

Feb. 28, 2020

## **Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update**

### **PTA News**

#### **Dad and Me - FREE Ninja Warrior Training**

Date: Saturday, Mar. 14, 2020

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Registration Closed:** Due to an overwhelming response we have reached our maximum capacity so the registration has been closed now. Hope to see many of you there!

#### **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](mailto:Dutchnecknominating@gmail.com).

**Box Tops** - Download the "Box Tops For Education" App and scan your Box Tops and grocery receipts (from Target, Walmart and McCaffrey's) on your phone WITHIN 15 DAYS OF PURCHASE. [Please see downloading instructions](#). You can also collect and send Box Tops in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA.

**McCaffery's Receipts** - Collect and send your McCaffery's receipts WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF PURCHASE in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA.

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

### **SEPTSA Events & Notices**

- Contact Kathleen ([Kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:Kkz4@verizon.net)) for questions. Visit our website [www.WWP-SEPTSA.org](http://www.WWP-SEPTSA.org) to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Saturday, Feb. 29 - Lego Buddies - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**, West Windsor Library - Join our information gathering of elementary students with IEPs or 504s

to socialize through Lego play. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 28 at 10 p.m. to Kathleen ([Kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:Kkz4@verizon.net)).

- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at the last SEPTSA meeting, we are 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 ([mjwannabe829@yahoo.com](mailto:mjwannabe829@yahoo.com)) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen ([Kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:Kkz4@verizon.net)).

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

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## School News

- Tuesday, Feb. 25 was a bright day at Dutch Neck Elementary School. Students wore bright/neon colors for our All School Meeting which focused on thinking optimistically.
- The Kids Heart Challenge is wrapping up! It's not too late to help our school fight heart disease. Download the Kids Heart Challenge app or visit [heart.org/KidsHeartChallenge](http://heart.org/KidsHeartChallenge) to join our school team. We are so proud of our students for learning how to stay healthy, gain confidence and help others by raising money for the American Heart Association. Thank you so much for your support! Thanks to all who donated so far!
- Author Day – Apr. 21, 2020 – Author Day book order forms have been sent home. All orders are due by Friday, Mar. 6. Mr. O'Malley, the visiting author, will sign books purchased during the presale only. Children will receive their books on Wednesday, Apr. 22.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

## Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, Mar. 2** - Read Across America
- **Wednesday, Mar. 18** - Class group photos. Order forms will be sent home prior to picture day.

- **Third Grade Spring Choral Concerts** - More information to follow. Please note: All choral students will perform an in-school concert on May 12 during the school day for students and staff.
  - Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.
  - Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.

### **Around the District:**

- **WW-P presents... spring theater!** [Click here for additional details](#) and ticket information regarding High School North's *Mary Poppins* (Feb. 27-29 and Mar. 1), High School South's *Guys and Dolls* (Mar. 5-7), Grover Middle School's *Freaky Friday* (Mar. 13-14) and Community Middle School's *Dorothy in Wonderland* (Mar. 19-21).
  - Check out the district [academic calendar](#) for important upcoming dates. The 2020-2021 School Year Calendar is posted on the [district website](#) as is the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar that was approved by the WW-P Board of Education at the Feb. 25, 2020 meeting.
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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, Mar. 26, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Understanding Child and Adolescent Anxiety." Click [here](#) to review this year's previous Parent University presentations.

- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (COVID-19) 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, Mar. 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

- The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office presents "[A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Cellphone.](#)" A free and informative presentation that aims to educate parents about internet safety and the dangers of certain phone applications. The presentation will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy (1001 Fire Academy Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872), **Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 6 p.m.**
- In mid-March, homes will begin receiving invitations to complete the [US Census](#). Responses may be submitted online, by phone, or via mail. Results will impact the federal funds our communities and our schools receive. For more information on why this census is so important for WW-P children, check out the Advocates for Children of New Jersey's [Census 2020 NJ website](#).
- 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**

- [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](#)