

June 5, 2020

## **Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update**

### **A Message From the Dutch Neck Administration**

Dear Dutch Neck Parents & Guardians,

We have completed our first school week in June. There are two more full weeks and then we will have concluded the 2019-20 school year. We are incredibly proud of the efforts of all our WW-P colleagues and families who joined together to help support our students. We recognize that these are challenging times and we are committed to working towards addressing issues of racism and supporting our students using developmentally appropriate resources that promote tolerance, equity and the importance of taking action. Please see the [resources](#) that were shared in Dr. Aderhold's message to the WW-P community on Confronting Racism. Next week's newsletter will include some additional resources that support our elementary students.

With the warmer weather upon us, it is a good idea to schedule both work time and some break time. Remember the children are used to getting physical activity every day at school. The activity is important to help the brain focus when it is time for the academics. With physical activity in mind, please remember Friday, June 12 is our Virtual Field Day! You have received links to post your photos and videos to show us how you participated in the events. Please click [here](#) to review our school letter and register you and your family for Field Day.

Preparations are underway for the retrieval and drop-off of items at school. This is the time to start gathering up all the books and materials that need to be returned to school. Put the items in a bag marked with your child's name as well as their teacher's name and bring it on the scheduled drop off/pick up days. Please [click here](#) for additional information and details.

If you are moving or planning to move either out of the district or within the district it is **very important** that you notify your child's teacher. This is important for the placement process and to ensure you receive any information that may be mailed out.

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, Thursday or Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to get the tech support or sign out a device. 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.

Warmest regards,  
David Argeese and Laura Bruce

**Important Dutch Neck Links:**

[Retrieval and Drop-off Information](#)

[Virtual Field Day Parent Letter](#)

[Virtual Field Day Sign-up Form](#)

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## **School Updates**

### **PTA Update:**

- **Dedicate a Brick on the Dutch Neck Walk of Fame:** The Dutch Neck School PTA is selling engraved bricks to be installed along the pathway leading to the amphitheater and the Dutch Neck Garden. Bricks will be installed before

September 2020. Each brick is for \$50 and can be purchased via PayPal on the PTA website, [dutchneckpta.org](http://dutchneckpta.org). The order form can be emailed to Kari Huang at [kari.huang@yahoo.com](mailto:kari.huang@yahoo.com). Please make sure you have paid and emailed the completed form by Monday, June 15, 2020.

### Reminders:

- **Assistance:** If your child needs assistance, please email us at [dne@ww-p.org](mailto:dne@ww-p.org).
- **Attention Parents of Current 3rd graders:** The selection deadline has been EXTENDED to June 15 -- 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.
- **Virtual Field Day - June 12, 2020:** Field Day is an important tradition at our school. It is a significant day for our students and our staff, and in these incredibly challenging times this school event provides a way that we can stay connected as a community and support one another in a fun and meaningful way. On **Friday June 12**, our school will participate in our own Virtual Field Day! Students will be able to choose four (4) different activities to participate in and will be able to post their videos or pictures to our school's Flipgrid! Please click [here](#) for the parent letter for more information regarding this fun day!
- **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.
- **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](#)

## **Community Education**

- Registration is now open for WW-P's Community Education Virtual Summer Programs. Spaces are limited, register soon! Please click [here](#) to view the Virtual Summer Program Guide and click [here](#) to register.

## **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 "Windows and Mirrors" from Susan Totaro, WW-P Supervisor for Curriculum and Instruction, K-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.
- **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.

## **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.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)