

Jan. 17, 2020

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

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

PTA News

Staff Appreciation Lunch - The Dutch Neck PTA will host a winter appreciation lunch in honor of our teachers and staff on Wednesday, Jan. 29. If you would like to contribute, please see the sign-up below. Please consider donating a small monetary amount to help us pay for catering if you are unable to send in a food item. All contributions should be to school by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

<https://tinyurl.com/DUTCHNECKSTAFF2020>

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:

1. **TICKETS** - Purchase tickets for each child (including siblings more than three-years-old) at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcarnival2020>. Adults are free! **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.
2. **COSTUME SHOW** - All students can sign up for the International Costume Show at <https://tinyurl.com/DNcostumeshow2020>
3. **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.

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) 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 and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Association Jan. 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Middle School. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

School News

Blizzard of Kindness

No snow yet? Dutch Neck brought on their own “Blizzard of Kindness!” In the fall, we filled our kindness tree with leaves showing the many kind acts that Dutch Neck students did for one another. We did it again this winter with snowflakes of kindness! Teachers explained to their classes how blizzards bring lots of snow so students can bring lots of kindness to Dutch Neck. They were encouraged to make their own Dutch Neck blizzard with kind acts that people do for them. Snowflakes were given to

students, and they wrote the kind act that someone did for them on the snowflake. The snowflakes were then put up on the Kindness Tree to create the Dutch Neck Blizzard of Kindness.

National Dragon Day

Jan. 16 marked Dutch Neck's first celebration of National Dragon Day in honor of our school mascot, Dexter the Dragon. We thought it would be fitting to celebrate our favorite mascot on that day which coordinated with a student half day for conferences. Students and staff wore their favorite Dexter shirts or any type of dragon shirt. Teachers were invited to take a picture of their class in their dragon shirts. These pictures were shared on the front hall monitor for students to admire. Each class also received an 11x17 poster of Dexter that said "Be Kind Like Dexter," and students were invited to write an example of kindness around the picture of Dexter. The class colored their class Dexter and these posters were displayed on a bulletin board in the main hallway near the cafeteria. Dutch Neck's celebration of National Dragon Day united and renewed our school spirit for the start of the new year!

Reminders

- 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.](#)

District Updates

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

Athletics

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Vaping: What Your Kids Don't Want You to Know." 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

- **Reduce, reuse, recycle:** Sodexo will be celebrating "[Reduce Utensil Waste Day](#)" Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, in each of the WW-P elementary schools. The day's menu items will not require a utensil to eat. If bringing a lunch from home, try and create your own "utensil free" lunch.
- 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.

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)