

March 10, 2023

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

PTA

- **Yearbook:** The 2023 Dutch Neck Yearbook is on sale. Click [here](#) to buy one today.
- Attention All Parents! Dutch Neck PTA's Nominating Committee is putting together a **slate for the PTA Executive Board election for the 2023-2024 school year**. We are looking for friendly, dynamic parents who have an eager voluntary spirit to help make the PTA the best it can be! The open positions are: Vice President, Vice President of Fundraising, Secretary, Vice President of Events, and Vice President of Admin (2 positions available). These positions are open for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining the nominating committee to help select the slate for next year OR you would like to express your intent to serve on the Board in one of these positions, please send an email by Friday, March 17, to DutchNecknominating@gmail.com.
- The **International Carnival** is taking place Friday, March 31, from 6-8 p.m. in the Dutch Neck Gymnasium. Tickets will be sold at the door at \$5/child, adults are free. Cash is preferred (preferably under \$20) and credit cards will be accepted. Spiritwear merchandise and food will also be sold at the event.
- **Photos Needed for the Yearbook:** We are requesting parents to upload pictures for the event listed below for inclusion in the Yearbook. We will send new links every week so we can cover all the events and post the same on the WhatsApp group.
 - SEL Day-Work Out Day:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11Q2_crxvMjcF-KPUUIIDZ6jJh3YHANO?usp=sharing
- **Dutch Neck Cookbook:** Do you have a great family recipe you would like to share? Submit your recipe to dutchneckpresident@gmail.com to have it 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!!

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 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 and/or contact Kathleen at kkz4@verizon.net if you're interested in sharing your time and skills with 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

- **Read Across New Jersey Dutch Neck Book Swap!:** From Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17, Dutch Neck will be having our first ever All School Book Swap as part of our Read Across New Jersey celebration.
 - Please send in your gently used books to swap or donate. Each student will have the opportunity to select **one** new-to-them/gently used book to bring home.
 - Books should be age-appropriate (e.g., picture books and short chapter books) and show little wear and tear. We are asking each student to bring one book for our swap, however if you have additional books that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated.
 - We are hoping that this project will help to strengthen our community through a shared love of reading.
- **SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Day:** Staff and students celebrated SEL Day today, March 10. They participated in some activities that focused on their well being. Please ask your children about it! Also, please take some time to see

some resources that have been gathered for parents and caregivers and a couple videos that explain what SEL means for school and beyond.

- [SEL Activity Ideas for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [Social-Emotional Learning: What Is SEL and Why SEL Matters](#)
- [What is Social and Emotional Learning \(SEL\)?](#)

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **Grade 11 NJGPA Testing:** March 14-17, 2023, WW-P grade 11 students will take the NJGPA assessment. High School North and High School South ONLY will run a revised schedule and two morning bus runs on those dates. Juniors will come in at their usual time. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will be picked up on the second bus run, two hours and 15 minutes after the normal pickup time. All high school students will follow a shortened period schedule following testing each day March 14-17.
- **Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year** is now open. Parents/guardians must complete the online application and make a phone appointment for registration. For more information and to begin the process, please click [here](#).
- **Title 1 Information:** Title 1 is a federal program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). The following WW-P schools receive Title 1 funding: Maurice Hawk Elementary School, Town Center Elementary School, Millstone River School, Village School, Wicoff Elementary School and High School South. Parent information about Title 1 in our schools can be found on our [District website](#).
- **Parent Gradebook Grade Alerts via Genesis:** Effective Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, parents/guardians who have registered to receive Gradebook alerts via Genesis will receive one daily email notification that will summarize all updates made to your student's gradebook by their teachers since the previous daily summary was sent. This will eliminate the multiple emails sent to families on a daily basis from Genesis for each class/grade entered.
 - If parents/guardians wish to subscribe to receive this summary email, they may do so via [Genesis](#) in the "Message Center" under the "Message Alert Setup" tab.
- **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](#) 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.
 - **HSN PTSA** fundraisers available districtwide. Support HSN Class of 2023 Senior Celebrations:
 - **[HSN Designer Handbag Bingo](#)** - Sunday, March 26, 3-5 p.m. at Millstone River School
 - **[GET your tickets NOW!](#)** This is the first time this event is being held since 2020!
 - [Get the pre-sale pricing of \\$35/ticket](#). Tickets will be \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 games of BINGO plus one door prize ticket and dessert. Tricky tray and 50/50 tickets will also be available for purchase. Dabbers and additional cards will also be for sale.

