

June 18, 2021

Wicoff Elementary School

IMPORTANT:

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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

It has been an absolutely wonderful school year! Wicoff PTA had many of the firsts this year and we are immensely grateful to our volunteers, participants, teachers and our school administrators for the enthusiasm and support.

The Wicoff PTA Nominating Committee has elected the following officers for the 2021-22 school year:

- President - Harshad Kamat
- Secretary - Anushka Srivastava
- Treasurer - Tej Pratap Singh
- Vice Presidents - Chittal Sundaram, Padma Venkat, Dipanwita Saha and Priti Mehta Makkar

Congratulations!

Thank You again for your commitment! Have a wonderful summer!

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

Third Grade Parents-Important Millstone River School Transition Videos: Below are two links to two informational videos from Millstone River School.

- [Welcome to MRS Presentation](#)
- [Welcome to MRS Video](#)

School Visitation: Plans are being made to invite students and parents for a Wicoff School tour/visit in late August. This will be a chance for our Wicoff families to re-acclimate to the building. Sign-ups for a date/time slot will be sent over the summer.

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.

Technology Department Reminder: 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). Once the form is completed, a technology staff member will contact the student via their WWPRSD email address.

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](#)

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

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