

May 28, 2021

Wicoff Elementary School

All WW-P Schools and District offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

IMPORTANT:

- **Effective June 22, 2021, WW-P Board of Education meetings will be held in-person at Grover Middle School** (10 Southfield Rd., West Windsor). These meetings will also be live-streamed via the District's [YouTube Channel](#). During the meeting, public comments will be accepted in-person only. For more information and the health and safety precautions for the June 22 and future Board of Education meetings, please click [here](#).
- **All WW-P Schools and District offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.** Instruction will resume Tuesday, June 1, with Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students in-person.
 - To view the 2020-21 school year calendar, please click [here](#).
 - To view the District Hybrid Week Calendar, please click [here](#).
- **Due to the school calendar, food distribution will occur on TUESDAY, June 1, from 3-6 p.m.** at High School North for those who registered (see the Food Services section of the newsletter for more information).

PTA

The Curriculum and Instruction presentation was very well attended. Wicoff PTA is very grateful to Dr. Palmela Nathan, Ms. Melissa Pearson, Ms. Lindsay Jablonski and Dr. Michael Welborn for helping parents understand the content and the methods that our educators use to teach our kids.

June 3 at 7 p.m. - Virtual Paint Night:

- The event will be led by our Art Teacher, Mrs. Meg Hamilton, as we paint with friends and family! We will paint the silhouette of the Wicoff fox facing the sunset. Paint your own masterpiece from the comfort of your home!
- The event is open to all!
- Required art supplies for the event: white canvas 8x10 inch size, 1 medium paint brush, plate as palette, acrylic paints (black, white, yellow, orange, pink blue, purple).
- Zoom link details is as follows
 - Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/95732135431?pwd=cWNZeFdjYmdlbjE1R0RMZ2lnM0RpZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 957 3213 5431
 - Passcode: 090210
 - One tap mobile
 - +19292056099,,95732135431# US (New York)
 - +13017158592,,95732135431# US (Washington DC)

Wicoff PTA Nominating Committee: Here are the names of the four parent volunteers for the committee.

- Ms. Sanika Deshmukh
- Ms. Susanna Khachatryan
- Ms. Aesha Shastri
- Ms. Sucharita Bhattacharya

Your time is much appreciated!

Coming soon:

- The last event of the year - Wicoff PTA's general meeting

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.

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.
- **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.
- **AmazonSmile SEPTSA Fundraiser:** *REMEMBER YOU MUST LOG INTO SMILEAMAZON.COM FOR THE DONATION TO REGISTER* Choose #2681149 "Wwp Special ED PTSA." SEPTSA will receive a donation from Amazon amounting to .50% of every order as long as you've designated SEPTSA as your charity of choice and shop through Amazon Smile.
- **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](#).

Links: [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School

In-Person Request to Change Learning Model to Virtual: If your child needs to be virtual on one of their "in-person" days, please be sure to put your request in writing to the building administration (Michael.Welborn@ww-p.org and Lindsay.Jablonski@ww-p.org) at least 24-hours in advance. It is important that the classroom teachers have notice, so they may plan accordingly. Please DO NOT log-on without administrator approval. Also, if your child is not feeling well it is fine to report your child sick in Genesis. They do not need to be virtual. Thank you for your support and understanding!

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. If interested, please email assistant principal, Mrs. Lindsay Jablonski at 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](#). June Screen-Free Afternoons will be held on Wednesdays. The Wednesday June Screen-Free Dates are June 2, 9 and 16.

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.

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

Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the May/June Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level sample rotations and schedules. The week of May 31 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. Screen-Free Afternoons in June 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](#). 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](#).
- **HSN Job Skills Program Sponsored:** The HSN Knights' Armory and Job Skills Program have partnered with Inspired Threads, a company that provides positive, meaningful employment for people with disabilities and those facing other barriers to employment. This fundraiser offers the opportunity to create a one-of-a-kind blanket using your old t-shirts collected over the years. [Click here for more information](#). Use the code "KNIGHTS" at checkout.

Health and Safety

- [Click here](#) to read the Health and Safety Update that was sent from Dr. Aderhold Friday, May 21.

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

- **Kindergarten Care**
 - A Kindergarten Care waitlist for the 2021-22 school year will open Tuesday, June 1. Families will be able to register incoming kindergarteners for a space in Community Education's Kindergarten Care program, at a location or locations to be determined.
 - Register your child for the time opposite of their kindergarten schedule.
 - There is no cost to register for the waitlist. When spaces become available, Community Education will notify you by phone and email.
- **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! (*Please note the price reductions for R2K Leadership*)
 - Community Education just added virtual [preschool summer programs](#) to the line-up! Students as young as 2-years-old and as old as 6-years-old may sign up for virtual summer preschool programs. (*Please note the price reductions for Play Pattern.*)
- **Registering for Community Education Programs**
 - Set up your Community Pass account [here](#). When registering, look for the 2021-22 Integrated Preschool, Kindergarten Care, and Extended Day Program heading.

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. June 2, for the Monday, June 7, distribution.

- Reminder: Registration for the TUESDAY, June 1, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the June 1 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](#).

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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

- **WW-P's Got Talent Virtual Talent Show** has been postponed to June 12, 2021, from 2-4:30 p.m. Admission is free and virtual. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Teacher Appreciation Month:** Our WW-P teachers and staff give the gift of love and care... honor them with a 'STAR'! Now is the time to acknowledge and appreciate their efforts with a 'STAR' certificate. The [WW-P Education Foundation](#) is accepting requests through May 31, 2021, for the [STAR Campaign](#). Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal, or staff member who makes a difference in their life. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.

Community Events

- **STARTALK** - The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District in collaboration with the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland offers a virtual STARTALK student program for Hindi and Urdu. Virtual classes will be offered to rising 3rd- through 5th-grade students, heritage and non-heritage learners. No prior knowledge of the language is required. The program will be held virtually Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. from July 5 through July 31, 2021, (plus four Saturdays, 9 – 11:30 a.m.). Students that

are enrolled in the summer language program will have access to the free 12 post-program classes starting Sept. 18, 2021. For more information and to register, [click here](#). The last day to register is May 30.

- 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.
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