

April 16, 2021

## Wicoff Elementary School

### IMPORTANT:

- **Learning Model Changes**
    - Students who requested and were accommodated with a change to All-In or 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.
  - **Transportation Reminder:** With additional students attending in-person instruction beginning Monday, April 12, parents/guardians are reminded to please check the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) for updated bus information. Adjustments to pickup times may occur throughout the weeks of April 12 and April 19 as buses settle into their updated routes.
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### PTA

The PTA General Meeting followed by Coffee with the Counselor was well attended. Ms. Ellen Incollingo led the parent discussion on "Reflecting Back on this Past Year... the Hidden Positives of the Pandemic." Many thanks to Wicoff parents for attending the event and to school administrators and our guidance counselor for your valuable insights at the event.

**Spring Book Fair - April 30 - May 13, 2021:** Enjoy a selection of over 6,000 books, with all orders shipped directly to your home, and FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25. All purchases will benefit the Wicoff Media Center and Wicoff PTA. More details to come in your child's Media lesson or visit the Wicoff PTA website for more information, click [here](#).

**Wicoff PTA is looking for two or three parent volunteers to join the Wicoff PTA Nominating Committee.** The responsibility of the parent volunteers is to accept nominations via email and pass them on to the Wicoff PTA board members at the general meeting. Please give thought to volunteering for this position. The

position requires a small time commitment and very little effort however it makes a very meaningful contribution to the school. Please email your interest to [wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com).

**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.
- **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

**Final Student Supply Pickup at Wicoff School Building:** Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Our District has prepared student resources for the remainder of the school year. Please mark the following date on your calendars for supply pickup. This pickup date will be similar to what we did last fall and **will take place at Wicoff School on Tuesday, April 20, from 2 - 6 p.m. for ALL grade levels K-3.** Please make a sign with your child's name and grade and place it in your passenger side window for easy identification. When you arrive at Wicoff, you will pull in the bus lane and follow the traffic as directed. Please remain in your car at all times and pull-up along the curb. When it is your turn, please open your trunk or back window and someone will place the bag in your car. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent you from picking up on this day, please email [Lisa.Recchia@ww-p.org](mailto:Lisa.Recchia@ww-p.org) to make arrangements to pick up your child's supply bag at TOWN CENTER from our building security. **Please note: This is for all virtual students. If your child is attending in-person they will receive their supply bags in school.**

**Site-Based Council:** We are looking for volunteers to join our site-based council to discuss various school topics. The council is made up of teachers, administrators and parents. Your input is important to us. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, from 8 - 8:45 a.m. If interested, please email assistant principal, Mrs. Lindsay Jablonski at [Lindsay.Jablonski@ww-p.org](mailto:Lindsay.Jablonski@ww-p.org).

**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 20 and 27.

**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. 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. The week of April 19 will have Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students in-person.
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Screen-Free afternoons will continue for the remainder of the school year. April Screen-Free afternoons will be held on

Tuesdays: April 20 and 27. 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/Water:** 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. Students attending in-person instruction should bring a pre-filled water bottle with them to school.
- **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

- **Integrated Preschool:** Integrated Preschool [waitlist](#) registration to begin Monday, April 19, at 9 a.m. This program is available to a limited number of students for the 2021-22 school year. The waitlist is not a guarantee for a seat in next year's classroom. We are currently working on the schedule and determining a safe number of students for each classroom.
  - There is no cost to register for the waitlist. When spaces become available, Community Education will notify you by phone and email. Students must be 3- or 4-years-old by Oct. 1, 2021, and independently toilet trained.

- Set up your Community Pass account [here](#). When registering, look for the 2021-22 Integrated Preschool and Extended Day Program heading. You must register through Community Pass first.
- **Virtual Spring Enrichment Session 2:** Virtual Spring After School Enrichment registration is open for session 2! Exciting new programs await. Session 2 runs from May 10 through June 7. Check out the [virtual spring programs brochure](#).
- **Virtual Summer Programs:** Summer programs are now available for registration. These programs run June 21 - August 27. Take advantage of program savings by registering for classes before June 1. Check out the [virtual summer guide](#) and click [here](#) to register.

## 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. April 21, for the Monday, April 26, distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, April 19, distribution has closed. If you register to receive the April 19 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](#). 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.

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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.

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

- [Mercer Hacks](#) is a virtual hacking event proudly co-hosted by WW-P Education Foundation Youth Committee and Computer Science Remastered (CSR) April 23-25, 2021. Participation in the hackathon is FREE and open to all 8th-12th grade students. All students 6th grade and above are eligible and welcome to attend the seminars and workshops.
  - Register: <https://forms.gle/p6PtXWBzmpzTvtEo7>
  - Sponsors welcome: <https://tinyurl.com/HackathonSponsorshipPacket>

### **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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