- Must be 18 or older to attend. Doors open at 2 p.m. and BINGO starts at 3 p.m.
- Groups of six may reserve a table in advance. Outside food is welcome. No alcoholic beverages.
- Questions?: Please email hsnptsaseniors@gmail.com
- **Birthday cakes delivered to your home**: Delicious Nothing Bundt Cake birthday cakes can be ordered throughout the school year with complimentary home delivery. Many packages are available.

Health and Safety

- A [Health and Safety Update](#) from Dr. Aderhold will be sent monthly.
 - The next update will be sent March 31, 2023.
- Click [here](#) to review the District's COVID Guidance Chart. Click [here](#) for the District's Illness Exclusion Information.
- 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 bivalent booster clinic Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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 bivalent boosters ONLY (no primary series vaccines) will be available at the clinic for those who are [eligible](#).
 - First and second doses of the primary series vaccines are available **by appointment only** March 16, 2023, at the West Windsor Health Department. To register for an appointment, call (609) 936-8400.
- The **expiration date for some COVID-19 at home test kits** from manufacturers such as BinaxNOW, Flowflex, iHealth Labs, etc. has been extended. Please [click here](#) for more information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Counseling

- **Virtual Parent University Events**
 - To view materials from previous Parent University presentations, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- **Spring After School Enrichment Registration is NOW OPEN!** Check out the latest programs open for registration at the K through 5 schools!
 - For the spring brochure, click [here](#).

- Registration closes once a class reaches capacity or on Tuesday, March 28, at 12 p.m. Several sports programs have already reached capacity.
- To register, please click [here](#).
- **Saturday Programs Coming this April- Register Now!**
 - Community Education is offering Saturday programs beginning April 22!
 - Basketball, tennis and robotics programs are being held at Community Middle School and are available to students in grades 1-8. *Programs are grade specific.
 - Check out page 8 here for more information here: [2023 Spring Program Guide](#)
- **NEW* Spring Swimming Program for Beginners:** Toddlers to adults, join Community Education's certified swim instructors and lifeguards to practice basic swimming skills and get ready for summer!
 - All classes are 45-minutes in length and focus on water acclimation, safe pool entry and exit, blowing bubbles, treading water, and basic water movements. This class is built for the beginner swimmer with limited experience in the water.
 - The class for ages 5-7 has reached capacity at this time.
 - Check out the swim flier here: [CE Saturday Beginner Swim Lessons](#).
- **Adult Programs:** Boating season is coming! Get your New Jersey State Boating Certification this April! Need help planning your retirement? Sign up for Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement!
 - More classes available for adult learners through Community Education! Check out the list on page 11 here: [2023 Spring Program Guide](#)
- **Save the Date for Summer Open House - Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Community Middle School Commons:** Community Education, along with program providers will be available for questions and sample activities. (Date change from previously communicated).
- **Summer Programs Are Here!** Community Education will be hosting summer programs at Community Middle School beginning Monday, June 26 through Friday, August 11!
 - Half-day, full-day and extended day options available.
 - Programs are offered on a weekly basis only.
 - [Check out all of the offerings here!](#)
 - Classes fill fast, so register early! Vendors begin canceling under enrolled classes two to three weeks before the actual start.
- **Registration Information:** Community Education uses Community Pass for all program registrations. Payment is due at the time of registration. [To access Community Pass, click here.](#)
- **Employment Opportunities:** Community Education is seeking dynamic, creative, and safety conscious individuals for the positions listed below. *All

candidates must be at least 16 years of age or older. Apply online: [WWPRSD Employment Opportunities](#)

- EDP Site Supervisor (full-time)
- EDP Site Supervisor (part-time)
- Lifeguards for spring and summer classes
- Certified Swimming Instructors for spring and summer classes
- Assistant Swimming Instructors
- Summer EDP Group Leaders
- Summer High School Assistants

Food Services

- **Sodexo at WW-P is hiring.** Apply today! Now offering a \$200 sign-on bonus. Click [here](#) for more information.
- 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 and adding funds to the 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.

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 has **COVID-19 vaccine clinics** scheduled throughout the month of March. Details and registration information may be found [here](#). Information regarding booster eligibility can be found [here](#).
- **Rowan University Math Parent Workshops:** Six individual in-person sessions for parents of students in grades K-5. Attendees will explore how the math their children are learning is different from the way parents were taught. For more information, costs, registration, please click [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](#)