

June 04, 2021

## Dutch Neck Elementary School

### 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](#).
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### PTA

#### Third Grade Parents:

- **June 9, 9:30 a.m. - Meet the Village School Principals:** Village PTA is proud to host an informal meet and greet with their principals at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Please submit your questions [here](#) by June 8 and register [here](#) to attend!
- **June 15, 10 a.m. - Meet the Millstone River School Principals:** Have questions about transition from 2nd/3rd to 3rd/4th grade in Millstone River School? Please register [here](#) to attend the meeting. The zoom link will be sent out to registrants the morning of the meeting.

**Gift from Third Grade Families:** It is a tradition for the third grade class to present Dutch Neck School with a gift as a token of their appreciation. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for the school, please donate [here](#) by June 15, 2021. With your gift, the PTA will spruce up the outdoor amphitheater and create an irrigation

system for the newly revived garden. For any questions, please email [dutchneckevents@gmail.com](mailto:dutchneckevents@gmail.com).

**Dutch Neck Garden Update:** Thank you to the volunteers who started helping to maintain the garden recently!

- [Click here](#) to sign up if you are also interested in helping to maintain the garden. It could be a fun, safe and screen-free activity for the whole family!
- [Click here](#) to donate plants for the garden.
- Thank you to Girl Scouts Sofie Patel and Anushka Arvind for setting up a compost bin in the Dutch Neck Garden. [Click here](#) to see the bin and instructions for composting.
- The Dutch Neck Garden has wild flowers, carrots, cilantro, eggplant, cucumbers, pumpkins, as well as some other plants. [Click here](#) to see photos of some of the plants currently growing.

**Dutch Neck PTA Board 2021-22:** We are very happy to announce that we have a full board to start the next year in full swing on July 1! Congratulations to the new board members!

- Co-President - Jennifer Robinson
- Co-President - Shobana Shenoy
- Secretary - Sonali Ganu
- Treasurer - Venkata Penneti
- Membership and Fundraising VP - Anjali Kulkarni
- Events VP - Priyanka Mehta
- Administration VP - Sarika Soman

## **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](#)

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## School

**Consistency of Instructional Model:** Thank you for your partnership as we worked through changes in our student learning models. We are now able to turn our focus to a consistent learning model within each classroom. We are beginning the final stretch of the school year and this is an important time to establish and maintain the consistency in the learning model and classroom community. As such, the virtual option for in-school students is meant only to be used when there is a COVID-related quarantine. As in a typical year, if a child is not feeling well and will not be attending school because of allergies, upset stomach, etc., please allow the child to have a sick day rather than request a day of virtual learning. Our teachers do a lot of planning to reduce the number of students in the classroom that need to be on Zoom based on their knowledge of who is going to be in-person and who will be virtual. It is our goal to have the in-person students off devices as much as possible and when a group member decides to be virtual for the day, it forces that group onto Zoom. If a student is not well to attend then they should be home resting. If a family is taking a vacation, we want them to be present in that experience. Just as in any year, we will always catch the students up upon their return.

**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 June Screen-Free Afternoons are on Wednesdays: June 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 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 June Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level sample rotations and schedules. The week of June 7 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. 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](#).

## **Health and Safety**

- A Health and Safety Update will be sent from Dr. Aderhold Friday, June 4.

## **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 Summer Programs**
  - Community Education is offering hundreds of virtual summer program options. Check out the [Virtual Summer Guide](#).
  - Community Education 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. Check out the [Virtual Preschool Summer Guide](#).
- **Kindergarten Care**
  - Register now for the Kindergarten Care waitlist. As of Tuesday, June 1, families are 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 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.
- **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 9, for the Monday, June 14, distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, June 7, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the June 7 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

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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.

### **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](#). Registration has been extended to June 15 and there are only a few spots left.
- 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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