

April 16, 2019

J.V.B. Wicoff 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, PTA news, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

Due to spring recess, the next newsletter will be sent Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

School News

Announcements

- Check out the [Wicoff April Fox Newsletter!](#)

Events

- **April 17:** Spring Photos - Class Pictures
- **April 18:** Arbor Day Celebration at Township Building for Mrs. Mulshine, Mr. Erb and Mrs. Collins' Classes
- **April 18:** Third Grade Rotary Dictionary Project
- **April 29 - May 3:** Screen-Free Week
 - Screen-Free Week (formerly TV-Turnoff Week and Digital Detox Week) is an annual event where children, families, schools, and communities are encouraged to turn off screens and "turn on life." Instead of relying on television programming or electronic screens for entertainment, participants read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and spend time with family and friends. Over 300 million people have taken part in the turnoff, with millions participating each year.

Reminders

- **April 19:** Schools and offices are closed.
 - **April 22-26:** Schools are closed for spring recess
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PTA News

Ola Wicoff families!

Hope you enjoyed some yummy pretzels! Thank you for your support of our endeavors always. We are halfway through April and so close to Spring Break. Before you head off, here are some fun dates we would like for you to save in your calendars. When we are back from break, we will head straight into a month of fun!

Upcoming Events

- **May 1:** SEPTSA presents Best Practices in Early Literacy – Becoming a Reader at Grover Middle School. Deborah Lynam, director of partnerships and engagement at the AIM Institute for Learning and Research, will be the presenter. Deborah is active in literacy and education initiatives at local, state and national levels, and holds graduate-level certification in Orton-Gillingham through Fairleigh Dickinson University. The AIM Institute for Learning and Research provides teachers and professionals both training and access to field experts in the areas of spoken language, reading, writing, and math. The programs reflect the latest research and knowledge of best practices and evidence-based instruction within each area. The handbook is available [here](#) for reference.
- **May 5:** Founders Day Parade at 12:30 p.m. (Rain date May 11.) If you must pick one year to join in the parade, make this year the one! Plainsboro was founded 100 years ago and so was our amazing school. Wicoff will be marching strong at the Centennial Founder's Day Parade, so make sure you are there with your friends and family. Let's create a vibrant presence! On May 5, at 12:30 p.m., we will begin marching from Edgemere Ave and end up on the Municipal Grounds. Please bring a canned item to donate to the Plainsboro Food Pantry to make our presence even more meaningful. Please visit their [website](#) to select an item they are genuinely in need of.
- **May 10:** Staff Appreciation Breakfast at 8 a.m. It takes a BIG heart to shape little minds! Our teachers and school support staff are the greatest assets of our wonderful school and while we shouldn't wait for a special day to let them know how much we appreciate their contribution to our children's lives, we are glad there is a week that allows us to make them feel special. This week culminates into a Staff Appreciation Breakfast on May 10, for which we need your help! Once you return from spring break you will receive a signup genius link to food items that you could contribute to the breakfast. Please help us make this event especially successful.
- **May 16:** Family Paint Night - We are looking forward to hosting our next big family event. There will be color, fun and a memorable keepsake from the night. You don't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more details.

Useful Links: Email | [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much! Much gratitude for your continued support.

Thank you,

Wicoff PTA Executive Board

District Updates

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the [website](#).

Useful links for the district: [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Calendar of Events](#)

Community Events

- 2019 [Plainsboro Centennial Events](#) Information
- [A letter from the Mayor](#) of Plainsboro Township about Founders Day
- Looking for more programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Counseling

- Parent University: [Parenting in the Age of Social Media](#). Join us 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Grover Middle School. Additional information will be sent out soon.

Community Education Program and Event Reminders

- [Summer Programs](#) - Summer registration has opened for students ages five to 14. Programs run from June 24 through Aug. 9, 2019. Half and full day options with extended care are available.
- [2019-20 Kindergarten Extension Registration](#) - Kindergarten Extension registration is now open for the 2019-20 school year. 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](#) - Integrated Preschool registration is now open for the 2019-20 school year. The program will be held at Village School. Participants must be 3 or 4 by Oct. 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!
- Sodexo [Parent Survey](#)
- Check out the [April 2019 Sodexo Newsletter](#)

WW-P Board of Education Foundation

- [Innovation Fair](#) - 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.
- [STAR Campaign](#) - Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or other staff people who make a difference in your child's life. STAR requests are due by May 3, 2019.

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