

Sept. 25, 2020

Wicoff Elementary School

WW-P Schools and Board Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 28.

PTA

What a GREAT RESPONSE! It was wonderful to see so many of our returning and new families at the PTA's First General Meeting. Many thanks to all the parents in attendance. Also thankful to Ms. Michele Kaish, BOE president, our school administrators, and volunteer teachers for their time.

- **Launch of our new website:** After months of preparation, we are excited to share our new PTA website with you, finally! It was time for a refresh! We hope you find all the information in the easy to navigate website. Please visit our [new website](#) and bookmark the page.
- **Redberry Fundraiser:** It is time to celebrate the end of September. Let us celebrate with a **Redberry Frozen Yoghurt fundraiser!** Our local partner, Redberry Frozen Yoghurt (7 Schalks Crossing Road), will give a percentage of the sales amount made **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 1-9 p.m.** to our PTA. Please [click here](#) and show the flyer during your purchase.
- **First virtual event for students:** Join us for this fun and interactive kick-off to the fall season! Wicoff PTA is happy to collaborate with **Stage a Story** for an autumn-themed creative drama workshop! Let your kid's imagination fly **Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.** For more information, [click here.](#)
- **Coming soon** Student BINGO NIGHT with our Wicoff teachers.....

SEPTSA

- Check back for information and updates from SEPTSA
- **Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School

We welcome Autumn as we completed our 3rd week of school.

- Students have settled into their new routines and are becoming skilled in navigating the virtual world. Many parents are finding ways to support their children in their virtual learning. Here are some tips that may help with these efforts:

- Designate a clearly-defined learning space.
- Select a chair that allows the student to sit with good posture and to place their feet flat on the floor.
- Have your child help decide how best to organize their supplies and materials.
- Make a chart of some ways your child can enjoy their screen break time (stretching, playing a game, resting, having a snack).
- Look around your child's learning space and look to remove/reduce distractors: turn off TVs, put toys away, separate family members on different Zoom calls or use well-fitting headphones, etc.
- Post a daily or weekly schedule.
- If you need any assistance, please reach out to your child's teacher or guidance counselor for additional ideas or suggestions. Below please find some links to media stories to assist.
 - [Parent Tips and Tricks for Distance Learning](#)
 - [Online Learning Tips - USA Today](#)
- **School Supplies:** K-5 Schools will be sending out plans for parents to pick up grade-level school supplies to support students in the virtual learning environment. The initial plan is focused on the week of Oct. 5 or just after. More information to follow.
- **Back to School Night:** Thank you to all who were able to attend our virtual Back to School Nights this week. Communication is always a critical part of a positive home/school connection and we appreciate you taking the time to participate. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions.
- Our school benefits from a supportive PTA. We appreciate all they for our students, staff and parents. [If you have not already joined the PTA, please consider joining. We would love to see 100% participation!](#)

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5: Blue Shirt Day for National Bullying Prevention Day
- Oct. 12: Silly Sock & Shoe Day for "Stomping Out Bullying"

District

[WW-P District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Events Calendar](#)

Reminders

- Schools and Board Offices will be **closed Monday, Sept. 28**. Click [here](#) to see the academic calendars.
- **The week of Sept. 28 is Hybrid Week 2**. Please click [here](#) for the Sept./Oct. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **Health Screening**: Please remember to complete the Daily Health Screening form for your child(ren) on the days they will be in-person. The form is located under the Forms tab in [Genesis](#).
- **Contact Information**: Is your contact information up-to-date in Genesis? If your email or phone numbers have changed, please make sure to update your information in Genesis. If you would like to opt-in to receive SMS text messages from the District, please text "Yes" to "67587" from a cell phone that is listed with your contact information in Genesis. Text messaging rates may apply. For additional details, please click [here](#).
- **Back to School Nights**: This year all [Back to School Nights](#) will be held virtually. Additional details and links will be provided closer to the event.

Athletics

- **Athletic Registration**: Winter Athletic registration will be postponed with a date to be determined. WW-P is waiting for more guidance from the Department of Health, The State of NJ and the NJSIAA regarding procedures and policies for the winter season. As more information becomes available we will message out to students and families. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Athletic Director, Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org.
- **Attendance at Sporting Events**: The Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) is putting attendance policies in place for the 2020 fall season. No students will be permitted to attend neighboring CVC games in order to comply with social distancing policies and the State Order regarding the number of individuals at gatherings. Should you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Athletic Director, Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org.

Counseling and Wellness

- Please join us for our next **Virtual Parent University on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at 7 p.m. via Zoom**. The topic will be "Coping with COVID: Grief and Trauma" to better understand grief and trauma-informed parenting practices to support students during the pandemic. Jesse Bassett, director of education for Good Grief, a non-profit organization that builds resilience in children, strengthens families, and empowers communities to grow from loss and

adversity, will be presenting. Families and caretakers may use the Zoom link to **register for the presentation:**

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- To see past **Parent University** presentations:
http://www.wv-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent_university

Community Education

- EDP is being offered for k-5 students. Morning and afternoon care is available 5 days a week at your child's school. Full-day care is also available for your child's non-in person week. For more information, check out the [2020-2021 EDP General Information](#) offerings.
- Virtual After School Enrichment registration is closing soon! On Sept. 28, Community Education will be closing registration for the fall session. Classes begin the week of Oct. 5. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Check out the [2020 Fall Programs](#).
- Family Fun Fridays are beginning soon! Register your family to take part in different events or crafts such as crochet, yoga, game nights and more. Check out the program guide on page 11 to learn more. Check out the [2020 Fall Programs](#).
- To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

Curriculum and Instruction

- Have a question about Google Classroom? Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these [resources for support](#) in the Families and Caregivers Tutorial Helpdesk. More tutorials will be added as they become available.

Food Services

- Distribution for WW-P students who currently receive food benefits will now occur on a **weekly basis**. Distribution will be held Mondays at High School North from 4-6 p.m. Families who receive benefits will continue to receive emails asking for a response regarding participation for the coming week. Completing the registration form in the weekly email is required prior to pick up.
- In conjunction with the federal government and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, a waiver has been issued that allows school-aged children access to nutritious meals. As a participant in the National School Lunch Program, all WW-P students are extended the opportunity to receive free breakfasts and

lunches due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. Click [here](#) for more information.

Technology

- Broken Chromebook/iPad? WW-P students with Chromebooks/iPads that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this [Google form](#) (students must log in to their Google account to access the form) and then come to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday from 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

District Communication

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis.
- Click [here](#) to view the Fall 2020 WW-P District News.

Virtual Community Events

- Click [here](#) for upcoming virtual events and activities from community groups and organizations.

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.

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