

Oct. 30, 2020

Wicoff Elementary School

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, all WW-P Schools will be VIRTUAL. There will be NO school on Thursday, Nov. 5, and Friday, Nov. 6. Due to the shortened week, there will not be a Nov. 6 newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent on Nov. 13.

PTA

This Halloween the Wicoff PTA decided to do something different. We requested parents to submit their Jack-O-Lantern pictures. We received 60 submissions and each one is unique! The picture collage of the submitted pictures looks beautiful. All pictures will be displayed on the school PTA social media platforms. Everyone's a winner!

Another heartfelt thank you to all our parents who donated books to the child's classroom and purchased books from the virtual book fair.

National PTA Reflections Program

The deadline for Reflection program entries is approaching soon! It is Nov. 10, 2020. "I Matter because" is the 2020 - 21 National PTA Reflection Program's theme and is open to all Wicoff PTA members. Students can submit their original artwork in one or all six categories: visual arts, photography, music composition, literature, film production, and dance choreography. All Wicoff students who participate will receive a certificate. The student winners at the local level have the opportunity to move up to the county, state and national level. For more information visit <https://www.wicoffpta.org/reflections>

Let's get Baking!

Wicoff PTA invites artists and scientists for a virtual baking show with friends. It will be so much fun for all of us to be together in our kitchen, bake pumpkin cupcakes, learn the science behind baking and decorate the cupcakes with none other than Ms. Wendy Rosenthal.

Added bonus, we get to eat cupcakes with the family!

When : Nov. 12 at 7pm

Where : Zoom link from the comfort of your home

How: Register here <https://forms.gle/BUbTyJVbo3MbDLYKA>

The ingredient list and Zoom link will be emailed to the registered participants. A post event cupcake decoration video will be shared with the participants via email.

Amazon Smile

Please take a moment to link your Amazon account to Amazon Smile. Select "33626 job wicoff elem school" as charity under Amazon Smile. Click <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3447652>. Donating to the PTA via Amazon Smile is at no additional cost to you! Amazon donates 0.5 percent of your purchase to Wicoff PTA. Every dollar counts! And every good deed counts!

Questions? Email us at wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com.

Useful PTA Links: [PTA Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Wicoff's Twitter](#)

SEPTSA

- Events and Notices: Visit our [website](#) to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.

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

School

Please stay safe and continue with healthy practices over the Halloween weekend.

All students will be learning virtually on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Election Day is a good opportunity to review citizenship with your child.

School is closed on Thursday, Nov. 5 and Friday, Nov. 6. Please spend time playing games, getting outside and taking a break from screen time. Below are some additional ideas.

- **Read Aloud:** There is not enough to be said on the importance of shared reading with a child. [Here](#) are some read aloud guidelines that may be helpful. You can support the PTA Book Fair at the same time.

- **Board Games:** Board games offer opportunities for family interaction, reinforce opportunities for conversation and can support a variety of other skills, including math skills. [Math Games](#)
- **Conversations With Your Child:** Asking about the school day is always a good way to start a conversation, but it is important to ask questions that continue the conversation. [10 Questions to Ask Kids About Their Day at School](#) or [How to Get Your Child to Talk About School](#)
- **Conversations With Friends and Relatives:** Has your child spoken with a friend recently? Are there friends or relatives that they should reach out to speak with or to write a note or letter?

Wicoff PTA: Your help and support is needed! PTA membership is down this school year. Our school benefits from a supportive PTA. We appreciate all they do for our students, staff and parents. If you have not already joined the PTA, we urge you to join by clicking on the link below. We are hoping for 100 percent participation. [Wicoff PTA Membership](#)

School Newsletter: Check out the [October 2020 issue](#) of the Wicoff J. Fox newsletter.

“Choose Kind” School Theme: Wicoff’s “Choose Kind” theme will continue throughout the year. Staff and students are encouraged to wear KIND shirts or Wicoff shirts on Fridays.

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

Reminders

- **The week of Nov. 2 is Hybrid Week 1.** Please click [here](#) for the Oct./Nov./Dec. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **All-Virtual Instruction Nov. 3:** In accordance with [New Jersey Executive Order #177](#), all WW-P Schools will be closed to in-person instruction Nov. 3, 2020, (Election Day). Instruction by WW-P staff will be conducted virtually on Nov. 3, 2020. This change to all-virtual instruction is ONLY effective for Tuesday, Nov. 3.
- **Thursday, Nov. 5 and Friday Nov. 6:** Per the 2020-21 school year calendar, all WW-P schools will be closed Thursday, Nov. 5 and Friday, Nov. 6. To view the 2020-21 school year calendar, please click [here](#).

