

May 22, 2020

## **Maurice Hawk Elementary School Weekly Update**

**- WW-P schools will be closed in observance of Memorial Day Monday, May 25 and Tuesday, May 26, returning to virtual instruction Wednesday, May 27. -**

### **A Message From the Maurice Hawk Administration**

Dear Maurice Hawk Parents & Guardians,

As we continue to navigate through another week of remote learning and we continue to stretch our minds to guide our students through each learning day, we need to continue to collaborate with each other in order for your child's success. We recognize the challenges remote learning has placed on families during this uncertain time. Please know that we are here to assist. We ask that you maintain communication with your child's teacher, and as needed with the school counselor, school nurse, case managers and the administration team. We communicate regularly with our elementary teams (teachers, administrators, PTA leadership, etc.) in order to plan the end-of-year special events (field days, student and parent orientations, transitioning to a new building, etc.) and celebrations for specific grade levels and the entire school community. We are also discussing plans for the "close out" of this school year and the collection and return of materials as the last day of school is scheduled for June 19. Of course, everyone's safety must come first. Please know important information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks concerning these two areas.

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 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 this [form](#). Once you complete this form, you may report to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday between 11 a.m. and 2

p.m. to get the tech support or sign out a device. **Beginning May 29, the Tech Department will also be available at High School North on Fridays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Please note: The form must be completed prior to going to High School North. You will not receive a notification to report to the high school; please go to High School North on the next Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday following submission of the form.

- 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.

In closing, this is a friendly reminder that all WW-P Schools will be closed Monday, May 25 and Tuesday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Virtual/remote instruction will resume Wednesday, May 27. We encourage you to spend time with your family and enjoy the "down-time" together away from your computer screens and devices.

Fondly,  
Patricia Buell and Jack Colella

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## School Updates

### PTA News:

- **PTA Food Drive:** The PTA, with assistance from the Hawk administration, will hold a food drive to benefit the Plainsboro Food Pantry. Collections will occur from May 18 through June 12, 2020. Please see the [flyer](#) for requested items, drop off times, and procedures. Please contact [president@hawkpta.org](mailto:president@hawkpta.org) with any questions or concerns.

### Reminders:

- **Assistance:** If your child needs assistance, please email us at [mhe@ww-p.org](mailto:mhe@ww-p.org).
- **Attention Parents of Current 3rd graders:** Parents are reminded to login to Genesis in order to select their child's music ensemble choice for the 2020-21 school year. Specific details and instructions were emailed earlier in the week.
- **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](#)

## 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 Corner

- Click [here](#) for a message on "Small Moments in Big Times" from Cathy Reilly, WW-P Supervisor of Language Arts & ESL, 6-12.

## 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:** 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.
- **Remote Instruction Continues Through End of Academic Year:** On May 4, [Governor Murphy announced](#) the closure of all school buildings through the end of the academic school year.
- **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.

## **Virtual Community Events**

- Community groups and organizations are beginning to organize virtual events. Click [here](#) for some upcoming virtual activities.

## **West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation**

- It's Teacher Appreciation Month! Show your appreciation to our heroic teachers and staff for their phenomenal work during this unprecedented time with a STAR. During the month of May you can honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or a staff member who makes a difference in their life via [STAR Campaign](#). Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.

## **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.

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