

May 20, 2022

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

All WW-P schools will be closed Friday, May 27 (unused emergency closing day). All WW-P schools and district offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. The next newsletter will be sent June 3, 2022.

PTA

- **Field Day Helpers:** The Dutch Neck PTA would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who helped on Friday at Field Day for grades 1-3! Thank you for helping to make the event so successful!
- **Coffee with the Principals: May 25, 2022, at 10 a.m.:** Please save the date for our next virtual PTA general meeting with our special guest speaker, Mrs. Lindsay Jablonski, Supervisor of Language Arts and ESL for grades K-5. Mrs. Jablonski will discuss literacy instruction in WW-P and the work our teachers are doing to support reading, writing, phonics, speaking, and listening. [Click here](#) for Zoom link and details.
- **Gift from Third Grade Families:** It is a tradition for the third grade class to present Dutch Neck School with a gift as a token of their appreciation. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for the school, please donate [here](#) by June 10, 2022. With your gift, the PTA will purchase some new, large outdoor games for children to play during recess on the blacktop and grass. For any questions, please email dutchneckpresident@gmail.com.
- **Dutch Neck Garden:** Spring is here and the Green Committee has started working in the garden! If you would like to join the Green Committee to help with the garden this spring and summer, please email 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

- **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 (1) hour total to one (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

- **Dutch Neck Field Days:** Special thanks to our terrific P.E. teachers, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Bertoli (Bores), for all of the planning and preparation they did to organize an exciting and fun day for our students. Our kindergarteners enjoyed all of the games and activities on their special day this past Friday, May 13, and our first, second and third graders will be doing the same, weather permitting, on Friday, May 20. Special thanks to the Dutch Neck teachers who participated in the teacher events in the afternoon.
- **Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** Parents who drop off and/or pick up their children may have noticed West Windsor police officers present during these times. They have observed traffic in front of the school at arrival and dismissal times and feel that the main safety issue is parents crossing Village Road with their children and failing to use the marked crosswalk with a posted crossing guard. Please make sure you always use the crosswalk if you need to park and escort your child into the building or when you are picking your child up at the end of the day.
- **Asian American Pacific Islander Month:** To celebrate AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) 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

- **All WW-P schools will be closed Friday, May 27** (unused emergency closing day). All WW-P schools and district offices will be **closed Monday, May 30, 2022**, in observance of Memorial Day.
- **June 14 - #WWPSTRONG Spirit Day:** In celebration of WW-P's 2022 District retirees, Educators of the Year, and WW-P Education Foundation grant recipients, the District will be participating in a #WWPSTRONG Spirit Day during the school day on **June 14**. Staff, students and the community are invited to wear your #WWPSTRONG spirit wear or anything in navy blue.
 - Share your photos using the #WWPSTRONG Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram or other social media by using the hashtag #WWPSTRONG
 - Some schools and PTA/PTSA's have #WWPSTRONG stock available. If you would like to purchase #WWPSTRONG spirit wear, please [click here](#).
- **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:** WW-P schools and district offices are masking optional but masking is strongly recommended. The District reserves the right to update/revoke masking protocols due to events such as outbreaks in classroom/ school/ building, growing cases in our community, etc. 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 20, 2022. Due to Memorial Day weekend, there will be no Health and Safety Update sent Friday, May 27.
- 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, May 21, 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, May 28, during Memorial Day weekend. Testing will resume Saturday, June 4, 2022.

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.
- **Teacher Appreciation Month:** Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, school counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their life. The [WW-P Education Foundation](#) is accepting STAR requests through June 10, 2022, for the STAR Campaign. [Click here](#) for more information and details on how to send a STAR. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education. Certificates will be delivered by June 15, 2022.

Community Events

- The West Windsor Health Department has COVID-19 vaccine clinics scheduled throughout the month of May. Details and registration information may be found [here](#). Information regarding second booster eligibility can 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.

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