

Mar. 6, 2020

## Maurice Hawk Elementary School Weekly Update

### PTA News

Our fourth annual **International Fair is coming up Friday, Mar. 20, 7 p.m.! Tickets are selling fast!** No tickets will be available at the door, so please get yours today.

- **Tickets:** Please note that this is a ticketed event with limited space. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Online registration closes Sunday, Mar. 15 at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person (over age 2).  
<http://hawkpta.org/machform/view.php?id=22345>
- **Volunteers:** We also need volunteers to help out the day of the event. Please see the sign up that follows to assist with setup, cleanup or bringing items for our reception.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054ea5a622a20-international7>
- **Poster Presentations:** Visit our website to sign up for country poster presentations, details on the event day, poster templates and parade guidelines: <http://www.hawkpta.org/2020-hawk-international-fair/>. A special thanks to all of our sponsors: Aloha, GymLand, NJ Power Speakers, Stibol Music and Princeton Tennis Program.

Our **Hawk Food Drive (Mar. 2 - Mar. 31)** has begun. We will be collecting donations throughout the month. Please see the below [flyer](#) for additional details.

A quick reminder on how you can use your online shopping and/or receipts to help benefit the Hawk PTA:

- Amazon Smile – Earn cash for MH on Amazon purchases by going through [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (033639 Maurice Hawk Elem Sch)
- McCaffrey's receipts – The Hawk PTA earns a 1 percent rebate on the amount you spend at McCaffrey's (minus milk and sushi). Save your receipts and send them to school in an envelope marked "PTA receipts." NOTE: We can only use receipts within 3 months.

Thank you for your support,

Maurice Hawk PTA Executive Board

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

[Website](#) | [Email](#) | [PTA Calendar](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Donation Information](#)

## **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 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**

We had a fun week with **Read Across New Jersey**. The celebration on Monday included many friends as guest readers. Thank you to the Peer Leaders from Grover Middle School, the High School South baseball team, and our West Windsor Police and Firefighters. Maurice Hawk media specialist, Mrs. Ferguson, got many steps in as she played host to our guests. Thank you Mrs. Ferguson for planning and organizing such a great day. We LOVE BOOKS!

Our Hawk students participated during the week with a different topic for each day:

- **Monday - Oh the Places You'll Go Day** (Wear something from your favorite place): Books take us on great adventures. Wear something that reminds you of your favorite one. Teachers can read a book that takes you on a great adventure!

- **Tuesday - Tell me a Fact Day** (Wear a shirt that matches your favorite non-fiction topic): Bring in a book on your favorite non-fiction topic to read during DEAR time!
- **Wednesday - Cultural Day** (Bring in a favorite book about your culture/wear something that represents your culture): Share a book from your culture and/or wear something that represents your culture.
- **Thursday - Healthy Me Day** (Wear your gym clothes and read a book about taking care of you): Celebrate a schoolwide mindful minute. Everyone wears exercise clothing and reads a book on health, including mind, body or spirit.
- **Friday - Curl up and Read Day** (Wear pajamas and bring your favorite book)

### **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](#)