

Oct. 4, 2019

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

WW-P Schools are closed Wednesday, Oct. 9.

PTA News

- Dexter's Fun, Food, and Fitness Block Party needs **parent volunteers** to make it a success! Please [click here](#) to sign up! Dads and grandparents please help too! The event is Saturday, Oct. 12, from 12-3 p.m. (Rain date: Oct. 13) at Dutch Neck. Event registration has closed. For additional details, please [click here](#).
- [PTA Reflections Program](#) - Please return the completed entry forms to the class teacher. The entry deadline is Oct. 30, 2019. For more details and the student entry form please [click here](#).
- BOX TOP clippings - We can earn money through the Box Top education program. It is a fun activity for kids too! Box Tops can be earned digitally now. You can still send unexpired box top clippings in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA. Please [click here for details](#).

SEPTSA

- SEPTSA is a district-wide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical, emotional and/or learning challenges.
- If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 plan and you missed our table at Back To School Night, click [here](#) for the membership form.
- **SEPTSA's First Parent Workshop** is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School. Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor, PhD BCBA-D, will present on the evaluation referral process and assessments (educational, psychological, speech-language) conducted by the child study team. Learn more about how testing determines special education eligibility and shapes IEP development.

Useful Links: [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#)

School News

- WW-P Schools are closed Wednesday, Oct. 9.
- Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

Next week is our **Week of Respect!**

Please note the following activities to promote respect and kindness here at Dutch Neck:

- Monday, Oct. 7 – World Bullying Prevention Day – WEAR BLUE TODAY - We will be joining schools across the nation as we all try to put a stop to bullying.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Be the “I” in KIND – School-wide project.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Shine BRIGHT and Choose Kindness – Wear bright or neon clothes.
- Friday, Oct. 11 – Flex your Kindness – Wear workout or gym clothes – KINDNESS STRONG

Parent Teacher Conferences

~ A message from Mr. Argese ~

Communication between home and school is important for the success of each child. One form of communication which cannot be replicated is the face to face conversation which takes place during a parent/teacher conference. This month, you will have an opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers to open this dialogue and share information about your child.

Our scheduled conference dates this year are October 17, 18, 21, and 22. October 17 is reserved for evening conferences. Since we have a limited amount of time to meet with parents in the evening, we would greatly appreciate it if you have the flexibility to come during the day. **Please remember that children are dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on these days.**

Teachers have sent home information about setting up a conference time.

Teachers have created their conference schedule and are notifying you of your

time slot. Once you receive confirmation for your conference time from your child's classroom teacher, we invite you to reach out to a special area teacher (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library/Media, Spanish, Computer) to schedule a conference time. If your child is taught by a support teacher (Reading, Math, Resource Room, LLD, Speech, ESL, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist), we also invite you to schedule a conference time with this teacher. Both our school counselor and school nurse will also be available to meet with you.

Please email the special area and/or support teacher directly. When requesting your conference, remember to provide the teachers with the dates and times of other staff members you are meeting with so there is not a conflict in meeting times. You may call the school at 716-5400 if you do not have access to email. Please make every effort to be on time for your conference(s). If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, please notify the teacher(s) as soon as possible. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you.

Reminder

- WW-P Schools are closed on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.

Around the District News

- Mark your calendars for [Wicoff's Centennial Celebration](#) Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.!
- Save the date for the High School North National Honor Society's Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m. Oct. 26 in the HSN Stadium Parking Lot. Click [here](#) for more information on this event.
- Register now for High School South's Math League sponsored WW-P Math Expo. This Oct. 26 event is open to students in grades 3-8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- The 11th induction ceremony of the WPHS South Hall of Honor will be held on Nov. 2! The hall of honor was founded to connect the past to the present and the future; in recognizing those who have brought honor to our school, our district and our community. These honorees are an integral part of our history. Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#) or send a check (for \$25 made out to WPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

Counseling and Wellness

- Join us at the upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- Saturday Sports Programs: On the Court Basketball, TGA Golf, TGA Tennis & TGA Cheerleading offered Oct. 12 - Nov. 2. Registration closes Oct. 10. For more information go to page 7 in the [Community Education Fall Guide](#).
- [Sign up with Community Education at under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth Programs](#) Family Fun Friday is Oct. 18! Parents and children are welcome to join us step-by-step canvas painting. You and your child will be creating coordinating S'mores paintings. No artistic experience necessary.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)

Community Events

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Food Services

- Make sure to download [Sodexo's So Happy app](#)! Download the app to view nutritional information, allergens and more. Check out the [menus](#) for October!

WW-P Education Foundation

- Mark your calendars for the [WW-P Education Foundation's Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival](#) Oct. 19, 2019, at Grover Middle School. This event is

broken up by grade level: grades K-3 will meet from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and grades 4-8 will meet from 2- 4 p.m.

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#) and materials.

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

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