

June 2, 2023

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

PTA

- **TRENTON THUNDER TICKETS:** For those interested in attending the Trenton Thunder vs. West Virginia Black Bears game June 9 at 7 p.m., tickets can be purchased directly from [Trenton Thunder](#). At this date, tickets are no longer available for purchase on Memberhub. Dutch Neck families will be seated in Sections 211 (Rows L-U) and 212 (Rows L-W). Children ages 3 and under do not need a ticket if they are planning to sit on someone's lap.
- **Logistics for Trenton Thunder Game**
 - ***Tickets and T-shirts for SINGERS will be distributed early next week. ALL SINGERS MUST WEAR THEIR T-SHIRTS TO BE ABLE TO GO ONTO THE FIELD TO SING.***
 - In terms of logistics for the night, those that will be singing need to meet by **no later than 5:30 p.m.** at the black picnic tables that are directly to the right of the ticket windows if you are facing the windows.
 - From this location, a member of the Front Office will meet the singers, get the singer's tickets scanned in and bring them underneath the ballpark and onto the field. Parents will not be able to accompany their child to the field. Everyone that will be watching the performance can enter the ballpark when gates open at 6 p.m. The performance is anticipated to occur between 6:05-6:25 p.m.
 - After the performance, the students will be brought back to the front of the ballpark and then will be sent up to the concourse level where parents/guardians can meet them.
- If you'd like to contribute to the 3rd grade class's gift to the school which is a makeover of the teachers' lounge, please visit the [MemberHub store](#). Your donations will be greatly appreciated!
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2023-2024 PTA BOARD:**
 - President - Tashawna Smith - dutchneckpresident@gmail.com
 - Treasurer - Tina Bhate - dutchnecktreasurer@gmail.com
 - Executive VP - Becky Marks - dutchneckvp@gmail.com
 - Secretary - Anita Nijhawan- dutchnecksecretary@gmail.com
 - Admin VP - Miko Weaver - dutchneckadmnvp@gmail.com
 - Co-VP Events - Lisa Wolfe - dutchneckevents@gmail.com
 - Co-VP Events - Pat Acosta - dutchneckevents@gmail.com
 - VP of Fundraising & Membership - Tina Dong - dutchneckfundraising@gmail.com

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

- **Teachers College-Virtual workshops in June for Parents and Caregivers: Register on Zoom: <https://tcrwp.zoom.us/j/95695628122>**
 - What Happens Over the Summer Can Dramatically Deepen and Extend Your Children's Academic Prowess! 5 Practical Tips for Parents and Caregivers, Grades K-8
 - Presenters: Dr. Mary Ehrenworth and Valerie Geschwind
 - Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7-7:45 p.m. EST

safety for your children! Always walk in the crosswalk and utilize the crossing guard at the beginning and end of the day. No one should be dropping off in the middle of the street, having students cross unattended, or walking where there is no crosswalk. If students arrive after 8:55 a.m., please pull up to the front doors so they can be signed in. Many thanks for your cooperation and dedication to the safety of our students.

- **3rd Grade Carnival:** Thank you to our amazing PTA and our volunteers for making the 3rd grade carnival such a fun and memorable day for our students! It was a wonderful day filled with laughter and friendship to congratulate our 3rd grade students on their time here at Dutch Neck!

Message of Thanks from Retiring Guidance Counselor, Nancy Dunne:

Dear Dutch Neck Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I will be retiring at the end of the school year. As with so many things in life, this too is bittersweet. It is difficult to leave a place that has been my home for 24 years. Each year, at the beginning of the school year, I tell the students about my job as the Dutch Neck school counselor. I will often tell them that I feel I have the best job at Dutch Neck because I get to visit all the classrooms, work with all the teachers and meet many parents. The job of being the school counselor is one that involves many aspects of a school, making it a very interesting yet challenging position. I have loved every minute.

I'd like to thank you, the parent community, for your involvement in your child's education and for supporting all the amazing events and learning that takes place here every day. Thank you for being wonderful partners in educating your children. I leave with wonderful memories of my years at Dutch Neck School.

