

March 18, 2022

## Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

### PTA

- **PTA Reflections Update:** Proud moment for Dutch Neck! Three students have advanced from the state level to the national level! That is a new record!  
**Congratulations to:**
  - Second grader **Shirly Liu**, Primary Level - Visual Arts Category
  - Second grader **Varenya Borah**, Primary Level - Literature Category
  - Kindergartner **Kavin Vairavan**, Primary Level - Photography Category
- **Award News:** We are excited and proud to announce that Dutch Neck PTA has been selected to receive the New Jersey PTA 2021 President's Recognition Award which was based on reviving the [Dutch Neck Garden](#)! Thank you to the PTA Green Committee, Boy Scout Troop 66, Girl Scout Troop 70692, DN garden facilitator Ms. Dowling and Eagle Scout Arjun Sil who did so much work to help the PTA win this prestigious award! If you would like to join the Green Committee to help with the garden this spring and summer, please email [dutchneckpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dutchneckpresident@gmail.com).
- **Last Call for Spirit Wear:** We are excited to open up our Member Hub store for a limited time and also with limited supply. Here is the link with the size, color and price details: <https://tinyurl.com/DNSPIRITWEAR2022>. The online Member Hub store is open now until March 30. For questions email [DutchNeckfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:DutchNeckfundraising@gmail.com).
- **Yearbooks Now On Sale:** Order your copy of the Dutch Neck Yearbook today! It is a full color, softcover book with over 100 pages of school memories to keep forever! The price is now \$32. The yearbooks will be delivered to school and distributed to the students by their teachers.
  - Please see this [flyer](#) for more details.
  - [Click here](#) to order yours today!
  - For any questions, please email [yearbookdn@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookdn@gmail.com).
- **Yearbook links to upload photos:** Thank you to all of the families that have been uploading photos to help make this year's yearbook special! Please keep uploading more of your fun, and creative photos (JPEG format ONLY please).

- To upload the photos, [click here](#). This link has all the folders. **Kindly upload your photos directly into the appropriately named folder instead of the main yearbook folder.**
- Please note that some folders will be closed when there is no space left. We want to ensure that your photos can get in.
- Please feel free to upload spirit days pics as you take them at home with your kids. Spirit day photos can be [uploaded here](#). **School spirit days can be found on this [calendar](#).**
  - Please name the image file as **studentname\_grade\_teacherlastname.jpeg**.
  - For any further questions, please contact us at [yearbookdn@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookdn@gmail.com)
- **Save the date - Virtual International Carnival 3rd Grade Championship will be held on one night only on March 31 from 6-8 p.m.:** We are excited to announce that all ten team slots are full! The third graders are working hard on their country presentations to "bring the world to your homes." We invite students from all grades to tune in, learn about different countries and encourage the teams. Contact [dutchneckevents@gmail.com](mailto:dutchneckevents@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **Save the Date - Book Fair is coming! Our in-person Scholastic Book Fair for students starts April 4 and ends April 8!** Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to volunteer during your child's teacher allotted slot. We encourage you to sign up for ewallet, it's an easy and worry free way to send money with your child to shop at the book fair: <https://tinyurl.com/EWALLET-DN>. Your children will soon be bringing home a flier from Scholastic to preview featured titles coming to the book fair. You can also view the interactive flier [here](#).

#### **Important Dutch Neck PTA Links:**

- **Dutch Neck PTA Membership:** For details, [click here](#).
- **Donate and Make a Difference:** For details about JWAC (Just Write A Check), <https://tinyurl.com/JWAC-DNschool>.
- **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 Transition to College Talk** (March 22, 7 p.m., Virtual) – Inviting WW-P high school students (and older middle schoolers) with IEP/504s to join our discussion with WW-P graduates who had IEP/504s and are now students in college. We'll discuss their experiences transitioning from WW-P high schools and their tips and advice navigating the greater demands of college/university. For questions and to RSVP by March 20, contact Kathleen at [kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:kkz4@verizon.net)
- **SEPTSA Meeting** (April 28, 7 p.m., West Windsor Library) – Join us for a PTSA meeting followed by a presentation from prominent marketing professional and disability advocate, Mark Brugger, who will conduct a simulation to better understand language processing challenges from the perspective of those experiencing them. This interactive workshop provides insight as to how family and friends can better support their loved ones facing these issues. For questions and to RSVP by April 20, contact Kathleen at [kkz4@verizon.net](mailto:kkz4@verizon.net)
- **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 note that registration with your child(ren) school PTA/PTSA or having your child classified or "registered" with Special Services does not qualify as membership with SEPTSA. There are many volunteers available for our members ranging from 1 hour total to 1 hour per month commitments. Please click [here](#) for more information about SEPTSA.
- **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](#)

