

Jan. 10, 2020

## Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

**Thursday, Jan. 16 and Friday, Jan. 17: Early Dismissal for Grades K-5 for parent/teacher conferences.**

**Monday, Jan. 20: All WW-P schools and board offices will be closed.**

### PTA News

**Yearbook Cover Contest** - Calling all Dutch Neck artists to show your talents for the 2019-20 Yearbook Cover Contest. This year's theme is "Dutch Neck School – Playing the Best Game We Can!" The submission **deadline is Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020**. Please [click here](#) to see the details.

**International Carnival** - Join us on an exciting journey around the world on **Friday, Feb. 7, 2020** from 6:30 - 8 p.m. to enjoy country posters created by third graders, global games and crafts, student international costume show, and various dances and martial arts taught by local schools.

- **Third graders:**
  - Sign up for country posters at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcountrysignup2020>. Please remember you still need to buy tickets. **Deadline for posters is Jan. 31, 2020.**
- **All students:**
  - **TICKETS** - Purchase tickets for each child (including siblings more than three-years-old) at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcarnival2020>. Adults are free! **The last date to purchase is Friday, Jan. 31.** No exceptions. Passport and tickets can be picked up at the cafeteria entrance between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 7. Overflow parking is available at Windsor Chapel.
  - **COSTUME SHOW** - All students can sign up for the International Costume Show at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcostumeshow2020>
  - **FOOD** - Prepaid pizza and samosas will be available in the Cafeteria from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. for families so they can have a quick bite before the event. Please pre-order at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcarnival2020>. There will be light snacks and water available for purchase outside the cafeteria during the event too.

Make it a fun family evening this winter! Space is limited due to gym capacity.

Any questions? Please email: [dutchneckevents@gmail.com](mailto:dutchneckevents@gmail.com).

**Useful links:** [PTA Website](#) | [Become a member and support your school](#)

## SEPTSA

- **Jan. 30: PTSA Meeting “Understanding How to Improve IEPs and 504s” - 7 p.m.**, at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Rd, Plainsboro). The speaker, Beth Manes, J.D., Special Needs Attorney, will help parents understand how to effectively use IEP documents and evaluations to improve your child's school experience.

Please contact Jennifer Riccards ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) for questions or to RSVP.

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

- **Jan 28:** [SPAN, Parent Advocacy Network](#) will present **“Look to the Future: Transition from School to Adult Life”** hosted by WW-P Jan. 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Middle School. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

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## School News

- **Reminder of Early Dismissal Days.** Next week on Thursday (Jan. 16) and Friday (Jan. 17) students will have early dismissal days. Please make sure your students are aware of any changes to their routine and their plan for after school. These early dismissal days are for parent-teacher conferences that are either by teacher request or if a parent has a question or concern.

- **National Dragon Day!** Did you know that next Thursday, Jan. 16 is National Dragon Day? We here at Dutch Neck thought this would be an excellent opportunity to celebrate our beloved mascot, Dexter the Dragon! On that day, please feel free to wear any dragon or specifically Dexter attire (no costumes please). Dutch Neck apparel or our school colors, blue and white, would also fit into the spirit of the day. We will also be taking the time to show all of the ways Dexter can demonstrate his kindness here at school and out in the world!
- Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February](#).
- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

### **Around the District News**

- [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**

- **Parent University:** A special Parent University event will be held **Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.** at High School North. **The topic: Is Video Gaming Addiction Real?** will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents. Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

### **Community Education**

- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)

- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register 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 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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