Fondly,
Nancy Dunne
Dutch Neck School Counselor

DISTRICT

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

Reminders

- **Tuesday, June 20, 2023:** The last day of school is Tuesday, June 20, 2023. June 20 is also a half-day. No food service will be provided. Monday, June 19, is the last day of school for the Maurice Hawk half-day preschool program.

- For dismissal times, please [click here](#).
 - To view the 2022-23 school year calendar, please click [here](#).
- **Report Cards:** Marking period 4 report cards for students in grades 6-12 and third trimester report cards for students in elementary school will be posted to the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) June 22, 2023, at 3 p.m. If you do not have a Genesis account or cannot remember your password, please email wwpsis@wwrpsd.org.
- **2023-24 School Year:** To view the 2023-24 school year calendar, please [click here](#).
- **Full-Day Kindergarten Beginning with the 2023-24 School Year:** Starting with the 2023-24 school year, WW-P will transition to a full-day kindergarten program for all District kindergarten students. For more information regarding this change, please [click here](#).
- **Summer Registration Information:** New student registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Parents/guardians of new students must complete the online application for registration. For more information and to begin the process, please [click here](#).
 - WW-P will also hold **Open Registration Sessions** over the summer to assist new incoming families with the online registration process. These in-person registration sessions will be held from 2-8 p.m. June 28, July 26, and Aug. 23, at the District Central Offices located at 321 Village Road East, West Windsor. Members of the school registration and technology staff will be available to assist families with the online registration process. A registration appointment is not required but we do ask that you please [RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend one of the dates above. For more information, 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](#).
- **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.
 - **HSS PTSA Flea Market:** Spring is in the air! HSS Spring Flea Market is back Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the main parking lot of HSS to raise funds for HSS Class of 2024 Senior Celebration!
 - **HSN PTSA** fundraisers available districtwide. Support HSN Class of 2023 Senior Celebrations:
 - **[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 June 16, 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.

Counseling

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

Community Education

- **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!](#)
 - Camp Invention is offering an early registration discount! The discount coupon expires May 17, 2023. More information on Camp Invention and how to register can be found [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.](#)

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](#).

Technology

- **End-of-Year Chromebook Collection:** At the end of this school year, the District will be collecting District-issued Chromebooks and power adapters from all students. For more information on your grade 4-12 student's school return procedure, please see the reminder email that was sent June 1.
 - Chromebooks and chargers not returned on the dates specified will be assumed lost. The Technology Department will follow up with all families of students in grades 4-12 who do not return their District-issued Chromebook and charger. Families with unreturned Chromebooks and chargers will be charged the replacement fee of \$399 for the device and \$40 for the charger.
 - When returning the Chromebook, please remember to include the power adapter. Please remember to remove any USB devices. Please keep the Chromebook case for use next year at WWPRSD.
 - Chromebooks will be redistributed to students at the start of the 2023-24 school year.
- **Important information for graduating seniors and students/staff not returning to WW-P for the 2023-24 school year:** If you are graduating, retiring or transferring out of WW-P your @wwprsd.org account will be disabled as of **July 5, 2023**. It will be your responsibility to move, save, or transfer any files that you have created using your WWPRSD Google account from your school account to a personal Google account before that time.
 - Please [click here](#) (requires WWPRSD login to view) for information should you choose to transfer your items from @wwprsd.org to a personal @gmail.com account.
- 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

- **Teen Working Papers:** Great news from the NJ Department of Labor -- teens looking to obtain working papers will be able to do so online. For more information, please visit: myworkingpapers.nj.gov.
- **Meals on Wheels of Mercer County** is looking for volunteers. Opportunities include meal delivery, office assistance and event volunteers. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- The West Windsor Health Department and the Mercer County Health Department have **COVID-19 vaccine clinics** scheduled throughout the coming months. Details and registration information can be found [here](#). Information regarding 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.

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