

Dec. 6, 2019

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Dexter's Emporium *with a sprinkle of gratitude* - **Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

- Annual holiday fair where kids buy gifts for friends and family. Everything is \$1!
- This year, we will have a "Giving Tree" under which kids can make cards for children at Capital Health Hospital and hang messages for friends and teachers.
- Parents can also buy gifts ahead of time from the wish list provided by Capital Health and leave it in the bin outside the front office. [Click here to see the wish list and make an unwell child very happy.](#)
- Also, there will be refreshments and Haiku station for families to enjoy.
- Volunteer sign up - [Click here](#)

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.

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

School News

- **Resilience** was the focus of November's All School Meeting. Using the resource, *A Mindset for Learning*, as a guide the teacher committee provided resources, book choices and activities for all classroom teachers to use with their students before and after the assembly. Resilience was defined and discussed as bouncing back when something goes wrong and learning from mistakes. Students in

second grade did an amazing job presenting skits during the All School Meeting to illustrate examples of resilience.

- The Thanksgiving Drive was a huge success! We collected two carloads of boxes and groceries that were distributed to HomeFront to help provide holiday meals to hundreds of families. The drive was led by Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. McGowan. The children donated an overwhelming number of items that overflowed the stage area of the gym with nonperishable items for delivery. The community service project allowed students to understand how they can make a big difference in another child's life.
- Next week on **Tuesday, Dec. 10**, students will be attending our third grade choral concert. Since the third graders are divided into two groups, one group will perform in the morning for first grade and morning Kindergarten, while the other group will perform in the afternoon for second grade and afternoon Kindergarten. Third graders will also have the opportunity to listen to their peers singing in the alternate group. The third graders have been meeting once a week since September to learn and practice all of the songs. **Evening choral concerts take place Tuesday, Dec. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 11.** As always, we look forward to their performances!
- Also **Tuesday, Dec. 10** is "**Hollywood Dress Up Day.**" Students are encouraged to dress up formally as they will be attending the concert and supporting our third grader performers.
- Please remember that **Picture Retake Day** is **Monday, Dec. 9.**
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)
- Check out the [important upcoming dates for December and January.](#)
- Are you signed up to receive text messages from WW-P Schools? Click [HERE](#) for the district's communication process and make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below:
 - [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#)
 - [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)

Around the District News

- **The HSS Annual Holiday Craft Show** is Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at High School South. Admission is \$1. Parking is available at HS South with overflow parking at Maurice Hawk and a shuttle that will run attendees to and from the Craft Show throughout the day. [Click here for more information on this event.](#)
- What better way to ring in the holiday season than with a holiday concert? WW-P students and staff have been working all fall to prepare for some **wonderful concerts**. [Click here for a list of upcoming performances.](#)
- **Adult ESL Classes** - Free adult evening ESL classes for parents/guardians of WW-P ESL students are being offered Monday or Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8 p.m. starting the week of Dec. 9. [Click to register and for more details.](#)
- **High School South's United Charity Drive** looks to brighten the holidays of local organizations and Pirate families. All donations not sent in with students may be dropped off in the bins at the school security desk. Monetary donations can be cash or in the form of a check made out to "WWP High School South" with "charitable giving" noted in the memo/note section. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Hands Across the Water Cookie Decorating and Bake Sale** event is Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Grover Middle School. Profits will go to Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [For more information and to RSVP, click here.](#)
- High School North Post Prom Committee will be holding a **Bollywood Dance Class fundraiser** event on Dec. 14, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Athletic Club (NJAC). The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per person with a coin embellished hip scarf. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)
- GMS French students invite you to the **5th Annual White Elephant Sale** on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 3 - 7 p.m. at Grover Middle School. All proceeds will go to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. [Check out additional information here.](#)

- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

Community Education

- [Winter After-School Enrichment is open for registration.](#) Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Upcoming SAT Programs - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

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

- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

WW-P Education Foundation

- The Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, for the [STAR Campaign](#). Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff

member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.

- The Foundation will hold its [Holiday Fair](#) for grades pre-K-5 on Dec. 7 in the Village School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

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