

Nov. 4, 2022

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

All WW-P schools will be closed Thursday, Nov. 10, and Friday, Nov. 11. Due to the shortened week, there will not be a Nov. 11 newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent Nov. 18.

PTA

Upcoming Events:

- **Reflections Program:** The Reflections Program will be held from **Oct. 17 - Nov. 23** and is sponsored by the National PTA. This program is an opportunity to celebrate art education. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.
 - Students participate in the appropriate division for their grade: Primary (Pre-K - grade 2), Intermediate (grades 3-5). Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.
- **Dutch Neck Cookbook:** Do you have a great family recipe you would like to share? Submit your recipe to dutchneckpresident@gmail.com to have your recipe featured in our first annual Dutch Neck Cookbook.

Important Dutch Neck PTA Links:

- **Dutch Neck PTA Merchandise: Shop for Dutch Neck Merchandise** at <http://dutchneck.memberhub.com/store>
- **Dutch Neck PTA Membership:** To become a member, [click here](#).
- **Donate and Make a Difference:** For details about JWAC (Just Write A Check), <https://tinyurl.com/JWAC-DNschool>. Thank you to all of our JWAC donors!!
- **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's Student Alliance** Meeting (Friday, Nov. 6 @ 5:30-6:30 p.m., virtual)
- Join SEPTSA student volunteers to participate and plan events and support opportunities for those with or having friends and family with special needs. SEPTSA Student Alliance is intended for middle and high school students and SEPTSA membership is required to volunteer. Contact Kathleen at kkz4@verizon.net for questions and to RSVP by Nov. 6 @ 4 p.m.
- **Lego Buddies (Saturday, Nov. 5 @ 3-4 p.m., West Windsor Library):** We hope kids enjoy parallel play and improving their social skills while they build and create with Legos. We'll provide some Lego robotics demonstrations to show interested kids and give them a chance to work with robotic kits. Intended ages: pre-K - 6th grade. To **RSVP by Nov. 4**, and for questions, please 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 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. For clarification, registering with your child's school PTA/PTSA or having your child classified or "registered" with Special Services is not the same as registering for SEPTSA membership. There are volunteer opportunities for our members ranging from just one hour total to one hour per month. Go to www.wwp-septsa.org 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](#)

SCHOOL

American Education Week - November 14-18

American Education Week is observed in all communities annually as an opportunity for all parents/guardians to get a glimpse into a typical school day. This year, American Education Week takes place Nov. 14-18. This year at Dutch Neck, we will be celebrating this week-long observation. Each teacher will be inviting you into the classroom to share in your child's learning experience. Information from your child's teacher for the time and date of your classroom visit will be sent out soon. We ask that you do not

bring siblings since this will be too distracting and there is limited space in the classroom. We hope that you will be able to join us.

American Education Week was first observed Dec. 4-10, 1921, sponsored by NEA and the American Legion. A year later, the U.S. Office of Education joined as an additional co-sponsor. The National PTA followed in 1938. American Education Week is now always celebrated the first full week before Thanksgiving. We hope that you will enjoy your learning experience at Dutch Neck School during American Education Week!

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **WW-P schools are closed Thursday, Nov. 10, and Friday, Nov. 11, 2022:** Please [click here](#) for the 2022-23 school year calendar.
- **WW-P celebrates American Education Week Nov. 13-19:** American Education Week promotes collaboration between parents/guardians/caregivers and educators/staff members. Elementary and middle school families will be receiving information from their teacher and/or school regarding the opportunity to get a glimpse into their child's typical school day.
- **Student Handbook and Policy Update:** District policies are updated on an as needed basis. In September, Policy 5600 was updated. In response, student handbooks have also been updated accordingly. Policy 5600 may be viewed [here](#).
- **Early Dismissal Requests for Students:** Parents/guardians notifying school attendance office/school secretary of a student early dismissal can be done via TeleSafe, a note in the "Daily Attendance" tab in Genesis Parent Portal or by emailing/sending a note to your school's attendance secretary.
- **Staff Email Addresses:** 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.
 - **Interested in receiving SMS text notifications from the District?:** 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. The cell phone must be listed in Genesis as a cell phone (not as a home phone number). 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 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. Masking is also optional but recommended on all passenger buses.
- **Reporting COVID positive or COVID symptomatic:** For the 2022-23 school year, parents/guardians should report their student's COVID positive absence or report their student as COVID symptomatic in Genesis or via Tel-safe and email their school nurse for further instructions. There is NO Health Screening Form in Genesis for the 2022-23 school year. There is no virtual instruction for COVID-related exclusions. Please view the 2022-23 COVID guidance [here](#).
- **Substitutes:** Are you interested in being a 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 and help support HSS Student Celebrations! For more information and to reserve your date, click [here](#). Email Angela at Hssbirthdaysign@southptsa.org with any questions.

