

April 29, 2022

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

All WW-P schools will be closed Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

PTA

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week from May 2-6:** This year we thought it would be fun to get the kids involved to show our teachers and staff in small thoughtful ways that they [appreciate](#) everything they do (everything is optional). Let's "be a rainbow in someone's cloud." The PTA will host a breakfast for all teachers and staff early next week funded by your PTA membership dues and generous donations.
- **Gift for Third Graders:** The Dutch Neck PTA collaborated with the third grade teachers for a special gift for third grade students. The PTA sponsored personalized [t-shirts](#) for each third grader.
- **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 ordering deadline is May 16.** 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 contains all the folders. **Kindly upload your photos directly into the appropriately named folder instead of the main yearbook folder. The last day to upload photos is May 5.**

- 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.
- **Become an Active PTA Member:** Are you interested in helping our school by serving on the Dutch Neck PTA Board or as a Committee Member for the 2022 - 2023 school year? If so, be a part of the PTA Board or chair an event! It is a great way to become involved in your child's school. Depending upon how many hours you would like to volunteer there are different roles. Have a voice, exchange ideas, share your talents, contribute to improving our children's school experience - and have fun while doing it! If you are interested or need some extra information, please email dutchnecknominating@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

- ***POSTPONED SEPTSA Meeting** (Originally set for April 28- a new date/time will be sent soon*) – 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, 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

- **Administrative Professionals Day - Wednesday, April 27:** We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing front office staff - Mrs. Wiener, Mrs. Piccirillo, Mrs. Wolosky and Mrs. Slicner. We are grateful to work alongside such wonderful, caring, hard-working and supportive colleagues. Each one of our secretaries goes above and beyond to support our students and staff.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2-6:** Next week, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. We want to take the opportunity to recognize and thank each and every one of our wonderful teachers and staff members who work so hard to teach and support every student. We are very fortunate to work with such talented, caring and supportive teachers who engage their students every day in well-designed learning activities and experiences which inspire and instill a love of learning. Please join us in celebrating our amazing Dutch Neck teachers and staff!
- **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 through the end of April. Many thanks to Ms. Feeley for all of the instruction, preparation, and inspiration to make this happen!
- **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: *Wumbies* 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.

–Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **Schools closed May 3:** All WW-P schools will be closed Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Please click [here](#) for the 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 May 2, 2022, will be included in the April 29, 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](#).

Health and Safety

- A **Health and Safety Update** from Dr. Aderhold will be sent Friday, April 29, 2022.
- 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, April 30, 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

- **Summer Open House:** Join Community Education along with summer program vendors for the 2022 Summer 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 being offered at Grover Middle School.
 - Register for one week or all 7! Spaces are limited in each program, so do not delay in registering.
 - Full-online classes are also available for those wishing to not come together in-person. 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).

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** will be held June 4, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. Visit the [WW-P Education website](#) for additional details.

Community Events

- 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.

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