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

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## SCHOOL

- **Kids Helping Kids:** The students at Dutch Neck Elementary School will be involved in helping kids in need throughout the year. The students in Mrs. Rogala and Mrs. Signore's third grade class are running a food drive to support the charity of HomeFront during the week of March 21-25. This community service project will enable our students to understand how each of them can make a big difference in another child's life. Here is how you can help – We will be collecting food that will be used to make snack bags for students of HomeFront. After the

food is collected our students will be making the snack bags. The students have assigned each grade level an item.

- Kindergarten: Granola bars
- Grade 1: Individual size applesauce and/or fruit cups
- Grade 2: Fruit snacks
- Grade 3: Small water bottles or juice boxes

Please have your child bring their donations to their classroom between March 21-15. The food will be picked up from there.

- **Interested in being more involved at Dutch Neck? We have a lunch aide opening!** The position assists with lunch and recess for our students from 11:15 a.m. -1:45 p.m. every day school is in session. We are looking for adults who love being around kids, are able to help with the management of the cafeteria procedures, and can work collaboratively with our staff. It is a wonderful opportunity for someone looking to work during the middle part of the day when students are in school! Interested?

- Please follow this link to apply and search 'Cafeteria Aide' to find the one specifically for Dutch Neck:

<https://westwindsorplainsboro.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

- **Upcoming Dates**

- Elementary Trimester Ends - March 15
- Parents View Report Cards - March 24

–Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

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## DISTRICT

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

## Reminders

- **WW-P Academic Calendar:** With the use of one emergency closing day (Jan. 7, 2022), all WW-P schools and board offices will be open April 13, 2022. Please click [here](#) for the updated 2021-22 school year calendar.
- **Staff Email Addresses:** Please note that effective Feb. 8, 2022, all staff email addresses have been updated to @wwprsd.org. Staff email addresses use the following pattern [firstname.lastname@wwprsd.org](#) (e.g., Jim Smith is [jim.smith@wwprsd.org](#)).

- **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](#).
- **WW-P Mobile Application:** The WW-P app is now available for download on both the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) app store. Designed for the school community, it features convenient links and information all in one place. Download the app using the hyperlinks above or by searching "WW-P Schools" in the Google Play Store or App Store on Apple.
- **Masks:** Masking information for the week of March 21, 2022, will be included in the March 18 Health and Safety Update and posted to the District website. Masks must be worn by all passengers on buses, regardless of vaccination status or CALI level. Valve masks and neck gaiters are not permitted for use in school or District grounds.
- **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.
- **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, March 18.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's **School Exclusion Chart**.
- **Free, optional, weekly COVID testing at High School North:** The next testing date is Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. for WW-P students and vaccinated staff. The free, COVID-19 testing program is completely voluntary and held onsite at High School North (90 Grovers Mill Rd., Plainsboro) Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information and how to register, please [click here](#).

