

Oct. 25, 2019

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Hero up with a super book! Dutch Neck Book fair will run **Monday, Nov. 11 through Friday, Nov. 15**. You are welcome to join your children as they visit the book fair during class library time as well as during Dinner with the Principals. To see revised times and other details please [click here](#).

- **Volunteer/class times** - Please sign up [here](#)
- **Follet Highlight Flyer** - Click [here](#)
- **Follet gift card** - Don't want to send cash? Now you can also print out Follett gift cards for your child and/or their teacher. Cards may be purchased at follettgift.com. Make sure to write the student's and the teacher's name in the comments and send the print-out to school.

Calling all superheroes! Dinner with the Principals with a *superhero theme* will be held Nov. 14, 2019. Feel free to dress up in your fav superhero costume! To reserve your seats [click here](#). RSVP by Nov. 4.

PTA Reflections Program - Students can submit in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Submission forms and flyers have been distributed. Please return the completed entry forms to the class teacher before Nov. 1, 2019. For more details and the student entry form please [click here](#).

Online Box tops and Mc Caffery's receipts - Download the "Box Top For Education" App, scan your Box Tops and grocery receipts (from Target, Walmart and McCaffrey's) on your phone WITHIN 15 DAYS OF PURCHASE. Please [see downloading instructions](#).

McCaffery's receipts - Collect and send your McCaffery's receipts WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF PURCHASE in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA. Deadline to submit for first round is Dec. 19, 2019.

Box Tops - Collect and send Box Tops in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA.

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, Ph.D. 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

- Reminder that schools will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8. Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

From Mr. Argese and Mrs. Bruce

- Thank you to all parents who recently visited Dutch Neck during parent/teacher conferences. We value the partnership we have with you by working together to teach and support your children.
- On Wednesday Oct. 23, we had our second All School Meeting which focused on EMPATHY. Prior to the meeting, children learned about empathy during read alouds, activities, videos, and discussions. We were very proud of the first grade students who led the meeting. The assembly began with a definition of empathy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the Dutch Neck School Song, and singing Happy Birthday in English and Spanish to those celebrating a birthday in October. We had the opportunity to deepen our understanding of what it means to be empathetic by watching two short videos and a student skit along with

sharing ways in which people show empathy. Children were also challenged to think about how they might demonstrate empathy in the future.

- Mr. Argese and Mrs. Bruce recently visited all second and third grade classrooms to read to the students. In second grade, we read the book A Fine, Fine School and in third grade, we read The Eagle and the Wren. Please ask your second or third grader to tell you more about the book. We will be reading to Kindergarten and first grade classes in the coming weeks.
- Please remember that we will be having our annual Halloween Parades, weather permitting, on Thursday Oct. 31. You should have received a letter from your child's teacher with more detailed information. It is copied below for your convenience.

Dutch Neck Elementary School Halloween Celebration

October 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Dutch Neck Elementary School is getting ready for our annual Halloween celebration which will be on Thursday, Oct. 31! Everyone is excited for our annual tradition of the Halloween parade and class party where we can see our friends in their costumes. Please see the information below that shares details of the day so that our event can be safe and enjoyable for all.

We at Dutch Neck Elementary School believe in a peaceful school environment where our children learn to make appropriate choices. We are asking for your help in guiding your child to choose a costume that will be child-friendly and suitable for school; therefore, your child should not wear any costume that promotes violence in any way (no weapons, toy guns, swords, etc. will be permitted). Any accessories that may cause a distraction, including any hand-held items should be left at home. This will assure that nothing will be left in school that may be needed later in the day for trick-or-treating.

If you choose not to have your child participate in the parade and/or class party, a handwritten note should be given to your child's teacher by **Monday, Oct. 28**. An alternative, educational activity will be provided for those children who are not participating in the Halloween celebration.

Your child's teacher will give you more specific information about his/her schedule for that day. Parade start times are listed below. Parking is available at Windsor Chapel; however, please do not park on the grass. NOTE THAT THE PARADE IS WEATHER PERMITTING. IF IT RAINS, CHILDREN WILL SIMPLY HAVE THEIR CLASS PARTY. The parade will begin on the blacktop, go on the walking track past the Dutch Neck Garden, and then students will re-enter the building by the gym. Please note that only students and staff will be allowed in the gym entrance. Because of the number of Halloween parties occurring throughout the day, we cannot allow visitors into the building.

AM Kindergarten, Extension & Grade 1: 10:30 a.m.

PM Kindergarten, Extension, Grades 2 & 3: 1:40 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your support in making our school Halloween celebration a happy and safe one.

Sincerely,

David Argese
Principal

Laura Bruce
Assistant Principal

Around the District News

- Parents and students (ages 11 and up) are invited to join HSN and Community Middle School student organizations **HEAL and NuYu**, TONIGHT, 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.
- Join us at 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.
- 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.
- You're invited to the 11th induction ceremony of the **WW-P High School 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 WWP HSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.

- **WW-P United Pink-Out Football Game - Nov. 1.** October is breast cancer awareness month! Come out and support the WW-P United Football Team by wearing pink and black for the last home game at High School North on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.! Show your support for breast cancer awareness by wearing pink and black!
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

Community Education

- Winter After School Enrichment is now open for registration. Spaces fill fast, so do not delay! Download the brochure from the district [website](#). Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- [Check out](#) some exciting Family Fun Nights and Upcoming Adult Program available through Community Education.
- 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.

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

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