

Oct. 29, 2021

## Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

**On Tuesday, Nov. 2, all WW-P Schools will be VIRTUAL. There will be NO school Thursday, Nov. 4, and Friday, Nov. 5. Due to the shortened week, there will not be a Nov. 5 newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent Nov. 12.**

### PTA

It was great to see our little bakers don their aprons and baking hats and have an amazing time baking delicious apple muffins with Mrs. Rosie! This recipe is going into our recipe books. Thank you Mrs. Rosie for another year of baking fun.

- **Reflections: Deadline is fast approaching!!:** The theme this year is **"I will change the world by..."**. Kids can explore this theme in the form of literature, dance, visual arts, film production, music and photography. For more information on how to participate click [here](#). The deadline for submission is **Nov. 10, 2021**. No late entries will be accepted. All students submitting an entry to Wicoff PTA Reflection program, MUST have at least one Wicoff PTA member in his/her household. [Join the PTA](#) to take advantage of this program.
- **Join the PTA:** Many families have registered for PTA membership. This gives you the right to vote at events and your kids to participate in Reflections. It is still not too late to register for PTA. Join PTA using this link: <https://wicoff.new.memberhub.store/store>
- **Ways to support the PTA:**
  - **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/> Add Jvb Wicoff Elem School as a charity you support OR on your amazon app, go to settings -> Amazon Smile to add Wicoff school.
  - **Support by DONATING:** [Click here to donate](#).
  - **Box Tops:** Download the Box Tops App on your phone, add Wicoff school and scan your receipts.

If you have any questions, concerns and/or ideas, please contact us at [wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com).

Useful PTA Links: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Wicoff's Twitter](#)

## Some important dates to mark on your calendar:

- Nov. 10: Reflections submission deadline

## SEPTSA

- **SEPTSA Reflections Participation** – We're offering the Reflections program to all special education students with IEPs and 504s. The theme for 2021-22 is "I Will Change the World By....". Please refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>. Email your entries or questions to: [septsa.reflection@gmail.com](mailto:septsa.reflection@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions is Dec. 1, 2021.
- **SEPTSA Membership** - Our PTSA 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 available 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.
- **WhatsApp for Special Ed Families** – Former and new participants for SEPTSA's WhatsApp will need to re-register due to a corruption of the application. Please use the following form to re-register. <https://forms.gle/69RqF2T8H5iuwxms7>
- **WW-P Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)** - To support parents of students with an IEP or 504 plan and to provide input to the district on special education issues, SEPAG meets regularly throughout the school year to hold discussions.

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

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## SCHOOL

- **Important Reminder for Election Day:** All WW-P Schools will be closed to in-person instruction Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 (Election Day). Instruction by WW-P staff will be conducted virtually Nov. 2, 2021. This change to all-virtual instruction is ONLY for Tuesday, Nov. 2.
- **Children's Sweatpants Donations Needed:** The nurse's office is looking for donated sweatpants. We are looking for children's sizes 5-12. We will gladly accept new or lightly worn sweatpants.

- [Click here](#) for some important Wicoff Spirit Day dates to place on your calendars.
  - **Important reminders regarding drop-off and pickup:** If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please park in the church parking lot (adjacent to Wicoff School) and walk your child to the front entrance of the building. Please DO NOT drive in the bus lane in the front of the school building to drop-off your child as this interferes with our buses. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, you need to send a note with your child stating this information. If this is an everyday occurrence one note explaining this will cover pickup for the school year. If this is NOT an everyday occurrence you will need to write a note each time. Please also note our Parent Pickup location has changed. Parents picking up their child(ren) at the end of the day will report to the middle door in the front of the building. We call this the third grade hallway doors or Door #13. As always, the safety and comfort of our students is our top priority!
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## DISTRICT

