

Jan. 24, 2020

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

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 that follows. If you are unable to send in a food item, please consider donating a small monetary amount to help us pay for catering. All contributions should reach the 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. [Click here for details.](#)

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.**
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>.
4. **VOLUNTEER** - tinyurl.com/helpic2020

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

- **Dutch Neck’s All School Meeting:** Our All School Meeting this month took place on Thursday. The focus of the meeting was on Persistence. Our students heard messages from students and staff on times they were persistent, watched peers present on the subject, and have been having follow-up conversations and read-alouds in their classrooms.
- **National No Name Calling Week:** This week is National No Name Calling Week. No Name Calling Week began in 2004 and was inspired by the book, *The Misfits* by James Howe. The story is about four friends who try to wipe out name-calling of all kinds at their school. We will focus on stopping name calling at DNS. Even though we focus on trying to stop name-calling **this** week, we will try to stop name calling **all year long** at DNS.

- The kindness focus was seen included in our daily announcements, book suggestions shared with teachers, and potential classroom activities.

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](#).
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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.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak that is currently centered in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, the **West Windsor Department of Human Services** has issued a [Public Health Notice](#) in response

to questions regarding the illness and travel concerns that the local health department has begun to receive.

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 events 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 Feb. 9, for the [HEART Campaign](#). Give a HEART to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their life. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.

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](#)