## Counseling

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

## Community Education

- **Registering for a Community Education Program:** Community Education uses a software called Community Pass. New users will need to open an account and list all program users and participants. There are specific registration deadlines and balance restrictions.
  - The Community Pass Registration site can be found [here](#).
- **Integrated Preschool Registration to begin March 21:** Beginning at 9 a.m., Monday, March 21, Community Education will open registration for the 2022-2023 Integrated Preschool program. Students must be either three or four years of age by Oct. 1, 2022, in order to register for the school year.
  - Spaces are limited to 12 students per section and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once filled, a waitlist will automatically generate.
  - Open an account in [Community Pass](#) and register under 2022-2023 Extended Day, KE & Pre-K.
- **Spring After School Enrichment Registration is NOW open.** Both in-person and virtual programs are being offered! Spaces are limited.
  - Check out the 2022 Spring Guide [here](#).
  - Register in [Community Pass](#) under After School Enrichment Catalog. Registration closes at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.
- **Full-Day Programs on May 3 (5-12th grade):** New Middle School and High School IN-PERSON programs are being offered May 3 at High School North.
  - *Strategic Decision Making for WWP Students:* Students in 6th-9th grade learn to build confidence, leadership and steps in smart decision making! [Check out the details here!](#)
  - *CSI: How STEM is Used to Solve Crimes:* Students in 5th through 12th grade can work alongside real police detectives for a day of forensic science! [Check out the details here!](#)
- **Adult Programs:** Learn about financial planning for the future or learn how to turn your beautiful voice into a profession! Or, join a class on how to safely and effectively tie your boat up to the dock in Coast Boating School's knot tying class! Check out the details [here](#)!
  - Register in [Community Pass](#) under 2022 Adult & Youth.
- **Saturday youth sports:** Basketball and tennis enrichment classes have already filled up at most schools! Sign up for Saturday programs at Grover Middle School. Programs begin May 7! Check out the details [here](#).
  - Spaces are limited and registration closes Friday, April 29 at 12 p.m.
- **Spring Break One Day Wonders:** Full-day childcare for WW-P students will be offered between Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22, at Millstone River Elementary School. The program will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. A special visitor will be presenting to the students each day. Registration closes 3 days before the start of each program or until the program meets capacity. For more information click [here](#).

- Register in [Community Pass](#) under 2021-2022 One Day Wonders.
- **Summer Programs:** Join Community Education for in-person summer programs beginning June 27! Weekly half-day or full-day programs along with extended care are being offered at Grover Middle School! Register for one week or all seven! Spaces are limited in each program, so do not delay in registering.
  - Online classes are also available. Full-day supervision cannot be provided for those enrolled in an online class.
  - Browse through the summer brochure [here](#)!
  - Register in [Community Pass](#) under 2022 Summer (In-person) OR 2022 Summer (Online).
- **Introduction to Discrete Math- High School Summer Course:** The WW-P Introduction to Discrete Mathematics course will be in session from July 11, 2022, through August 5, 2022. Class will meet in-person from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday. This class is taught by WWPRSD teachers and students will earn 2.5 math credits with no Option ii exam.
  - Spaces are limited and registration closes May 10.
  - For more information check out the [Frequently Asked Question](#) form. To register for the class, set up your Community Pass account and click on 2022 Summer Discrete Math.
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## Food Services

- Check out the Sodexo March menus and newsletter by [clicking here](#).
- 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.
- Interested in a part-time job serving nutritious meals to our students? Please call Food Services at (609) 716-5000 x5938, or visit [www.Sodexo.jobs](http://www.Sodexo.jobs) and search "Plainsboro".

## 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.
- **Virtual Students with Chromebook Issues:** Students in grades K-8 who are currently learning virtually due to a required quarantine/isolation and are experiencing a Chromebook issue, should contact their teacher who will enter a

tech ticket on their behalf. The student will then be contacted by a school staff member to exchange their current device with a new one. High school students should reach out to their assigned [assistant principal](#) to make arrangements.

### **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.
- The WW-P mobile application is now available for download on both the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) app store. Designed for the school community, the app features convenient links and information all in one place (e.g., events calendar, District notifications, news, and more). Download the app using the hyperlinks above or by searching "WW-P Schools" in the Google Play Store or App Store on Apple.

### **Community Events**

- The West Windsor Health Department has several upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics scheduled for March. Details and registration information may be found [here](#).
- 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.
- Board of Education meetings are held in the multipurpose room at Central Office, 321 Village Road East, West Windsor, NJ. The meetings are also live streamed via the District's [YouTube channel](#).

**Follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [YouTube](#)