

Oct. 18, 2019

Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Update

Oct. 21, 22: Early Dismissal for Grades K-5 for Parent/Teacher Conferences

PTA News

Wasn't the Centennial Celebration at Wicoff so much fun? Did you check out the pictures of the school and teachers through the years? The staff pictures over the years are still posted in the school hallway. Take a peek when you are visiting the school next time.

Upcoming Events

- **Pretzel Sale:** Pretzelicious Day is Back! Order forms for your choice of hot and fresh pretzels from Philly Pretzel Factory were sent home in your child's folder. Due date for ordering pretzels is Oct. 23, 2019. Pretzels will be delivered on Oct. 25, 2019.
- **Box Tops:** The way we collect Box Tops has changed. A Box Tops flyer was sent home this week in your child's folder with details of the program. Please download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts and keep collecting! In case you missed the flyer, you can also download it [here](#)
- **PTA Reflections Program:** Since 1969, National PTA's Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas and develop artistic literacy, through different artistic media. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is **Look Within**. All students are encouraged to participate in this arts enrichment experience. Due date for the submission is **Nov. 11, 2019**. Please bring your artwork to Ms. Danica Taylor, our media center specialist. Please download the Reflections packet from here: <http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=68167491>
- **Themed Dance Party:** Nov. 14. Mark your calendars for this super fun family event. More details soon!
- **Family Entertainment Night:** We are jumping a little ahead to get on your calendar. Please save the dates for the Family Entertainment Night for Grade 1

and Kindergarten on **Jan. 24** and Grades 2 & 3 on **Jan. 31**. It's a fun evening to showcase the talents of our little Wicoff friends. Sign ups and details forthcoming.

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

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

- To see upcoming dates, go to the [Academic Calendar](#).
- Check out [Wicoff's October Newsletter](#)
- October 21, 22 - Early Dismissal Days for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- A BIG THANK YOU to the Wicoff staff for a FABULOUS Centennial Celebration and a BIG THANK YOU to all our Wicoff families (past and present) who joined in on the celebration!!!! It was a GREAT day!!!!

Around the District News

- Gorgeous designer handbags plus tricky tray raffle prizes at the [HSS Post Prom Pocketbook Bingo THIS Sunday, Oct. 20](#) at Millstone River School to benefit Post Prom 2020. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Tickets include 12 games of bingo and are \$30 at the door.
 - 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.
 - Parents and students (ages 11 and up) are invited to join HSN and Community Middle School student organizations **HEAL and NuYu Friday, Oct. 25** at 6 p.m. at High School North for a one-of-a-kind seminar on mental wellbeing with renowned speakers and mental health advocates. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
 - Village and Millstone River Schools are holding a **coat drive for a local charity**. The schools will be accepting clean, gently worn winter jackets and coats as well as NEW hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Donations can be dropped off **Saturday, Oct. 26** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Millstone River School.
 - Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the **WWPHS South Hall of Honor** 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 we keep alive the spirit of South. 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 WWPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- A special Parent University event will be held **Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** at High School South. The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset offers parents practical strategies in supporting child and adolescent resiliency, grit and perseverance. The importance of healthy coping mechanisms, emotional intelligence and supportive relationships to overcome adversity will be discussed. Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- **Cultivating Joy After Loss** - Monday, Oct. 28. Presented by Blindspot Training. Adults will learn strategies to work through loss and begin to bring more joy into their life. Sign up through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program. *This is not a substitute for grief counseling.*
- Tennis Anyone? **Family Fun Friday** is Nov. 15. Presented by TGA of Mercer County - Children and parents, come out for a night of family fun, with tennis and snacks! Learn basic skills of the game in a non-competitive environment. All equipment is provided. Sign up through Community Education under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Space is still available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension**. Register through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Extended Day, KE, Pre-K.

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 Board of Education

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

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.

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

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