

Dec. 11, 2020

## Wicoff Elementary School

### IMPORTANT:

- The District will resume in-person instruction for Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students on [Monday, Dec. 14](#). Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students will be in-person Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.
- Upon the conclusion of Winter Recess (Dec. 23, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021) the District will observe a 14-day temporary move to full-remote learning beginning Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, through Monday, Jan. 18. Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students will return for in-person learning Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.
- To read the full message that was sent to all WW-P families and staff on Friday, Nov. 20, please click [here](#).

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### PTA

Many thanks to all the parents in attendance at the PTA's second general body meeting. We are thankful to Ms. Michele Kaish, BOE President; school administrators, Dr. Michael Welborn and Ms. Lindsey Jablonski, for their time. The mindfulness session by Dr. Rebecca McLelland Crawley and her team was very enriching for the caregivers.

At the meeting, the upcoming events for the month of January and February 2021 were shared and a Wicoff T-shirt with the new fox logo was introduced. More details to follow soon.

**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 [here](#). 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.

**Questions?** Email us at [wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com).

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

## SEPTSA

- **WW-P Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association (SEPTSA):** WW-P SEPTSA exists to support students and families of students with IEPs and 504 plans. Please join SEPTSA to be added to our mailing list and be sure to hear about upcoming events and speakers! Membership is open to all parents and families, older students (6th grade and above), and faculty and staff who support students with special needs. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- Is your special needs child interested in working with a Girl Scout on a STEM Lego robotics activity? We will provide the materials and then work with your child(ren) over Zoom. Siblings, including those not on an IEP, are also welcome to be involved. You must be a SEPTSA member to participate in this program. Contact Kathleen Moriarty at [wwpseptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:wwpseptsa@yahoo.com) for more information.
- **WWP Special Education Parent Advisory Group (S.E.P.A.G.):** To support parents of students with an IEP or 504 plan, and to provide input to the district on special education issues, the WWP SEPAG meets regularly throughout the school year. Additionally, SEPTSA/SEPAG hosts monthly "office hours" (now virtual!) for informal conversation and advice regarding issues around IEPs/504 plans. Upcoming dates include Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 23.
  - All times are Sundays from 4-6 pm. Please contact Jennifer Riccards at [jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com) for more information or to receive the Zoom link. (If you cannot make one of these times and would like support or to connect with other families dealing with similar situations, please feel free to contact Jennifer at any time.)
- **Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

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## School

- **Trimester and Report Cards:** As we wrap up the first trimester, please be advised report cards will go live in Genesis on Dec. 16. A review of report cards is an opportunity to celebrate growth and accomplishments for each student. It also serves as an opportunity to discuss goals for the next trimester. WW-P

report card formats for your review in advance: [WW-P Report Cards by Grade Level](#). Possible discussion points: [Talking to Your Child About Report Cards](#).

- **Technology Tips:** A friendly reminder to parents... [this message](#) was sent to all families regarding technology helpful tips and best practices. If you have not had the opportunity to read the letter, please take the time to familiarize yourself with these tips and practices. Also, if WW-P students need to request a device or have Chromebooks/iPads that are damaged or in need of repair, they 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.
- **Screen-Free Wednesdays:** We are looking forward to continuing with ["Screen-Free" Wednesdays](#) through Dec. 16. Grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3 classes will end at 1 p.m. AM Kindergarten will be on a regular schedule with some asynchronous learning and PM Kindergarten will go from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. with some asynchronous learning. Please remember to have your child(ren) enjoy a variety of non-screen activities. We will be looking at a different day of the week for the new year for screen-free days to continue. This will be communicated with families in a timely manner so you are able to plan accordingly.
- **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](#)
- **"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.

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

## Reminders

- **Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students will be in-person the week of Dec. 14.**  
**Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students will be in-person on Monday, Dec. 21,**

**through Wednesday, Dec. 23.** Please click [here](#) for the Dec. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.

- To view the **2020-21 school year calendar**, please click [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Wednesday afternoons:** 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](#).
- **HSS PTSA SPONSORED:** It's the **[HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN SIGN!](#)** Celebrate your birthday to help us celebrate the graduating seniors. For more information and to reserve your date, please click [here](#). Available districtwide.
- **HSN PTSA SPONSORED: Clothing Drive-** Cleaning out your closets and home? Donate your items at the next High School North Senior Celebration Committee sponsored Clothing Drive which is running through Saturday, Dec. 12. Find out more information [here](#).

### **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Virtual Parent University:** To view past Parent University presentations, click [here](#). The next Virtual Parent University, Coping with COVID-19: Under the Influence, is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021, at 7 p.m.

### **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.

### **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. Care is available until 3:45 p.m. or 6 p.m.

- Full day care is now available to students in grades K-8 during these full-virtual days! Care is offered Monday - Friday at Village Elementary from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Register by noon the day before care is needed.
- 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 are available. Registration closes each day at 12 p.m. for the following day.
- For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#).
- Registration for Virtual Winter Afterschool Enrichment and Weekend Programs is open now! Community Education has added early evening and weekend classes to better suit your child's schedule. Check out the brochure here: [2021 Winter Program Guide](#).
- 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. The Dec. 21 distribution will be a [Holiday Meal Pack](#) and will include breakfast and lunch for 14 days, 2 gallons of milk, a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a special treat!
- 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. The Dec. 21 distribution will be a [Holiday Meal Pack](#) and will include breakfast and lunch for 14 days, 2 gallons of milk, a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a special treat! Click here for more information. Please register [here](#) by 12 p.m. Dec. 16, for the Monday, Dec. 21 distribution.
- Due to the holiday break, there will be no food distribution during the week of Dec. 28. Food distribution will resume TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 2021
- Reminder: Registration for the Dec. 14 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Dec. 14 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](#).

## 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. There will be no Tech Service Days at HSN on Dec. 24, 29, or 31 due to Winter Break.

### **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 Education Foundation**

- This holiday season, please join us in celebrating our incredible WW-P faculty and staff. Now is the time to acknowledge and appreciate their efforts with a 'STAR' certificate. The Education Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 18, 2020, for the **STAR Campaign**. Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education. During this challenging time, the Education Foundation continues to provide grants that are used to purchase items to enhance both virtual and hybrid learning in WW-P. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **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.**

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