

Oct. 02, 2020

## Dutch Neck Elementary School

### PTA

- **Coffee with the Principals and Dr. Nikki Weiner TONIGHT at 7 p.m.** - Meet the principals and find out about everything going on at Dutch Neck. Learn about ergonomics from Dr. Nikki Weiner, who will offer strategies on combating screen fatigue and other common discomforts associated with virtual school work for young students. [Zoom details.](#)
- Volunteers needed to help with Drive-by Supply Pick-Up Oct. 6 and 7, 2020. Please sign up [here](#).
- **Dutch Neck Virtual Play Dates** - We will be able to organize this event ONLY FOR THOSE CLASSES that have parent supervisors. [Click here](#) to volunteer.
- **Reflections Art Contest** - Deadline October 20, 2020. All Dutch Neck school students are invited to participate. [Click here for details.](#)

**SEPTSA Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

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### School

As we welcome the month of October this week, it allows us time to reflect on our students and their progress in the school year thus far.

For families of in-person students, we are very grateful for your assistance helping students grow accustomed to the new in-person safety procedures. It is always helpful to remind your child the importance of wearing a mask as it helps keep them safe and shows others that you are caring about their safety as well.

**Week of Respect:** The **Week of Respect** is held each year in October in all NJ schools. It originated from the HIB Anti-Bullying Law in New Jersey. Each year schools focus on positive messages about kindness and ways to stop bullying in order to build a positive school climate. Each day we do activities such as making a pledge to not bully, and other activities and greetings during Morning Meeting. Morning announcements focus on respecting yourself and others.

## **Schedule for Week of Respect**

- Monday – Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention
- Tuesday - Shine Bright and Choose Kindness – Wear Neon or bright colors
- Wednesday – Put a Cap on Bullying – Wear a favorite hat to school (and virtually)
- Thursday – Flex Your Kindness – Wear workout or gym clothes
- Friday – Stomp out Bullying AND Wear DN gear – Wear crazy or mismatched socks to school and Dutch Neck gear.

**Student Supply Pickup:** The district has prepared student resources for distribution to you on Oct. 6 and 7 (rain dates Oct. 8 and 9 respectively). We are confident that you will find these materials to be helpful in assisting your child as they engage and learn new concepts. Please refer to the communication sent by your child's teacher and found in the following link: [Letter to families for supply pickup](#). These resources are necessary for students to have and use for instruction, so please make every effort to come to school and pick them up.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Clear and timely communication between teachers and parents has always been a hallmark of the WW-P success for students. The staff is prepared to dialogue with you during your appointment for Parent /Teacher Conferences. Your exchange of information with one another leads to a productive learning plan for your child. Specific scheduling information will be forthcoming from your child's teacher. If you would like to request a conference with any of your child's special area teachers, please contact them through their email addresses found on the district website.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are set for Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Friday, Oct. 16. Evening conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15. Students will participate in shortened classes and complete periods 1-8 prior to the 1 p.m. dismissal time. Afternoon kindergarten will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m.

## **Early Dismissal Conference Schedule**

Period 1	9:05 - 9:30 a.m.
Period 2	9:35 - 10 a.m.
Period 3	10:05 - 10:30 a.m.

Period 4	10:35 - 11 a.m.
Period 5	11:05 - 11:30 a.m.
Period 6	11:35 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Period 7	12:05 -12:30 p.m.
Period 8	12:35 - 1 p.m.

### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 2: Dutch Neck Spirit Day- Favorite Sports Team Day
- Oct. 2: PTA General Meeting 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12-25: Virtual Book Fair
- Oct. 20: Deadline for Reflections entry

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### District

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

### Reminders

- **The week of Oct. 5 is Hybrid Week 1.** 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](#).
- **Masks:** Please also be advised that neither neck gaiters or valve masks provide appropriate protection and are not permitted for use on school or District grounds. Please use a mask with two or more layers that fits snugly over the nose and face. If a student does not have an appropriate mask, one will be provided by the District upon request.
- **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](#).

### Athletics

- **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](mailto:Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org).

## Counseling and Wellness

- Check out WW-P's 2020 Week of Respect events for each school: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IGTCNQSX-Ulf35NPW2urWyeFADdpqTON0ahCMWfyl9g/edit?usp=sharing>
- 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](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.ww-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent\\_university](http://www.ww-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent_university)

## 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 were recently added!

## Community Education

- EDP is being offered for kindergarten through 5th-grade 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.
  - Community Education just added an afternoon option from dismissal until 3:45 p.m. Students are able to remain at their schools to complete their afternoon virtual assignments while supervised by EDP staff members.
  - For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#)

- Registration for Fall Enrichment Session 1 has closed, but spaces are still available for Fall Session 2. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information, check out the fall guide here: [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! To view the fall guide, click here: [2020 Fall Programs](#).
  - To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

## **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. Please register [here](#) by Oct. 7 for the Oct. 12 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Oct. 5 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Oct. 5 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 4 -6 p.m. at High School North.
- To view this month's menus, please click [here](#).

## **Technology**

- WW-P students who need to request a device or 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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