

May 6, 2022

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

PTA

- **National PTA Reflections Winners 2021-2022, "I Will Change the World By..." Theme:** The National PTA received over 900 student entries from 47 state PTA congresses in all the available arts categories. We are so excited and proud to announce that out of the 900 entries, two Dutch Neck students have won the Award of Excellence at the National level!! They will receive: \$200 Young Artist Scholarship; Silver Medal; Certificate of Excellence and their work was featured in the virtual exhibition! **Congratulations** to:
 - Second grader **Shirly Liu**, Primary Level - Visual Arts Category for her artwork, titled "Let's Keep Working Together."
 - Second grader **Varenja Borah**, Primary Level - Literature Category for the story, titled "Me and My Friends."
- **Dutch Neck Garden:** Spring is here and the Green Committee has started working in the garden! We had a productive workday on Sunday! 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.
 - Thank you to all of the families who uploaded photos to help make this year's yearbook special!

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week** went really well! The teachers and staff enjoyed a great [breakfast](#) on Monday morning! Thanks to all for your generous donations and PTA membership to help fund it. Also, special thanks to the students who participated in the daily activities to express their gratitude towards the teachers and staff! You certainly brightened their day!

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, May 15 at 4-5 p.m., McCaffreys Café West Windsor** – Join us for an informal meetup to ask questions and/or share experiences. To RSVP by 12 p.m., May 15 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 in similar situations, please feel free to contact Kathleen or Veena at any time.)
- **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 just one hour total to one 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

- Congratulations to the Dutch Neck Educator of the Year, Rebecca Baldrey! Mrs. Baldrey is a first grade teacher and was nominated and chosen by her colleagues. As shared in her nomination, she is very deserving of a heartfelt thank you for all of the work, care and love that she shares with her students, families, and peers.
- To celebrate AAPI Month (Pan-Asian Month) several of our grade levels will be meeting virtually with some amazing authors! The authors will talk about their work, their writing process, their journey into writing, and share questions and answers with our students!
 - 1st grade: Raakhee Mirchandani, author of *Hair Twins* and *Super Satya Saves the Day*
 - [Author Profile](#)
 - [Instagram Profile](#)
 - GoodReads
 - [Hair Twins](#)
 - [Super Satya Saves the Day](#)
 - 2nd grade: Ruth Chan, author of *Amy the Red Panda is Writing the Best Story in the World* and *Thank You Neighbor*
 - [Author Profile and Books on Amazon](#)
 - [Instagram Profile](#)
 - 3rd grade: Ami B. Majmudar, author of *The Torchbearers*
 - [The Torchbearers](#)
 - [Instagram Profile](#)

–Mr. Argese & Mrs. Bruce

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **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 9, 2022, will be included in the May 6, 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, May 6, 2022.
- 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, May 18, from 4-6 p.m. at the Board of Education district offices. 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, May 7, 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 Programs:** 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.
 - 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).
- **Summer Online Hindi Programs Now Available!:** Students can immerse themselves in the Hindi language and culture by participating in a fully-online summer class, taught by certified Hindi instructors!
 - Beginner and intermediate classes available.
 - Check out the program flyer [here](#)!
 - Register in [Community Pass](#) under 2022 Summer Hindi (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

- **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.

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