

April 08, 2022

## Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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### PTA

- Thank you Mrs. Rosie for teaching us another delicious recipe. The kids had fun baking and decorating lemon crinkle cookies. This recipe surely is one for the books.
- The PTA also wants to thank all for attending the Panera fundraiser and supporting the PTA.
- We wish everyone a happy Spring break. Have fun and be safe.
- **Supporting Classroom Libraries:** The Spring Book Fair is in full swing! Students had the opportunity to shop for books during their library time.
  - Book Fair is also an opportunity to support our teachers by helping to build their classroom libraries. If you'd like to donate a book from your teacher's wish list, please use this [SignUp Genius link](#). If your child would like to donate a book that is not listed in the wishlists, they can do that as well.
  - Another way to help grow classroom libraries is with Teacher Gift Certificates, the gift certificate form was sent home with the book fair flyer last week.
  - All purchases support Wicoff School, so thank you for your support! Email [wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com) with any questions.
  - Happy Reading! The Wicoff PTA Book Fair Committee and the PTA appreciates your support.
- **PTA General Meeting:** Save the date for our next Wicoff PTA General Meeting, April 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- **Write a Check Campaign:** PTA is always in need of funds to support activities for our kids. Memberships cover some of the costs, but still fall way short of the funds required to cover the costs for the year. With a busy activities season underway and with upcoming activities like Field Day, 3rd Grade Carnival, Year End Picnic and 3rd Grade Yearbooks, we seek your help in raising money for the

PTA. No amount is too small. The PTA is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. We respect your privacy if you want to keep the donation anonymous. PTA appreciates your generosity and support towards our kids. You can make a donation two ways:

- Write a check to "Wicoff PTA" and send it with your child to school.
- Make an online donation through <https://wicoff.memberhub.com/store>.
- **Spirit Wear:** If you missed ordering and need to order, please let us know. We have limited quantities left.
- **Join the PTA:** Many families have registered for PTA membership. This gives you the right to vote at events and your children the opportunity 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](#)

### 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](mailto:kkz4@verizon.net) or Veena Pai at [veenapai.0408@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

- **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.**
- **Outdoor Recess:** Please send your child/children to school each day with appropriate outdoor attire. This includes jackets, gloves, scarves and hats, etc. on cooler days, **we will make every attempt to send the children outside for recess whenever possible.** If going outside is not an option due to the temperature or inclement weather, appropriate indoor activities, projects and games will be provided for the children. Children will not be permitted to go outside if they are not dressed in proper attire for the cold weather.
- **Children's Sweatpants Donations are STILL NEEDED:** Thank you to those families who were able to donate. The nurse's office is still looking for donated sweatpants. We are looking for children's sizes 5-12. We will gladly accept new or lightly worn sweatpants. Please send in donations with your child or drop off with the security officer at the main entrance doors. We thank you in advance for your generous donations!
- **Wicoff Spirit Day Dates:** [Click here](#) for important **Wicoff Spirit Day** dates to place on your calendars. Students are encouraged to wear their Wicoff Spirit Wear or school colors (blue, white and orange) on Fridays throughout the school year.
  - **April 29 - Kindness Counts! Be Kind!**

- **Need Books?:** Wondering what to read when your child can't get to the library? We've got you covered! Our school provides multiple ebook (online) collections for our students, teachers, and families. This past week, media classes were introduced to our newest ebook resource, Capstone Interactive ebook library. This collection of over 3,500 ebooks allows readers to search and filter books by topic, grade level, and reading level so that our readers can all find something interesting to read! Students have the option to have Capstone read the books to them or to turn off the audio to read on their own. Wicoff students can find directions in your child's Media Google Classroom for logging onto Capstone Interactive (logon is through PebbleGo in ClassLink) and have practiced in Media class. Check out the other ebook resources that we provide through ClassLink as well – Destiny Discover, MackinVia, Tumblebooks, and RazKids!
  - **UPDATED - Important Reminders for Student Drop Off and Pickup:**
    - **Drop Off:** If you are dropping off your child in the morning during the same time buses are arriving (8:40-8:50 a.m.), please park in the church parking lot (adjacent to Wicoff School) and walk your child to the front entrance of the building. If you are dropping your child off after 8:50 a.m., please use the bus lane. You may pull up to the front of the building as long as buses are finished dropping off students.
    - **Pick-Up:** If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, you must 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. Parents picking up their child(ren) at the end of the day will report to the gym doors (Door #14).
    - As always, the safety and comfort of our students is our top priority!
  - **Construction Safety:** Please be aware that construction has begun in the rear of the Wicoff School building. Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the school driveway located off of Plainsboro Road. **Please drive carefully!!**
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## 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](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.

### **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](#).

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