

Feb. 7, 2020

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

All WW-P schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 14 (professional development day for staff) and Monday, Feb. 17, 2020.

PTA News

TONIGHT! -- International Carnival -- EVENT SOLD OUT! Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

[Click here](#) to volunteer during the event if you have already bought tickets for your family and are coming to the event. See you tonight!

Become an Active PTA Member - Are you interested in helping our school by serving on the Dutch Neck PTA Board or as a Committee Member for the 2020 - 2021 school year? If so, be a part of the PTA Board or chair an event! It is a great way to become involved in your child's school. There are many different positions available, from those that require your presence once or twice a year, to those that run throughout the year. Many of these can be done from the comfort of your home which is great for working parents. Have a voice, exchange ideas, share your talents, contribute to improving our children's school experience -- and have fun while doing it! For more information please contact Dutchnecknominating@gmail.com.

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

SEPTSA Events & Notices

- Contact [Kathleen](#) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Saturday, Feb. 8 - Lego Buddies** - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m., West Windsor Library. Join our informal gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s to socialize through Lego play. RSVP by Friday at 10 p.m. to [Kathleen](#).
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at last week's meeting, SEPTSA is accepting nominations for those interested to help in an officer capacity until Mar. 1. We welcome offers to help in any capacity

throughout the year. For officer nominations, contact [Sophie Hanstveit](#) and for other volunteer inquiries contact [Kathleen](#).

- **Sunday, Feb. 23: "Office Hours"** 4 - 6 p.m., McCaffrey's (upstairs cafe). Come meet other special education parents to talk or get informal advice on your issues! Contact [Jennifer Riccards](#) with questions.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26: SEPAG meeting**, 7 - 9 p.m., Grover Middle School. The topic is TBD, but will likely be the special education program review that just began. Contact [Jennifer Riccards](#) with questions or RSVPs.

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

School News

Schools are closed:

- Friday, Feb. 14- Professional Development Day
- Monday, Feb. 17 - Presidents Day

School Counselor Week:

This week was National School Counselor week. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Nancy Dunne for all she does for staff and students at Dutch Neck!

Ten Ways to Raise a Reader

1. Read aloud to your child regularly, even if they can read on their own
2. Discuss books with your child (dinner time, car rides, etc.)
3. Point out words everywhere
4. Repeat, repeat, repeat
5. Act out stories together
6. Let children have a choice about what they read for pleasure
7. Let your child see you reading
8. Have a variety of books around the house
9. Visit your public library together
10. Celebrate and value reading

Reminders:

- Check out the [important upcoming dates in 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](#)
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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, WW-P continues to carefully monitor the situation and heed guidance that has been provided by state and national health organizations. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- Registration for **Spring After-School Enrichment** is now open. [Spring after-school programs](#) are here and spaces fill fast. Do not delay registration! Registration closes Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- **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.
- [Innovation Fair 2020](#): The Foundation's Youth Committee will hold auditions for **WW-P's Got Talent** at the HS South Playhouse, from Mar. 5 - 7. The district-wide talent show will be held May 16, 2020, and is a fabulous forum for kids to show off their talents. Acts may include individuals, groups and bands and is open to students in grades K-12! [Click here](#) to register to audition.

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](#)