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

### Reminders

- All WW-P schools will be closed to in-person instruction Nov. 2, 2021, (Election Day). **Instruction by WW-P staff will be conducted virtually on Nov. 2, 2021.** This change is ONLY effective for Tuesday, Nov. 2.
- All WW-P Schools are **closed Nov. 4 and 5, 2021.** Please [click here](#) for the 2021-22 school year calendar.
- **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 in your contact information in Genesis. Text messaging rates may apply. For additional details, please click [here](#).
- **Masks:** All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status except under specified reasons that impact an individual's health. Valve masks and neck gaiters are not permitted for use in school or District grounds. Unvaccinated individuals are recommended to wear masks in outdoor settings.
- **Health Screening:** For the 2021-22 school year, parents/guardians should ONLY complete a Health Screening Form in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) for their child(ren) if one or more of the exclusion issues listed on the [School Exclusion](#)

[Chart](#) apply to their child(ren). Upon completion of a health screening form in Genesis, parents/guardians should keep their child(ren) home and contact their school nurse for instructions.

- **Substitutes:** Are you interested in being a 2021-22 substitute at WW-P? Please click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to apply.
- **Board of Education Meetings:** Effective Oct. 19, 2021, Board of Education meetings will be held in the multipurpose room at Central Office, 321 Village Road East, West Windsor, NJ. The meetings will also be live streamed via the District's [YouTube channel](#). Please [click here](#) for upcoming meeting dates.
- **Around the District News**
  - HSS PTSA fundraisers available districtwide
    - It's the HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN SIGN! Celebrate your birthday to help us celebrate the HSS graduating seniors. For more information and to reserve your date, please click [here](#).

## Health and Safety

- A **Health and Safety Update** from Dr. Aderhold will be sent Friday, Oct. 29. Please note: Due to the short week, there will be no Health and Safety Update sent Friday, Nov. 5.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's **School Exclusion Chart**.

## Counseling

- **The next Virtual Parent University, *Video Gaming - Impacts of Addiction***, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For most players, playing video games is a fun activity, a way to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy a challenge, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, for some players, a video game hobby can escalate into an addictive disorder which takes over their lives. *Video Gaming - Impacts of Addiction* will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents. To login on Nov. 9, please use the following link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/93332150507?pwd=eFB4aTY2RUxFTi9rM1JPWHInMGFMZz09>
- To view past Parent University presentations, please click [here](#).

## Community Education

- **Full-Day Care available Election Day- Tuesday, Nov. 2:** Community Education will be offering EDP Drop-In Day child care for any WW-P kindergarten through 8th grade student. This full-day, in-person child care will be held at Village School Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. for \$35/child. Spots are limited and registration is on a first-come, first served basis. The EDP Drop-In Day will follow the same health and safety protocols as WW-P Schools (i.e., temperature check upon entrance, masks required, frequent hand washing). Students must bring all materials needed to complete their full-virtual school day along with a

nut-free lunch. Registration is online through [Community Pass](#) under "2021-2022 EDP Drop In Days."

- **One Day Wonders- Day Off Care:** One Day Wonders is a full-day program open to **ALL** registered WW-P students in grades K-8 on most days in which school is not in session, through Feb. 1, 2022. Students will participate in activities and enjoy special visitors while on-site at a specific school location. More information can be found [here](#). **\*Please note there is a change in location for Nov. 4 and 5.** To register for One Day Wonders, please set up your Community Pass account here: [Community Pass Registration Link](#).
- **Middle and High School Virtual Enrichment - November Classes Still Available:** Virtual enrichment classes are still open for students to register. Select classes begin in November. Check out the Fall guide [here](#). To register for fall middle and high school virtual programs, please set up your Community Pass account [here](#).

### Food Services

- In conjunction with the federal government and the NJDOA, WW-P will be participating in a waiver that provides students access to nutritious meals at no cost.
- PaySchools Central is the new food service online system, [click here](#) for directions for creating an account.

### Technology

- **Student Chromebook Issues:** If a student in grades k-8 has an issue with their Chromebook, they should report the problem to their homeroom teacher. All high school students who have an issue with their Chromebook should enter a tech ticket and drop off their Chromebook at the Media Center. Upon drop off, a replacement Chromebook will be provided.

### 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

- Click [here](#) for more 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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