Health and Safety

- A [Health and Safety Update](#) from Dr. Aderhold will be sent every other Friday. The next update will be sent Nov. 18, 2022.
 - Please note, due to the school break Nov. 10 and Nov. 11, there will be no Health and Safety Update sent Nov. 11.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's School Exclusion Chart.
- Please note that for the safety of our school community, it is important that if your child is isolating or quarantining due to a COVID positive diagnosis, exposure or symptoms that they may not attend school or school events until their [quarantine/isolation period](#) has officially ended.
- WW-P, in conjunction with the West Windsor Health Department, will hold a **COVID-19 vaccine and booster clinic** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. at the Board of Education district offices. Registration is required. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register. Adult and pediatric doses and boosters (including the bivalent booster) will be available at the clinic for those who are [eligible](#).

Athletics

- WW-P has updated ticketing procedures for United football and HSN and HSS basketball games and wrestling matches. All spectators must pre-purchase their

tickets to the game through the Ticket Spicket Mobile Application or through the Ticket Spicket Website. Season passes are available as are tickets for individual games. Tickets for individual games are available for purchase one week prior.

- [United Football Tickets](#)
- [High School North Tickets](#)
- [High School South Tickets](#)

Counseling

- **Virtual Parent University: School Refusal** - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - More information and registration link will be provided closer to the date.
- **Previous Virtual Parent University Events:** View material from previous Parent University presentations [here](#).
- **Attention High School Seniors and Parent/Guardians:** Upcoming financial aid planning workshops
 - **College Financial Aid Virtual Workshops:** HESAA Virtual FAFSA Completion Workshops and NJ Alternative Financial Aid Workshops for NJDREAMERS will be offered throughout the fall and early winter. For upcoming dates and login links, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- **Adult Programs:** Community Education not only offers youth programs, but adult programs as well! Check out page 11 in the Fall guide here: [2022 Fall Program Guide](#).
- **Employment Opportunities Available in Community Education!**
 - Community Education is looking for creative, energetic and safety conscious individuals for assistance in the Extended Day Program! Morning and afternoon shifts available as well as full and part time opportunities. Hours are either 7 - 8:45 a.m. and/or 2:45 - 6:30 p.m. Scheduled hours depend on the specific school location.
 - Community Education has a limited number of High School Assistant positions also available for students attending High School North or High School South, who are at least 16 years of age or older. The ability to travel to different elementary locations is a plus.
 - To apply online for either of the above mentioned positions, visit the WWPRSD Human Resources page or [click here](#) (look for EDP).

Food Services

- Check out the **Sodexo menus** and newsletter by [clicking here](#).
- **PaySchools Central** is the food service online system, click [here](#) for directions for creating an account.

- Need to set limits and/or restrict food purchases for your student account? [Click here](#) for a “How to” guide.
- The **application for free and reduced price school meals**, which also opens up other food benefits for families, is available for completion for the 2022-23 school year in your [PaySchools Central](#) account or may be downloaded from the [District website](#). **Benefits for 2021-22 recipients expired Oct. 20, 2022.** Families must submit a new application for the 2022-23 school year.
- The School Nutrition Association has created a video regarding school meal changes for the 2022-23 school year. The video can be viewed in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).
- 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

- District issued Chromebooks for students in grades kindergarten through grade 3 are kept in the classroom.
- District issued Chromebooks for students in grades 4-12 are for students to use both in school and to take home.
 - Students should bring their fully charged Chromebooks to school with them each day.
 - Charging cords should remain at home.
 - Middle school families: The Chromebook cover from last year’s device should be used on this year’s device. If you do not have a cover from last year, please follow the process at your school to submit tech ticket so that we can provide a cover.

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.

Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

- WW-P SEPAG’s mission is to facilitate communication between students, parents, staff, the Board of Education, and the community, about issues surrounding the district's special education programs and to advise the Board of Education and administration on matters about improving the quality of special education district-wide.

- WW-P SEPAG is a state-mandated group for parents, educators, and individuals concerned about children with special needs and/or learning difficulties in the WW-P School District.
- If you are interested in joining our mailing list, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/ujE5PRyK5khchL7j9>.

Community Events

- The West Windsor Health Department, in association with Wegmans Pharmacy, will host a **flu shot clinic**, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the West Windsor Senior Center. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
- The West Windsor Health Department has **COVID-19 vaccine clinics** scheduled throughout the month of November. Details and registration information may be found [here](#). Information regarding second booster eligibility can be found [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for upcoming 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](#)