

March 26, 2021

## Wicoff Elementary School

**Schools will be closed for Spring Break March 29 through April 5. Board Offices will be closed April 2. WW-P will be fully remote Tuesday, April 6, - Friday, April 9. School will resume in-person instruction April 12 with Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students. There will be no April 2 newsletter, the next newsletter will be sent April 9.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

- **Spring Break:** All WW-P schools will be closed Monday, March 29, through Sunday, April 4, for spring break. Schools will also be closed Monday, April 5, as the day was a designated emergency closing day that was not used. Virtual board offices are closed Friday, April 2.
  - School will resume after spring break with fully remote instruction for ALL students April 6 - April 9. In-person instruction will resume Monday, April 12, with Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students.
- **Learning Model Changes**
  - Students who requested and were accommodated with a change to All-In or Hybrid Week 1 will begin in-person learning Monday, April 12.
  - Those students who requested and were accommodated with a change to Hybrid Week 2 will be in-person the week of April 19.
  - Schedules for those students who will remain with their current learning model will remain unchanged.
- The **Technology Help Center** located at High School South will be closed during spring break and will reopen Tuesday, April 13.
- **Health Reminder:** During spring break and the week of April 6, parents are asked to email your child's school nurse if your student, or anyone in your household:
  - Is ill with COVID-19 symptoms
  - Has had close contact (within 6 ft. for 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
  - Has tested positive for COVID-19 during spring break or during the fully virtual week

- Has traveled/will be traveling outside of the state or country the weeks of March 29 and/or April 5 as the District is abiding by a 10-day quarantine for travel outside of NJ/NY/PA/DE/CT.
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## **PTA**

Spring Bake Night was fun, creative and a delicious way to spend time together virtually. It was made possible by Ms. Wendy Rosenthal and her son, Jack. They gave our young chefs such a great baking experience. Thank You! As always, we are very grateful to our school administrator Ms. Lindsey Jablonski for her immense support. Check out Wicoff PTA Facebook page for the sugar cookies in kid's favorite shapes.

The March Spirit wear challenge was a great success! Here are the grade-level class winners who have earned extra recess. **Grade K:** Ms. Kristin Miller and Ms. Melissa Miller; **Grade 1:** Ms. Collins and Ms. Refsin; **Grade 2:** Ms. McKenna and Ms. Cousart; **Grade 3:** Ms. Hopkins, Ms. Marchitelli and Ms. Exler class students.

### **Upcoming Event:**

April 15 @ 9:30 a.m. – PTA General meeting and Coffee with the counsellor

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

**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.

- **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, April 18, from 4-6 p.m.** Please contact Jennifer Riccards at [jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com) for more information or to receive the Zoom link. May 23 will be the next day for office hours following the April 18 session. All times are 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](#)

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## School

**Update - Learning Model Change Requests:** Parents who requested a change in learning model via the WW-P District survey that was sent out March 5 and available to families until March 14 should have received an email response regarding whether their requested change was able to be accommodated by their school. Some requested changes were able to be granted with no change in teacher, some with change of teacher, and a small few were not able to be granted. In all cases, the parent/guardian who requested a change via the survey should have received a communication. To accommodate the shifts of students returning to the building, some classroom learning models may have altered to have a combination of in-person and virtual instruction.

**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.

**Reminder: Screen-Free Afternoons:** Here are some ideas for [Screen Free Activities](#). In April Screen-Free Afternoons will be Tuesdays. Upcoming April dates are April 13, 20, 27. There is NO Screen-Free afternoon scheduled on Tuesday, April 6.

**Spring Break: Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2.** We wish all of our Wicoff families a restful and relaxing spring break. Please get outside to enjoy some sunshine and exercise.

**Virtual Week: Monday, April 5 was a designated snow day which we did not use so students and teachers will be off.** Please remember April 6- 9 are full virtual days for all students and teachers. ***April 8 will be highlighted with STEAM Day activities and April 9 will be our school-wide Field Day!***

**Technology Help Center:** The Technology Help Center is located at High School South at 346 Clarksville Rd., West Windsor (please use the Penn Lyle Road entrance). The Help Center operates 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 are 12:45 - 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that the Help Center will be closed during spring break. 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](#)

**Wicoff PTA:** Your help and support is needed! It is never too late to join. The PTA has offered some really fun and exciting events for the students already and will continue to offer more as this school year continues. 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

- Please click [here](#) for the April Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade-level sample rotations and schedules. WW-P will resume in-person instruction with Hybrid Week 1 the week of April 12.
- **Spring Break:** All WW-P schools will be closed Monday, March 29, through Monday, April 5, for spring break. Virtual board offices are closed Friday, April 2.
  - School will resume after spring break with fully remote instruction for ALL students April 6-9. In-person instruction will resume Monday, April 12, with Hybrid Week 1 and all-in students.
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Screen-Free afternoons will continue for the remainder of the school year. April Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Tuesdays. There is NO Screen-Free afternoon scheduled for Tuesday, April 6. The next Screen-Free afternoon is Tuesday, April 13. 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](#). The form should be completed by 7:15 a.m. for middle and high school students and 8:15 a.m. for elementary school students.
- **Masks:** Please 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

- Click [here](#) to read the Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold that was sent Friday, March 19.

## Counseling and Wellness

- To view the 2020-21 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

- **Virtual Spring After School Enrichment** registration has also opened. Exciting new programs await! Session 1 runs from April 1- May 6. Session 2 runs from May 10 - June 7. Check out the brochure here: [2021 Virtual Spring After School Enrichment](#).
- Community Education will offer **EDP full-day care** at Village School for students in grades K-8 during full remote learning the week of April 6 (following Spring Break). Care is offered Tuesday through Friday. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).
- **Virtual Summer Programs** are now available for registration. These programs begin on June 21 and run through August 27. To view the brochure, click here: [Virtual Summer 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 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. March 31, for the TUESDAY, April 6, distribution.
- Reminder: If you register to receive the April 6 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. **Please note that the Help Center will be closed during spring 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.

### **WW-P Education Foundation**

- The WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee proudly presents their 10th **WW-P's Got Talent Show** on May 22. The virtual talent show is open to all students in K-12. For more information, please click [here](#). Submissions are due by March 28.
- The WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee invites students in grades K-5 for a free virtual Easter event March 27 from 1:30 -3:30 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun activities (egg, word, and letter hunts and spot the difference games) and prizes. [Click here](#) for more information and [here to register](#).

### **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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