

Mar. 6, 2020

## Grover Middle School Weekly Update

### PTSA News

- **GMS/CMS Ice Skating Event** for students only, **Sunday, Mar. 8** from 5-7 p.m. at Mercer County Ice Rink. Sign up here to chaperone: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48ABAF2CA6F49-gmscms1>
- Don't be left out! **Amazing Jags Talent Show** will be held Friday, Apr. 3, 2020, in the GMS theater! Auditions for those who have already submitted their permission forms will be held Mar. 10 and 12, 3-5 p.m.
- **GMS School Musical: Freaky Friday, performances Friday, Mar. 13 and Saturday, Mar. 14:** Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, concession sales and concession donations. Sign up here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48abaf2ca6f49-freaky>
- **COMING SOON! GMS Scholastic Spring Book Fair - Mar. 23-27:** A new payment option is now available. Set up an e-Wallet account, and there is no need to have your child bring cash to school or remember which day they are shopping at the bookfair. For more information and to set-up a free, safe and secure account, find our school at: [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Type in Grover Middle School and follow directions on the website to set-up an eWallet. Funds will only be available during the bookfair. Only the actual funds your child spends will be credited to your account. Additional questions, contact [groverpts678@gmail.com](mailto:groverpts678@gmail.com)

**Useful links:** This is your PTSA and we want to hear from you. Reach out to us with questions or comments!

[PTSA Email](#) | [Donate Online](#) | [PTSA Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Amazon Smile](#) -  
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### 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.
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at the last SEPTSA meeting, 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

- **GMS presents the school musical, Freaky Friday:** Performances will be on Mar. 13 and Mar. 14. Please consider advertising your personal business or asking a local business to advertise in the playbill. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional details
- **Attention 6th and 7th Grade Parents:** Selection of middle school courses for the 2020-2021 school year will take place in your Genesis Parent Portal account. **Online course requests via Genesis must be completed by Mar. 15, 2020.** Directions were emailed and available via the link below. You may also view a continuation of your child's current academic program for the 2020-2021 school year under the "scheduling" tab in Genesis. For special education students, final placement will be determined during the IEP team annual review meeting. Please discuss course options with your child per the [Middle School Program of Studies](#).
- **Yearbooks:** Don't miss out on the 2019-2020 GMS yearbook. **The order deadline is Apr. 1.** Go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and search for our school to place your order. *There is NO extension to this deadline.*
- **GMS Hands Across the Water Club:** The Hands Across the Water Club is holding a clothing drive during the month of March. Please consider donating any old clothes that you no longer need and leave them in the drop-off box in the lobby. All proceeds will go to the Community Charter School for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Questions? Please contact Ms. Chiocca at [Diane.Chiocca@ww-p.org](mailto:Diane.Chiocca@ww-p.org). The Hands Across the Water Club is also hosting a Spring Carnival on Saturday, Mar. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Grover gym. The carnival is geared towards children between the ages of 3 and 10. There will be games, prizes, a craft table, face painting and food and much more. All proceeds will go to the Community Charter School for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Questions? Please contact Ms. Chiocca at [Diane.Chiocca@ww-p.org](mailto:Diane.Chiocca@ww-p.org)
- **Student Art:** GMS student art will be part of Youth Arts Month. Art from district students in grades K-12 will be featured at the Plainsboro and West Windsor libraries as well as the Plainsboro Recreation Center through Mar. 31.

- Check out the [Daily Announcements](#) on our website for dates, club and event announcements, information and more!

### **Athletics**

Spring Sports Tryouts: Students should continue to listen to announcements in school and look for updates in the Commons regarding tryouts.

**Track & Field** – Informational meeting on Monday, Mar. 23, 3-4 p.m. in the Commons  
6th grade tryouts begin Mar. 25  
7th grade tryouts begin Mar. 26  
8th grade tryouts begin Mar. 27

**Baseball** - Tryouts begin Mar. 16

**Softball** – Tryouts begin Mar. 24

**Boys Lacrosse** – Tryouts begin Mar. 19

**Girls Lacrosse** – Informational meeting on Mar. 12

**Tennis** (grades 7 and 8 only) – Informational meeting Monday, Mar. 9 during lunches; tryouts begin Mar. 12

### **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** is holding a clothing drive through the month of March to benefit the Community Charter School, a school for orphans

in the Democratic Republic of Congo. 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](#)