

June 11, 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](#).
- The last day for the **Technology Help Desk** located at High School South is Tuesday, June 15. Details regarding Chromebook collection for grades pre-K, K-3, 9-12 were sent earlier this week and may also be viewed by [clicking here](#). New Chromebooks will be issued to these grade levels when they return to school in the fall. If a student is in need of a Chromebook during the summer in order to participate in District-run instructional activities, a request for a device must be made using this [Google form](#) (students must log in to their Google account to access the form).
- **June 18 is the last day of school**. The June 18 newsletter will be the last newsletter for the 2020-21 school year. You will continue to receive updates and information regarding the 2021-22 school year from your school and the district throughout the summer.

PTA

Third Grade Parents: June 15, 10 a.m. - Meet the Millstone River School

Principals: Have questions about transition from *2nd/3rd grade* to *3rd/4th grade* in Millstone River Elementary school? MRS PTA is happy to host an informal meet and greet with our principals for **incoming parents**. Please register [here](#) to attend the meeting (*please include your email id when you register, so you can receive the zoom link*). The zoom link will be sent out to the registrants the morning of the meeting. [Click here](#) to see the Zoom recording of "Meet the Principals from Village School."

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.

Dutch Neck Garden Update - We are excited to share a NEW scheduling app to make it easier and safer for families to come and help in the garden. Working in the Dutch Neck Garden is a great outdoor family activity! [Click here](#) to see the instructions to reserve your spot to weed, water, and take home the bounty. [Click here](#) to donate plants for the garden.

High School Scholarships - The WW-P PTAs and PTSAs would like to thank all of the parents for their support this year. Thanks to your contributions we were able to fund more than \$5,000 in student awards to graduating seniors from both HSS and HSN.

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

3rd Grade Wave Out Event Success: Our third grade students were greeted by teachers' smiling faces and waving hands on Wednesday afternoon. As a way to send off our third grade students, the building was covered in balloons, banners, music and streamers and our staff lined up around the exterior of Dutch Neck to share our congratulations with our students. As the families drove around their school, many in cars also covered in decorations, they were able to see their time here and their teachers here lined up in grade order as a way of saying goodbye. A big thank you to the PTA for their organization, our staff for their enthusiastic send off, and for our students and families for taking the time to come out and celebrate with us. Congratulations to our amazing third graders! Dutch Neck will always have a special place in our hearts for you as your first home 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](#). Our last Screen-Free Afternoon in June is: June 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. Please note the final day for the Help Center for this school year is June 15. If you need assistance during the summer, please complete the repair form and a staff member will contact you.

- Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

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

Reminders

- **Hybrid Week Calendar:** Please click [here](#) for the June Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level sample rotations and schedules. The week of June 14 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](#).

Health and Safety

- Click [here](#) to read the Health and Safety Update that was 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

- **In-Person CE Summer Care Open for Registration:** Community Education is offering in-person summer childcare for WW-P students in grades K-5, from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m. July 6 - Aug. 6. Check out the informational flyer [here](#).
- **Virtual Summer Programs**
 - Community Education is offering hundreds of virtual summer program options. Check out summer programs in the [Virtual Summer Guide](#).
 - Community Education has also 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.

- **2021-2022 Extended Day Program:** EDP registration for the 2021-22 school year will open at 9 a.m. Monday, June 21. Morning and afternoon care will be provided at all elementary schools. Afternoon care is provided at both middle schools. Registration will be limited at each school site to adhere to social distancing requirements.
 - Returning families- be sure to update your child's school and grade to reflect the 2020-21 school year in Community Pass.
 - All Community Education programs are contingent on staffing, ensuring the health and safety of all students, and staff, as well as the ability for the District to remain open by Executive Order.
- **Registering for Community Education Programs:** Set up your Community Pass account [here](#). When registering, look for the 2021-22 Integrated Preschool, Kindergarten Care, Summer 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. **Please note: Effective June 21, 2021, summer distribution hours will be 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Mondays from High School North.** 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 16, for the Monday, June 21, distribution. **Please note: Effective June 21, 2021, summer distribution hours will be 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Mondays from High School North.**
- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, June 14, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the June 14 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.

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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