

April 08, 2022

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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PTA

- **Winners of International Carnival** - We are so proud of all ten amazing third grade teams! It was a tough competition and we could see the hard work all the teams put together. If you missed the event here is the [video link](#) from March 31, 2022. All third grade teams will get a participation certificate. Based on the judges' scores, here are the winners:
 - **1st Place - Team Brazil** (Tanish Goyal, Etaash Balaji, Arjun Chatterjee, Aneesh Ravikanti)
 - **2nd Place *TIE* - Team India** (Sharv Kulkarni, Aarnav Kulkarni, Mahira Chopra, Ishaan Singh), and **Team Japan** (Achyut Vidhyut, Neel Hiremath, Avadhoot Joshi, Samrudh Savkar), and **Team Vatican City** (Diya Roy, Navya Palaparthi, Srishti Jain, Lasya Pamuri)
 - ***Congratulations to all the winners***
- **Scholastic Book Fair Update:** Today was the last day of the in-person book fair. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped so much to run it so successfully! If your child was not able to purchase items that they wanted, the [online](#) book fair will remain open until April 14, 2022.
- **Dutch Neck Garden:** Spring is finally here and the Green Committee will start working in the garden soon! If you would like to join the Green Committee to help with the garden this spring and summer, please email dutchneckpresident@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.
- **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.
- **Spirit Wear Update:** The online purchase for spirit wear is now closed. Thanks once again for your orders. Your child will receive their purchased spirit wear t-shirt distributed to them in their classroom by their homeroom teachers by next week. For questions, please contact dutchneckpresident@gmail.com.

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.
- **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.
- **Visit Our Website:** <https://dutchneckpta.org/>

Visit Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/dutchneckpta>

SEPTSA

- **Office Hours, April 10 at 4-5 p.m., McCaffreys Café West Windsor** – Join us for an informal meetup to ask questions and/or share experiences. RSVP by 12 p.m., April 10 and for questions contact Kathleen Moriarty at kkz4@verizon.net or Veena Pai at veenapai.0408@gmail.com. (If you have a question and this timing doesn't work with your schedule, but you'd like support or to connect with other families dealing with similar situations, please feel free to contact Kathleen or Veena at any time.)
- **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
- **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](#)

SCHOOL

- **Author Day:** We are excited to welcome guest author Josh Funk, author of the *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast* series, *How to Code a Rollercoaster* and *How to Code a Sandcastle*, the *It's NOT a Fairy Tale* series, as well as several other stand-alone books. Mr. Funk will be visiting Dutch Neck students virtually **Tuesday, April 12**. You can check out more about Josh at <https://www.joshfunkbooks.com/>.
- **Art Show:** Be sure to check out the amazing artwork of the students of Dutch Neck and WW-P at the Plainsboro Recreation Center! The art will be up all

month. Many thanks to Ms. Feeley for all of the instruction, preparation, and inspiration to make this happen!

- **Attention Current Grade 3 Families - Ensemble Choices:** All families are reminded to register their child(ren) for a music ensemble (chorus or orchestra) for next year by using the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) by **April 29 at 3 p.m.**
- **Mr. Argese and Mrs. Bruce Read Alouds:** One of our favorite things to do is join classrooms of students for read alouds and activities. We have recently been reading the books below and enjoying follow-up activities and conversations!
 - Kindergarten: *The Way I Feel* by Janan Cain
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSdSWIfCpJ8>
 - We talked about the different feelings friends have every day and ways to find clues on faces to guess how people feel. Students chose a feeling and drew the feeling on a half paper plate, then tried to guess the feelings of their classmates based upon the clues.
 - First Grade: *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCmLoRXNtao>
 - We talked about all of the ways we show kindness throughout our day. Students then thought of a way they can be kind, wrote their idea in a sentence and/or drew a picture to express their idea. These will be displayed as a tree of kindness in the hallway for everyone to see.
 - Second Grade: *Wumbars* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LH7cQQhTJ0Y>
 - We came up with word/number combinations and saw how many we could include in one sentence. It was 1derful 2 see the classes come up with gr8 ideas!
 - Third Grade: *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM3DesXftrQ>
 - We talked about how each of us has a unique quality which should be celebrated. How boring the world would be if all of us were the same? We discussed ways in which students can sometimes feel different and then brainstormed ways that we can support our friends and their differences and make them feel good and valued about those differences.

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **Spring Break:** All WW-P schools are closed Thursday, April 14, as the day is an unused emergency closing day. All WW-P schools are closed Friday, April 15, through Sunday, April 24, 2022, for spring break.
- **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 April 11, 2022, will be included in the April 8, 2022, Health and Safety Update and posted to the District website. It should be noted, masks must be worn by all passengers on buses, regardless of vaccination status or CALI level.
- **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](#).
- **April Showers bring May Flowers!** HSS PTSA will be selling flowers for Mother's Day and also WW-P Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! Orders must be placed and payment completed by April 20. No exceptions! [Fill out this google form to place your order](#).

Health and Safety

- A **Health and Safety Update** from Dr. Aderhold will be sent Friday, April 8. Due to spring break, there will be no Health and Safety Updates sent Friday, April 15, and Friday, April 22.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's **School Exclusion Chart**.
- WW-P, in conjunction with the West Windsor Health Department, will hold a COVID-19 **vaccine and booster clinic** Wednesday, April 27, from 4-6 p.m. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. Adult and pediatric doses will be available at the clinic.
- **Free, optional, weekly COVID testing at High School North:** The next testing date is Saturday, April 9, 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](#).
 - There will be **NO testing** Saturday, April 16, and Saturday, April 23, during Spring Break. Testing will resume Saturday, April 30, 2022.

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](#).
- **Summer Open House:** Join Community Education along with summer program vendors for the 2022 Summer In-Person Open House! Take a look through the summer guide and come to the open house with questions for the specific program vendors! Most programs will be in attendance.
 - The open house will take place at Grover Middle School Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The program will be held outdoors. (Rain date: Saturday, May 7).

- Check out the invitation for more specific details [here](#)!
- **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).
- **2022-23 Kindergarten Extension Registration:** Registration for the 2022-23 Kindergarten Extension program will open **Tuesday, April 26 at 9 a.m.** Please create a Community Pass account and add your child's information prior to the start of registration. **You will need to know if your child is attending AM or PM kindergarten in order to complete the registration process.*
 - Kindergarten Extension general information can be found [here](#).
 - Kindergarten Extension Parent Handbook can be found [here](#).
 - Register for 2022-23 Kindergarten Extension [here](#) (under 2022-2023 Extended Day, KE, & Pre-K) heading beginning April 26 at 9 a.m.

Food Services

- Check out the Sodexo 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 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.

WW-P Education Foundation

- **UPDATED DATE: Virtual WW-P'S Got Talent - Innovation Fair 2022:** Have a skill or performance that you think will WOW your friends and family? Fill out the [audition form](#) to submit your audition video! **Audition submissions are due April 21, 2022, by 11:59 p.m.** The Virtual Talent Show is June 4, 2022, from 2-4 p.m.

Community Events

- The West Windsor Health Department has COVID-19 vaccine clinics scheduled throughout the month. Details and registration information may be found [here](#).
- Plainsboro Recreation and Community Services is now registering for their spring programming for children ages 2 and up with special needs. [Please click](#) here for additional information and to register. The program is open to residents and non-residents.
- 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](#)

