

Feb. 19, 2021

Town Center Elementary School

PTA

- The **Nomination Committee** is looking for new members to fill **Executive Board positions for next school year (2021/2022)**. If you are interested in becoming a rock star TCPTA member, and helping to ensure next year is amazing for the kids and staff, email us at towncenterpta@gmail.com with the subject "2021/2022" and let us know which position you are interested in. The available positions are president, vice president, recording secretary, VP programs, VP fundraising and VP membership.
- We hope everyone enjoyed our latest FREE Virtual Family Night - Let's Cook!
- The TCPTA gave each staff member a **Valentine's Day Appreciation** gift of a TC-branded lanyard with a bottle of hand sanitizer, held with a poem written by Co-VP of fundraising, Heather Hutchinson. Check out our Facebook page or our WhatsApp group to see a picture of our gift.
- We have not forgotten about those who **love science**, and we will have an announcement regarding **science-related event(s)** soon!
- Help us remember this year! Upload any "yearbook quality" pictures [here](#).
- Link your Amazon account to TCPTA via [Amazon Smile](#) and use the new [Box Tops App](#) to help us raise funds without any additional effort!
- Please remember to [join the TCPTA](#). We RELY on membership to raise funds!
- Check out our [TCPTA Facebook page](#) and What's App group for updates.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 16: Virtual General PTA Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Mar. 19: Coffee with the Counselor
- Mar. 24: Wacky Wednesday - Neon Day

Useful Links: [Join the TCPTA](#) | [TCPTA Facebook page](#)

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.
- **NEW! WhatsApp group for WW-P Special Education families:** If you would like to connect with other WW-P families of special education students via WhatsApp, please complete this form and we will add you when the group is started -- [Connect with WWP special ed parents](#)
- **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.
- **The next "office hours" is Sunday, Feb. 21, from 4-6 p.m.** Please contact Jennifer Riccards at jenballen@yahoo.com for more information or to receive the Zoom link. Future dates include March 21, April 18, and May 23. All times are Sundays from 4-6 pm. (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

Health and Safety: Please remember to submit the Daily Health Screening form each day for your child(ren) on the days they will be attending school in-person.

Thank you! We are so thankful for all the support our Town Center PTA provides to make our school a great place to learn and have fun as a community. A special thank you for the cute and useful staff appreciation lanyards, mask holder/hand sanitizer gifts.

Instructional Support for Families: As a member of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), WW-P benefits from the partnership with resources for

our teachers. Now, 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](#). Be sure to check out a few of their family videos (each less than 10 minutes) that show you games to play and other ways to support your child's literacy development. These can be accessed via their [YouTube](#) Channel or Padlets: [Pr-K-2nd Grade](#).

Reminder: Screen-Free Afternoons: The next Screen-Free afternoon is Thursday, Feb 25. Here are some ideas for [Screen Free Activities](#). In March Screen-Free Afternoons will be on Wednesday: March 3, 10, 17, 24.

Spring Break: Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2.

Individual School Photos: Students in the Hybrid program will have their photo taken during the school day. Students in the Virtual program will be able to sign-up for a date/time to get their photo taken. Additional dates/times will be forthcoming.

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

Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the Feb./Mar. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level sample rotations and schedules. The week of Feb. 22, is Hybrid week 2.
- Due to the weather emergency closure day used Feb. 01, 2021, WW-P Schools will be open May 28, 2021. To view the updated academic calendars for the **2020-21 school year calendar**, please click [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Screen-Free afternoons will continue for the remainder of the school year. February Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Thursdays. March Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Wednesdays. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's 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

- A Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold will be sent this afternoon, Friday, Feb. 19.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Virtual Parent University:** Please join us for our next **Virtual Parent University on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.** The topic will be "Coping with COVID-19: Video Gaming Addiction." For most players, playing video games is a fun activity, a way to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy a challenge, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, for some players, a video game hobby can escalate into an addictive disorder that takes over their lives. *Video Gaming Addiction* will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents. Register in advance for this webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nq-nMI1fQGGg6RMCUylGxg
- To view other 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.

Community Education

- Join Community Education for a virtual Spring Break experience! Virtual Spring Break registration is now open. New programs and vendors have been added. To view and register for programs, check out the brochure: [2021 Virtual Spring Break Guide](#).
- Community Education and the different program vendors will be hosting a Virtual Spring Break Open House on Saturday, Feb. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. Take part

in the virtual open house and have your questions answered. All information is listed on [page 11 of the brochure](#).

- 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**. 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. Feb. 24, for the Monday, Mar. 1, distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, Feb. 22, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Feb. 22 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 3 -6 p.m. at High School North. **For pickup, please have students' names on a piece of paper in BOLD letters and please wear a mask to keep volunteers safe during the check-in process.**
- 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 South (346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor). Please enter using the Penn Lyle building entrance 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.

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.

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