for students ages five to 14. Programs run from June 24 through August 9, 2019. Half and full day options with extended care are available.
- <u>Summer Open House</u> (K-8) Join WW-P's Community Education and summer vendors Saturday, April 6, for an informational open house at Millstone River School from 10 a.m. 6 p.m.
- 2019-20 Kindergarten Extension Registration (pre-k to 12) Kindergarten Extension registration opens, for the 2019-20 school year, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9 a.m. Participants must reside in and attend a West Windsor-Plainsboro school in order to use the service. The program will be held at Dutch Neck Elementary School.
- 2019-20 Integrated Preschool Registration (pre-k to 12) Integrated Preschool registration opens, for the 2019-20 school year, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9 a.m. The program will be held at Village School. Participants must be 3 or 4 by October 1, 2019, and independently toilet trained prior to the program start. West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District residency is required.

Food Services

• Check out the lunch menus for April!

WW-P Board of Education Foundation

• <u>Innovation Fair</u> - The West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation is hosting its Third Annual Innovation Fair. The fair will be held at High School North Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• <u>Tech Event</u> – Check out the Tech Event for grades K-8 on April 13 from 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.! This event is organized by the Junior STEM group and the WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee. Click <u>here</u> to sign up.

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

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