

Feb. 7, 2020

Wicoff 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

Congratulations to our 2nd and 3rd grade participants in the Entertainment Night! There are so many talented Wicoff students. After the artists, now we are calling all scientists! Sign up for the Science Fair NOW! Lots of action coming up, friends!

Upcoming Events:

2020 Wicoff Green Science Fair online registration is currently open. Please note that registration will close Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. ** No exceptions for travel or sickness.** Start thinking about those projects. Participation will be open for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Kindergarten students are invited to attend the Green Science Fair on Mar. 7, 2020, to view the exhibits. Green Science Fair allows participants to understand how every effort, even one made by an individual, can impact our community in a positive way. It allows students the opportunity to show how their project can help others adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. A Green Science Fair project is a presentation of an experiment, a demonstration, a research effort, or a display of scientific apparatus. It represents the efforts of a student's investigation into an area of sustainability and how it will positively impact the environment. Please click on the following link to register your child: <https://forms.gle/RuaQRiA1efuSHfzT6>. Contact wicoffptasciencefair@gmail.com for any queries.

PTA General Meeting: Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The topic for the evening is "Getting an Inside Look at the Reading Instruction at Wicoff." Every time we see our child's report card, we notice the reading level as a letter grade. What does that letter mean? Come find out in this interactive presentation that will focus on how the teachers are instructing students in reading, how they assess students and help them grow as readers. Parents will have an opportunity to experience what it is like for students during the reading block. Guest speakers include Mrs. Lindsay Jablonski, Assistant Principal, Wicoff; Mrs. Kelly Borup, Teacher Resources Specialist for Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Penny Fisher, K-5 Literacy/ ESL Supervisor.

Box Tops: Collection ends Feb. 25: Our Box Tops event is back! A Box Tops flyer was sent home this week in your child's folder with details of the program. Please send clipped Box Tops to us in a ziploc bag. Also, keep scanning your receipts in the Box Tops app! In case you missed the flyer, you can also download it [here](#). The app enables parents to easily scan and donate to the Wicoff PTA. The last date to send in Box Tops is Feb. 25.

Spring Book Fair: Mar. 2 - 7: Book fair family hours (held in conjunction with the Science Fair) will be Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.). The online book fair will run from Feb. 23 - Mar. 7. The Spring Book Fair is around the corner and we need your help. Parent volunteers are needed to set up the book fair and help during the family event. Most important of all, we need volunteers to help students select books before school and during their library time. **We especially need help during Kindergarten and first grade library times.** Please sign up via the following link, if you are able to help. VOLUNTEER LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aada922a2fa7-2020>

Online Book Fair: The online book fair is another way to buy books during the Spring Book Fair and another way to support Wicoff. You may purchase books online and have them delivered to your home. ONLINE LINK: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=wicoffelementaryschool1>

PTA Board Nominations for next year are going to begin soon. **We are recruiting members to lead the PTA next year!** The Wicoff PTA board is currently comprised of parents of students graduating from Wicoff in June of this year. As you are aware, the PTA is an essential arm of every elementary school. The association is responsible for supplementing the school's mission with meaningful and fun activities for students and their families. We have had some great interactions with many of you who have volunteered throughout the year. If being involved, creative and making connections sounds like you, then we need YOU on the board. Email us for more info!

Useful Links: [Email](#) | [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

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

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Feb. 13 - Spirit Day - Happy Hearts Day - Students and staff wear red
- Feb. 14 - PD Day for staff members - No school for students
- Feb. 17 - School closed for Presidents' Day

Reminders:

- The February 2020 issue of the Wicoff J. Fox newsletter is now [online](#).
- Check out our [Wicoff Twitter account](#) for announcements and upcoming events.
- Check out the [important upcoming dates in February](#). Reminder, schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 14 (professional development day for staff) and Monday, Feb. 17.
- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.

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 [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](#)