

Dec. 18, 2020

## Wicoff Elementary School

**All WW-P Schools will operate on a half-day schedule Dec. 23. All schools and board offices will be closed for Winter Break Dec. 24, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021. The District will observe a 14-day temporary move to full-remote learning beginning Jan. 4 - Jan. 15. WW-P will be closed Jan. 18. In-person learning will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19, with Hybrid 1 and All-In students.**

### IMPORTANT

- 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 Friday, Jan. 15. WW-P is closed Monday, Jan. 18. In-person learning will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19, with Hybrid 1 and All-In students.
- To read the full message that was sent to all WW-P families and staff on Friday, Nov. 20, please click [here](#).
- The next newsletter will be sent Jan. 8, 2021.
- The Technology Help Center is moving to the Penn Lyle Road entrance at HS South (375 Clarksville Road, West Windsor) starting on Jan. 5, 2021. The Help Center will be operating out of the entrance to the new theatre. Parents and staff should pull up to the theatre entrance and wait in their car to be greeted by a member of the technology staff.
- The Technology Help Center will be closed during Winter Break and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021.

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### PTA

It is so hard to believe that we are at the end of a challenging year in 2020! A loud shout out to our Wicoff educators and administrators for keeping the spirits of our kids high during this unprecedented year. We are very thankful to all the volunteers for their hard work that went into putting the virtual events together. We are also very grateful to all our PTA members for participating enthusiastically, donating generously, and raising funds for the PTA.

The executive PTA board would like to wish everyone a joyful and restful winter break and a happy, safe and healthy 2021!

- **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.
  - Watch this space for information in January about a Transition to College forum for high school students to connect with WW-P graduates about navigating college with a disability.
- **WW-P 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 WW-P 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.
- **The next session is THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 20!** Future dates include 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 went 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](#). Please note early dismissal days for parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for grades K-5 on Jan. 14 and 15.

**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. Please note, the Technology Center will be closed during Winter Break and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at High School South.

**TCRWP Instructional Support for Families:** Please see the resources listed below for supporting your child in virtual learning focusing on the areas of literacy (reading, writing, spelling and more). WW-P School District has had a long-standing partnership with Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. TCRWP has compiled a variety of resources for families to support student learning in the varied environments this year. Please visit this link to consider resources you may find helpful: [TCRWP Resources for Families](#)

**Screen-Free Afternoons:** We are looking forward to continuing with Screen-Free afternoons in January. We are looking at three Tuesday afternoons: Jan. 12, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26. 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. Looking ahead... Screen-Free February dates are Thursday afternoons: Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and Feb 25.

**Kindergarten Chromebooks:** Due to supply chain issues, WW-P is waiting to receive additional Chromebooks to ensure that all students (hybrid and virtual) in our Kindergarten class are provided with a district-issued device. The District originally expected supplies to arrive in November. However, we now anticipate receiving these devices in February. Should your Kindergarten child require a temporary device, please

complete [this form](#) and come to High School North (90 Grovers Mill Rd.) between the hours of 12:45 - 3:15 p.m. on a Tuesday or Thursday. Please note, the Technology Center will be closed during Winter Break and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at High School South.

**Student New Supply Pick-Up:** A BIG THANK YOU to those parents who already picked-up their child's new supplies. If you were unable to pick-up your child's new supplies, please email our main office secretary, Lisa Recchia, [Lisa.Rechhia@ww-p.org](mailto:Lisa.Rechhia@ww-p.org) to make arrangements. You will need to park in the front lot and report to the main entrance where you will share your child's name and grade with the security officer. Making a sign with this information you can share with the security officer is helpful. The security officer will bring your child's supply bag to you. If your child attends hybrid in-person he/she received his/her supply bag in school.

**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 2 and All-In students will be in-person on Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.** Please click [here](#) for the Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's modified morning schedule on Screen-Free Afternoons
- **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](#).

## Health and Safety

- Please click [here](#) to read the Dec. 15 Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold.

## Counseling and Wellness

- **Virtual Parent University:** The next Virtual Parent University, Coping with COVID-19: Under the Influence, is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. Periods of social distancing, quarantine, and isolation brought on by the pandemic have only increased rates of depression, anxiety, and fear. This has led many adolescents and adults to engage in solitary substance use as a form of coping. Join the District's Student Assistance Counselors (SAC's) to better understand these realities and discuss strategies for personal and family wellness. [Click here to register in advance for this webinar.](#)
- 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.
- WW-P, as a member of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), benefits from the support with resources for our teachers. TCRWP has compiled a variety of resources for families to support student learning in the varied environments this year. Please visit TCRWP's [Resources for Families link](#) to consider resources you may find helpful including videos, authors reading their books, or register for FREE virtual office hours with a literacy expert.

## 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 registered to receive the [Holiday Meal Pack](#) will occur Dec. 21 from 3 -6 p.m. at High School North. Registration for the Dec. 21 distribution has closed.
- Please note, due to the Winter Break, there will be no food distribution the week of Dec. 28, 2020. Food distribution will resume TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 2021. The registration email for the Jan. 5 food distribution will be sent Dec. 24, 2020.
- To view the menus, please click [here](#).

### **Technology**

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- Please note, effective Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2020, the Technology Help Center will be located at High School South (375 Clarksville Road, West Windsor). Please enter using the Penn Lyle building entrance.

### **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](#)