- **Screen-Free Wednesday afternoons:** The first Screen-Free Wednesday afternoon will be Nov. 11. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's modified morning schedule on Screen-Free Wednesdays.
- **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](#).
- **#WWPStrong Spirit Day:** In honor of American Education Week (Nov. 16-20) on **Nov. 16**, the district will be participating in a #WWPStrong Districtwide Spirit Day. Staff, students, and the community are invited to wear your #WWPStrong T-shirt, your school colors/spiritwear, or anything in navy blue. Share your pictures on the [#WWPStrong Facebook page](#) and use the hashtag #WWPStrong on Twitter.
 - If you would still like to purchase #WWPStrong spiritwear, a few schools have limited stock: [Village School](#), [Grover School](#), [Millstone River School](#), [Maurice Hawk School](#), and [High School North School](#).
- **HSS PTSA SPONSORED:** The holidays are fast approaching and we are excited to provide you with our **Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser!** Order fresh baked pies and apple cider donuts from A&M Garden Center for pickup at HSN on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Make a donation of pies/donuts to Homefront or express your gratitude to a teacher/staff member! Order directly at: wwpn-postprom.org.
- **HSS PTSA SPONSORED:** It's the HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN SIGN! The HSS Post-Prom Committee wants to help celebrate birthdays so they can celebrate their graduating seniors. Dates are currently available through November. For more information and to reserve your date, please click [here](#). Available districtwide.
- **HSN Popcorn for the People:** North students from Ms. Bard's class are working on a sales project this marking period. They are working with Popcorn for the People, which is a non-profit organization that employs people with Autism. If you are interested in supporting HSN students, please use their class code which is **WWPSD** and place it in the discount code section at checkout. This is how they will get credit for the sale. www.PopcornForThePeople.com

Health and Safety

- Please click [here](#) to read the Oct. 23 Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold.

Athletics

- **Attendance at Sporting Events:** No students will be permitted to attend neighboring Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) games 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

- **Virtual Parent University:** "Coping with COVID: The Impact of Social Media" will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For more information and to register, click [here](#).
- To view past Parent University presentations, click [here](#).

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. New videos have recently been added.

Community Education

- **Extended Day Program:** 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. Care is available until 3:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. For more information, check out the offerings: [EDP General Information](#).
- **EDP Drop-in Days:** Community Education is now offering EDP drop-in days! Need care only once in a while? Register in Community Pass under *2020-2021 EDP Drop In Days* for the type of care that is needed. Full day, before or after school options available. Registration closes each day at noon for the following day.
- **Full-Day Care** is now available to students in grades K-8! Full day is offered Monday-Friday at Village and Town Center. For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#).

- **Virtual Winter Afterschool Enrichment:** Registration is coming soon. Community Education has added early evening and weekend classes to better suit your child's schedule.
- **Family Fun Fridays:** Dates 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**. The distribution will be held Mondays at High School North from 3-6 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 12 p.m. Nov. 4, for the Nov. 9 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Nov. 2 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Nov. 2 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 3 -6 p.m. at High School North. To view this month's menus, please click [here](#).
- Send Hunger Packing WW-P (SHuP WW-P) is a program of the Mercer Street Friends food bank. During a normal school year, SHuP WW-P raises funds for the Friday afternoon placement of weekend food bags in the backpacks of food insecure students in grades K-6. This year has been anything but normal, and now more than ever, families throughout our communities are facing food insecurity. During this pandemic, SHuP has worked tirelessly with WW-P Food Services to supplement the weekly meal kits that students receive through the National School Lunch Program.
- In order for SHuP to continue to supply much-needed food staples to food insecure WW-P families, SHuP is working with WW-P Foods Services on a grocery gift card food drive to help families in our communities. For more information on this gift card food drive and to donate, please [click here](#). Any amount, small and large, is welcomed and appreciated.

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.
- **Please note:** There will be no Tech hours Tuesday, Nov. 3 at High School North as all instruction on that day will be all-virtual due to [Executive Order #177](#). Tech hours will resume on Thursday, Nov. 5, 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.

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.

Follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

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