

June 18, 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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- 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.
- Third trimester report cards for elementary students will be posted to the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) Tuesday, June 22, at 3 p.m. Please see the email sent to parents/guardians on June 16 for more information. If you do not have a Genesis account or cannot remember your password, please email wwpsis@ww-p.org.

PTA

Yearbook Delivery - Yearbooks that were ordered to "ship to home" have started to ship this week and may continue to arrive through next week. Parents who ordered yearbooks to "ship to school" have already received communication about the procedure for picking up. Thank you to Simka Petkovska, the yearbook chairperson, for putting so much creative energy and time into making such an awesome yearbook that will truly be a lasting memento of the pandemic year!

- If anyone wishes to still order a yearbook, please click the link that follows:
https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=49146 (**Please note that the price is different and shipping will be depending on your order date. After the due date we had, they will have to print each book separately and it's all going through Entourage and not the PTA. Ship to home will be the only option.*)
- Any questions, please email yearbookdn@gmail.com.

Thank You from the PTA - The PTA wishes to extend our gratitude to all of the amazing Dutch Neck teachers, staff and families for doing so much to make this unusual year great for all of the students! Thank you to all of the wonderful PTA volunteers who helped us so much to keep students engaged! We are grateful for the generous donations made by parents and for all of the PTA members who joined! If you are interested in helping out with a particular event for the 2021-2022 school year, please [click here](#). We will start planning during the summer. Have a wonderful and safe summer! Good luck to all of the third graders moving onto Village and Millstone River School! We look forward to seeing the rest of you in the fall!

Come and help the Dutch Neck Garden during Summer - 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 and bring them with you to plant yourself. Please contact dutchneckgarden@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

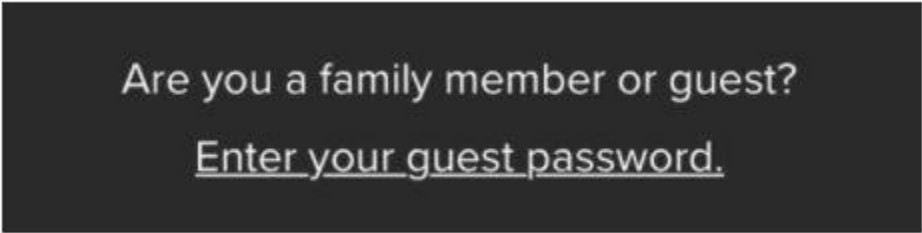
- **AmazonSmile SEPTSA Fundraiser:** *REMEMBER YOU MUST LOG INTO SMILEAMAZON.COM FOR THE DONATION TO REGISTER* Choose #2681149 "Wwp Special ED PTSA." SEPTSA will receive a donation from Amazon amounting to .50% of every order as long as you've designated SEPTSA as your charity of choice and shop through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

To Our 3rd Grade Students: Welcome New Village PACK Members! If you have a child who will be new to Village next year, check out this [Flipgrid](#) to hear from Village staff members about everything that makes Village School such a special place! In order to view it, you will need to enter the password **Village2021** by clicking "Enter your guest password" at the bottom of the Flipgrid welcome screen.



Are you a family member or guest?
[Enter your guest password.](#)

Technology Collection: This summer, the District will be collecting student Chromebooks and power adapters from those students currently in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 1-3, and grades 9-12. New Chromebooks and power cords will be distributed to students in these grades (other than 12) 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).

The collection dates for students in PreK, Kindergarten and grade 1 will occur on the dates listed below at High School South from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- June 25, 2021
- June 28, 2021
- July 1, 2021

The collection dates for students in grades 2 and 3 will occur on the dates listed below at High School South from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- June 29, 2021
- June 30, 2021
- July 1, 2021

When returning the Chromebook please remember to include the power adapter. Each student should write the following on a piece of paper and place the paper in the Chromebook.

- Student Name
- Student ID Number
- Grade
- School

Families should place the Chromebook and charger in the trunk or backseat of their car. Please pull up to High School South (using the Penn Lyle Rd. entrance and drive up to the new theatre entrance). Please do not get out of your car. A staff member will prompt the driver to open/unlock their trunk/backdoor. The staff member will remove the Chromebook and charger.

For the safety of our staff, please do the following for your pickup:

- Have your trunk empty so the staff member can easily find your Chromebook/charger

- Please do not bring pets with you
- Wear a face mask

Thank you: As we conclude this extraordinary year, we would like to take a moment to share a heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff members, parents, and students of Dutch Neck School. The collaboration, flexibility, and determination to make this year a great one for learning and children shone it's way through a very different looking school year. We wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer and we are looking forward to greeting you at the doors of Dutch Neck in the fall.

With deepest appreciation,

Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

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

Reminders

- **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 programs should bring a pre-filled water bottle with them.
- **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 cellphone 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 18.

Counseling and Wellness

- To view the 2020-21 Parent University presentations, click [here](#).

Federal American Rescue Plan Act

- In April 2021, President Biden signed the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act into law. This Act provides additional funds in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) to states and school districts to help safely reopen, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impacts of the pandemic on students. All school districts that receive these funds are required to develop and make public the first submission which requires districts to provide a 1000 character maximum overview of potential areas of spending, as well as to show a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools.
- The district is required to seek public comment on the Safe Return and take those comments into account when finalizing the Safe Return Plan. The district must also periodically review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return Plan (through Sept. 30, 2023). To review the District plan and to provide input, please [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 11 a.m. - 1 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 23, for the Monday, June 28, distribution. **The June 28 meal kit will contain two weeks of meals. Due to the holiday weekend, there will be no food distribution on Monday, July 5.** Meal kit distribution will resume Monday, July 12, 2021. **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 21, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the June 21 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at High School North. (Please note the NEW SUMMER HOURS.) **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.

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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