

April 23, 2021

## Dutch Neck Elementary School

### PTA

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 3-7, 2021:** Please help PTA raise funds to thank our wonderful teachers and staff. Our teachers have worked extra hard to make sure our children continue to progress in spite of the challenges this year. Please [click here](#) to contribute towards the gift. The deadline to participate is April 30, 2021
- **Yearbooks on Sale:** Order your copy of **Dutch Neck Elementary Diary - Pandemic Edition Yearbook!** This year, Dutch Neck PTA has a special price offering of \$21, if you buy before April 30, 2021. The price after April 30 is \$23. There are two shipping options: ship to your school for FREE pick up OR ship to your home for a \$4 charge. [Click here](#) to order yours today! Any questions, please email [yearbookdn@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookdn@gmail.com).
- **Yearbook links to upload pictures:** Make sure your child is in the Yearbook! [Click here](#) to upload your amazing photos (JPEG format) for various events. Make sure you name the file as teacherlastname\_studentfirstname\_lastname.jpg. The deadline to upload is May 7, 2021.
- **PTA Volunteer Opportunities for 2021-22:** There are two ways to volunteer - [click here](#) to help plan a particular event and [click here](#) to learn about the roles that have opened up to serve on the Dutch Neck PTA Board for the 2021-22 school year. All the positions are virtual. If you are interested in joining the board, please email [dutchnecknominating@gmail.com](mailto:dutchnecknominating@gmail.com).
- **Dutch Neck Garden Update:** Thank you to Yardville Supply for generously donating stones for the garden walkway. They were recently delivered and will be laid out this weekend. Stay tuned to see how you can help!

### 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

**PTA and Staff Support Dutch Neck Families Affected by Avalon Watch Fire:** As you probably are aware, the recent devastating fire at Avalon Watch Apartments has left many West Windsor families with huge losses. Three of those families are Dutch Neck School families. The Dutch Neck community would like to support these families and help them get back on their feet. Therefore, we will be accepting monetary donations, which will be used to purchase Visa gift cards and/or gift cards for area businesses so families can buy needed items to help restore their lives. If you would like to make a monetary donation (no donation is too small or too big), please use this link for the PTA Memberhub site to make your donation:

<https://dutchneck.memberhub.store/store/items/768025>

We would like to provide this assistance to the families as soon as possible. Therefore, the deadline for donations will be Friday, April 23.

Thank you for your help,

## The Dutch Neck Staff and PTA

- **Student Material Pickup:** The last student material pickup for virtual students will take place this coming week, April 26-30. Materials for the rest of the year (including science materials and art supplies) are packaged by grade level and can be collected at the front door from 1:30-5 p.m. any afternoon.
- **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. Please complete the form **by the 8:15 a.m. deadline** so it is filled out before your child boards the bus. The Dutch Neck teachers and staff are following protocols including maintaining vigorous cleaning procedures, maintaining social safety distances, wearing masks and working hard to keep everyone safe. We appreciate your support with following CDC guidelines in order to keep all our students and staff safe.
- **Reminder: Screen-Free Afternoons:** Here are some ideas for [Screen-Free Activities](#). In April Screen-Free Afternoons will be Tuesdays. The upcoming April date is April 27. In May Screen-Free Afternoons will be Thursdays.
- **Individual School Photos:** A date will be forthcoming for anyone who needs retakes.
- **Yearbooks Now on Sale:** Order your copy of **Dutch Neck Elementary Diary - Pandemic Edition Yearbook!** Your student will not want to miss out on this memory book that they will treasure in the years to come. It would be a way for them to see and show how they overcame a pandemic! This year, Dutch Neck PTA has a special price offering of \$21, if you buy before April 30, 2021. The price after April 30 is \$23. There are two shipping options: ship to your school for FREE pick up OR ship to your home for a \$4 charge. [Click here](#) to order yours today! For any questions, please email [yearbookdn@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookdn@gmail.com).
- **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 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 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.

- Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

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

## Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the April/May/June Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade-level sample rotations and schedules. The week of April 26 will have Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students in-person.
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Screen-Free Afternoons will continue for the remainder of the school year. The next April Screen-Free afternoon will be Tuesday, April 27. Screen-Free Afternoons in May will be held on Thursdays. 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

- A Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold will be sent Friday, April 23.

## 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 Enrichment Session 2:** Registration is open for the Virtual Spring After School Enrichment Session 2. Exciting new programs await! Session 2 runs from May 10 - June 7. Check out the brochure here: [2021 Virtual Spring After School Enrichment](#). Registration closes Tuesday, May 4, 2021.
- **Virtual Summer Programs:** Community Education is offering hundreds of virtual summer program options! Check out the [Virtual Summer Guide](#) and take full advantage of the savings by registering for classes before June 1!
- **Virtual Summer Open House:** Join us for a Virtual Summer Open House Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m. Our summer vendors will host 20-minute Zoom information sessions about their specific programs. For a list of participating vendors and their Zoom meeting links, click [here](#).
- **Integrated Preschool:** Community Education's Integrated Preschool waitlist registration is open. The Integrated Preschool 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.
  - 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. There is no cost to register for the waitlist.
  - 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.

## 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 28, for the Monday, May 3, distribution.

- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, April 26, distribution has closed. If you register to receive the April 26 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.

## 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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