

April 24, 2020

## **Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Update**

### **A Message From the Wicoff Administration**

Dear Wicoff Parents & Guardians,

We hope that everyone was able to find some time to relax and enjoy some time off for Spring Break. This week concludes our 5th week of virtual learning. The K-5 level curriculum will continue to be provided electronically using the slide decks. Teachers will continue to foster social emotional learning via videos and synchronous (live) opportunities. We continue to recognize the ever-changing challenges and varied demands our families are faced with each day. Please reach out to your child's teacher, guidance counselor or building administrator for any concerns and to maintain communication.

We continue to be here to support you and want to assist you as needed. We have resources available to families in need.

- Families who qualify for free or reduced meals are being supported by bi-monthly food distribution. If your circumstances have changed and you need assistance in this area, please contact either the guidance counselor, nurse or building administrator.
- Technology is another resource available. Families who are having difficulty with their school-issued device or for those families who need access to a device for their child, please complete the link that follows. Once you complete this link, you may report to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to get tech support or sign out a device. Please note: you will not receive a notification to report to the high school; please go to High School North on the next Tuesday or Thursday. **Link to Form: Technology Request**
- In addition to the curriculum that is being provided virtually, we also support any student who is struggling with the circumstances and loss of being at school with peers and teachers. If your child is experiencing difficulty, please reach out to his/her teacher, guidance counselor, CST, or building administrator for support.

Please stay connected with the PTA as they are working on some end-of-the-year events and opportunities that will be available electronically.

We will continue to keep you updated with the weekly newsletter.

Warm regards,

Michael Welborn and Lindsay Jablonski

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## School Updates

- **Assistance:** If your child needs assistance, please email us at [we@ww-p.org](mailto:we@ww-p.org).
  - **Absences:** If your child is ill, please note it in Genesis as usual. Please take care of yourselves and your family.
  - **Grades K through 5 e-Learning Plans:** Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers will share links to the e-learning plans with their classes via email.
  - **Spam Folder:** During this period of virtual/remote learning, our teachers will be reaching out via phone and email to students and parents. Please check your spam filters to ensure that emails sent from your child(ren)'s teachers are being directed to your inbox and not your spam folder.
  - **Athletics:** Check out the latest edition of the [WW-P Athletics newsletter](#) featuring highlights of some of our amazing senior spring athletes, fall registration and more.
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## District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [COVID-19 Information](#) | [Virtual/Remote Learning Website](#)

## Virtual Experiences and Activities

- Dr. Aderhold wanted to provide you with some fun educational activities to enjoy at home. Check out this list of [virtual experiences](#).

## Counseling and Wellness

- **School Counselor Corner:** District K-5 school counselors have created a [grid](#) of activities to keep our students talking and thinking mindfully while the district is implementing virtual/remote learning.
- **Health Resources:** WW-P district nurses have pulled together [important health information](#) for families. Please check it out.
- **Counseling and Wellness:** The WW-P District Wellness Committee has created a [website](#) to promote the understanding that wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. Students, families, and staff are encouraged to embed these self care resources into their daily routine.

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

- Click [here](#) for a message from the K-5 Curriculum and Instruction Team (Susan Totaro, Supervisor for Curriculum and Instruction, K-12; Melissa Pearson, Supervisor for Mathematics, K-5; Penny Fisher, Supervisor for LAL/ESL, K-5).

### **Dual Language Immersion Kindergarten for 2020-2021**

- The mandatory virtual WW-P Dual Language Immersion Parent Information Session is now live. Children entering kindergarten in September 2020 are eligible. [Check out the virtual session for information regarding the registration process.](#)

### **District Facilities**

- **Playground Equipment and Athletic Fields:** As WW-P continues to sanitize our facilities and practice social distancing, all school playground equipment/athletic fields/courts/tracks/etc remain closed until further notice.

### **Food Services**

- If your child(ren) receives food benefits, please check your email next week for instructions.
- If your financial situation has recently changed and you would like information on food benefits, please click [here](#) for details and to download the application.

## Registration

- At this time, all student registration for incoming kindergarten students for the 2020-21 school year, as well as students moving into the WW-P Regional School District will be done by appointment and virtually until the district reopens. Please [click here](#) for more information and to begin the process.

## State Information

- **State of New Jersey:** [www.covid19.nj.gov](http://www.covid19.nj.gov) has been created as the official **COVID-19** information hub for the State of New Jersey. The website includes up-to-date information, services, where to find assistance, job opportunities, and more.
- **New Jersey Department of Education:** Governor Murphy [announced on March 24](#) that NJ is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window.
- **A Program of Center for Food Action - Hunger Free New Jersey:** This non-profit organization is working with its partners to inform citizens of rapidly developing changes to address hunger during this crisis. For information and resources on programs such as NJ school meals, SNAP, WIC, and more, please visit the [organization's website](#).

## Communications

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). SchoolMessenger integrates with Genesis. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis so that you may receive emails/texts/calls from WW-P.

## Board of Education Meeting

- 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.**

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