

Jan. 8, 2021

Wicoff Elementary School

Thursday, Jan. 14 and Friday, Jan. 15, are Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences days. All WW-P elementary schools will follow an early dismissal day schedule.

IMPORTANT

- WW-P will observe a temporary move to full-remote learning through Friday, Jan. 15.
- The District is closed Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 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 Technology Help Center has moved to the Penn Lyle Road entrance at HS South (346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor). 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. (See below for more information.)

PTA

Happy and healthy 2021 Wicoff families! We hope you had a wonderful winter break.

Here is our first event of the new year:

Virtual Coffee with the Principals and PTA general meeting

Grab a cup of coffee and join our school principals –Dr. Michael Welborn and Ms. Lindsey Jablonski- virtually. They would love to hear your thoughts and answer any questions you have during this time of virtual learning. Our school administrators enjoy collaborating with parents and are open to input, always. The event is OPEN to ALL! Please send your questions to wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com by Jan. 10.

The PTA executive committee will share event updates and announce the Reflection entries that have made it to the county level.

When: Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: From home

How: Zoom meeting --

<https://zoom.us/j/95534113555?pwd=VGdsb3UxMjdtVk1ac2p5VlVPckY5QT09>

Meeting ID: 955 3411 3555 , Passcode: 815347

Dial in number :+19292056099,,95534113555# US (New York)

Upcoming event of the month:

January 28 @ 7 p.m. – Virtual Family Game Night

Questions? Email us at 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 virtual "office hours" for informal conversation and advice regarding issues around IEPs/504 plans.
 - 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 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](#)

School

Welcome Back and Happy New Year: We hope you enjoyed some quality time with your family and loved ones over winter break. It is hard to believe it is January 2021 and we are back in session. Please remember that we are ALL VIRTUAL until Jan. 15. Monday, Jan. 18 schools are closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In-person instruction will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19 with Hybrid Week 1. Please continue to be well and be safe!

Technology Department:

- 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.
- **Reminder: Effective Jan. 5, 2021, the Technology Help Center (formerly at High School North) will be located at High School South at 346 Clarksville Rd., West Windsor (please use the Penn Lyle Road entrance).** The Help Center will operate out of the entrance to the new theatre. Parents should pull up to the theatre entrance and wait in their car to be greeted by a member of the technology staff. The hours of operation will remain 12:45 - 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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) prior to arriving at the Technology Help Center.

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). 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 South in West Windsor.

Student New Supply Pick-Up: A BIG THANK YOU to those parents who picked up their child's new supplies before winter break. If you were unable to pick up your child's new bag of supplies, please email our main office secretary, Lisa Recchia, Lisa.Rechhia@ww-p.org to make arrangements. You will need to park in the front lot of Town Center School 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 already 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.

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

Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the Jan./Feb./Mar. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- Due to the weather emergency closure day used Dec. 17, 2020, WW-P Schools will be open April 6, 2021. To view the revised **2020-21 school year calendar**, please click [here](#). Updated academic calendar may be found [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** January Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Tuesdays starting Tuesday, Jan. 12. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's morning schedule on Screen-Free Afternoons

- **Contact Your School Nurse:** While the District is fully remote, to ensure that the nursing staff has the most up-to-date information regarding your child's health status, specifically related to COVID-19, please email your school nurse with any student COVID-related health updates.
- **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](#).

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 kindergarten through 5th-grade students. Morning and afternoon care is available 5 days a week at your child's school. Care is available Monday-Friday when school is physically in session. AM care begins at 7 a.m., and afternoon care options include a 3:45 p.m. or 6 p.m. pick up time.
- Full day care is now available to students in grades K-8 during 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- Session 2 *and* Weekend Programs are still open for registration! 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.](#)
- It's never too early to start thinking about Spring Break! Join Community Education for a virtual spring break camp experience. Students are able to engage with program staff members Monday through Thursday of break. New program vendors have been added! Not sure of which program to choose? Community Education will be hosting a Virtual Spring Break Open House on Saturday, Feb. 20. Check out the program offerings or get signed up for the open house here: [Virtual Spring Break Information](#)
- 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 occur on a **weekly basis**. The distribution will be held Mondays (unless otherwise noted due to the school calendar) 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. Jan. 13, for the TUESDAY, Jan. 19 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Jan. 11 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Jan. 11 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

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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

- Sign up for the [Julia Robinson Math Festival!](#) The West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation is excited to announce its 4th annual JRMF event, to be held virtually, Jan. 30, 2021, and Jan. 31, 2021. The festival is open to all K-8th grade students. If you love math or enjoy challenging yourself and would like to test your problem-solving skills. There will be a variety of fun and exciting activities for the students to explore, learn, and engage in, through collaboration and exploration. Space is limited.
 - Grades K-3 students, Jan. 30, 2-4 p.m. - <https://tinyurl.com/JRMFEvent>
 - Grades 4-8 students, Jan. 31, 1-3 p.m. - <https://tinyurl.com/JRMFEvent2>
- For questions or more information: email-info@wwpeducationfoundation.org

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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