

Nov. 12, 2021

## Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

### PTA

**Reflections Update:** All Dutch Neck students are invited to participate in the 2021-2022 Reflections Program sponsored by the National PTA by submitting original art related to this school year's theme, "*I Will Change the World by...*". Please see the [flyer](#) and [student entry form](#) for more details. It could be a great weekend project for your child. The **deadline is Monday, Nov. 15, 2021!** Contact us at [reflections.dutchneck@gmail.com](mailto:reflections.dutchneck@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Important Dutch Neck PTA Links:

- **Dutch Neck PTA Membership:** Even if you cannot volunteer your time, show us your support by becoming a member today. For details, [click here](#).
- **Donate and Make a Difference:** For details, [click here](#).
- **Amazon Smile Support:** Find instructions for AmazonSmile [here](#). Please choose 33727 Dutch Neck PTA when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
- **Box Tops Support:** Download the Box Tops App, create your account and select Dutch Neck Elementary. Scan your receipt for quick, direct addition of Box Tops to your account or email your e-receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com).
- **Visit Our Website:** <https://dutchneckpta.org/>
- **Visit Our Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/dutchneckpta>

### SEPTSA

- **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** – Join us on WhatsApp to connect with other WW-P families of special education students. [Connect with WWP special ed parents](#)
- **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.reflections@gmail.com](mailto:septsa.reflections@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions is Dec. 1, 2021.

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

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## SCHOOL

**American Education Week** is observed in all communities annually as an opportunity for all parents to get a glimpse into an average school day. This year, American Education Week takes place Nov. 15-19. American Education Week was first observed Dec. 4-10, 1921, sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Legion. A year later, the U.S. Office of Education joined as an additional co-sponsor. The National PTA followed in 1938. American Education Week is currently celebrated the first full week before Thanksgiving.

We recognize that we are not able to invite parents and caregivers into our classrooms as we have done in years past, yet we know it is equally important to engage parents in understanding your child's experiences. Your child's classroom teacher will be sharing information with you regarding how s/he will be recognizing and celebrating American Education Week. We thank our teachers and staff for their commitment in creating worthwhile and engaging experiences for their students, and we thank you, our parents and caregivers, for your continued partnership in your child's educational journey.

**Parent Drop Off:** Please remember if you choose to drop off your child in the morning, you should pull into the East parking lot (the lot to the right when facing the school) and follow the line of cars until you are directed by one of the teachers in the front of the building. We have noticed that some parents are choosing to park on the street and either send their child across the street alone or walk with them, without using the crosswalk. This is unsafe and illegal. Given the number of cars dropping off, we strongly encourage parents to remain in their cars as they drop their children off. Although the line may appear to be long, it moves quickly and takes no more than five minutes. We know mornings can be hectic and sometimes we are rushing to get to other places, however the safety of our students is most important. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Reminder:** The District is only authorized to provide virtual instruction for COVID-based reasons. Please remember to communicate with our school nurse regarding any travel outside of NJ, NY, PA, or DE. Should virtual instruction be necessary, please know that the teachers will provide the students with the Zoom links and login instructions in time for the first day of virtual instruction so that students may have “eyes and ears in the room” and can stay connected to their classrooms.

**Kind Regards,**

**Mr. David Argese & Mrs. Laura Bruce**

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## **DISTRICT**

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

### **Reminders**

- **Thanksgiving Recess:** All WW-P Schools will have an early dismissal Wednesday, Nov. 24. Half-day preschool is closed. All WW-P Schools are **closed Nov. 25 and 26, 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, Nov. 12.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's **School Exclusion Chart**.

## **Counseling**

- To view past Parent University presentations, please click [here](#).

## **Community Education**

- **Winter After School Enrichment Registration Open for K-12th Grade Students:** Join Community Education for both in-person and online enrichment programs, beginning Jan. 24, 2022! Programs are again offered to elementary through high school students. Kindergarteners are now eligible to participate in select programs at each school. Check out the winter guide by clicking here: [2022 Winter Enrichment Guide](#).
- **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. Limited spaces are still available for Jan. 17, 2022. More information can be found [here](#). To register for One Day Wonders, please set up your Community Pass account here: [Community Pass Registration Link](#).
- **Extended Day Program (EDP) Registration Update:** Extended Day Program (EDP) registration will be CLOSED starting Dec. 22, 2021, and will not reopen until Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. Anyone needing to register for EDP services for the beginning of January must do so on or before the Wednesday, Dec. 22 deadline. To register for any of the Community Education programs, please set up your Community Pass account here: [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

## **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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