

Mar. 6, 2020

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Dad and Me - FREE Ninja Warrior Training

Date: Saturday, Mar. 14, 2020, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Registration Closed: Due to an overwhelming response, we have reached our maximum capacity so the registration has been closed now.

PTA General Meeting Thursday, Mar. 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. - Grab your chance to get a peek " Inside a Math Classroom." Special guest speaker, Melissa J. Pearson, WW-P Mathematics Supervisor, K-5 will explain through hands-on activities and discussion what it feels like to be part of a math classroom in WW-P.

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! For more information please contact Dutchnecknominating@gmail.com.

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

SEPTSA Events & Notices

- Contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **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) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net).

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

School News

- Monday, Mar. 2 was an exciting day at Dutch Neck Elementary School. Students and adults alike were excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We had many special guest visitors come in to read to students, including the officers from the West Windsor Police Department. The fun-filled day ended with some D.E.A.R. time where students and teachers all came together to quietly read in the hallways of Dutch Neck School. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
- The Kids Heart Challenge was a major success! Thanks to the generosity of our community, Dutch Neck School was able to raise \$12,471.70! The money will be donated to the American Heart Association and Kids Heart Challenge. Dutch Neck School is proud to make a difference in the lives of others in need.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, Mar. 18** - Class group photos. Order forms will be sent home prior to picture day.
- **Author Day – Apr. 21, 2020** – Author Day book order forms have been sent home. All orders are due by TODAY, 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.
- **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 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.
 - **GMS's Hands Across the Water Club will hold a [Spring Carnival](#)** on Saturday, Mar. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Grover Middle School gym. All are welcome, but kids from ages 3-10 will have the most fun! All proceeds will go to the Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The club will also be holding a clothing drive to benefit the Community Charter School through the month of March. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Grover Middle School.
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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.
- Take a look at the [Athletic Department's flyer](#) with contact information and details on our local spring sports programs.

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.
- [Sign up to participate](#) in the May 16 [Innovation Fair 2020](#). The deadline to register is Apr. 10, 2020. Participation is open to all after-school clubs, groups and teachers with STEAM activities. Registration is also open for the [Fair's Chess Tournament](#).

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](#)