

Oct. 18, 2019

Grover Middle School Weekly Update

PTSA News

- **October Food Drive:** We are collecting food for the Plainsboro Food Pantry. We are halfway through the month, please continue to send in food donations! Items can be dropped off in the boxes in the foyer! See [flyer](#) for details.
- **Staff Appreciation Pizza Lunch is Friday, Oct. 18.** Thank you for your generosity and helping to make the teachers and staff feel appreciated!
- **Student Council Halloween Dance is Friday, Oct. 25!** [Sign up to volunteer to oversee student council students selling tickets and chaperoning the dance.](#)
- **GMS PTSA General Meeting Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m.** Superintendent David Aderhold will be giving an update on the referendum GMS construction. All are welcome!
- **Reflections Program:** This year's theme is LOOK WITHIN. Participate in "Reflections"- a national PTA program that recognizes student achievement in different art forms. Students who participate have a chance to be recognized at school, county, state, or national level. **The deadline is Nov. 6!** [Click here for the application.](#)
- **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** If you are interested in helping out in the **media center**, please [use this signup](#).
- **It's Not Too Late!** Sign up for a GMS PTSA membership or just make a donation with Just Write a Check (JWAC) on [our website](#) or [send in the paper form](#) in an envelope to school with cash or check made payable to **GMS PTSA**.

Useful links: This is your PTSA and we want to hear from you. Reach out to us with questions or comments!

- [PTSA Email](#) | [Donate Online](#) | [PTSA Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Amazon Smile](#)
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Additional News

- **CMS/GMS Math Workshop Night** - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m. at CMS. Receive information about the Middle School Math Program and the underlying philosophy of the program. [Register in advance](#). You will experience some "Hands-On" activities to demonstrate what Math Class will look like for your

child. This event is designed for adults only. If you have questions, [please email WW-P Mathematics Supervisor, Andrea Bean](#).

SEPTSA

- SEPTSA is a districtwide 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

- Check out the [Daily Announcements](#) for dates, club and event announcements, information and more!

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 21: Science Olympiad tryouts begin
- Oct. 22: Students can purchase tickets for the Halloween Dance. Tickets are \$5 each. These will go fast, get yours during lunch!
- Oct. 25: JAG of the month breakfast
- Oct 25: Halloween Dance from 7-9 p.m. for all grades

Athletics

- [Winter Sports Registration for middle school students](#) will close 11 p.m. Nov. 4.

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.

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