

June 16, 2023

Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

June 20, 2023: All WW-P schools will have an early dismissal Tuesday, June 20, 2023. No food service will be provided. June 20 is the last day of the 2022-23 school year. Half-day preschool at Maurice Hawk Elementary School's last day of school is June 19, 2023. This newsletter will be the last newsletter of the 2022-23 school year.

PTA

- Thank you for the grand turn out at the end of year picnic last week! It was really special to be able to shower Dr. Welborn with all the love and attention for all the lives he has touched in his 21 years as Principal of Wicoff. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Cook as our new Principal!
- A huge thank you to all of you who have made each and every PTA event even more special with your contributions, volunteering efforts and participation.
- Congrats to the graduating third graders! We wish you the best in every new endeavor.
- Have an amazing summer!!
- **Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board for Wicoff PTA for 2023-24.** We bid adieu with grateful hearts to our graduating Board members- Loi Moliga, Dipanwita Saha and Anushka Srivastava. Your tireless dedication behind the scenes was responsible for many successful PTA events!! Please join us in welcoming the newly elected Executive Board for 2023-24:
 - President - Shreya Dasgupta
 - Treasurer - Tej Singh
 - Secretary - Ajanta Shah
 - Vice-President- Sangeeta Vinoth
 - Vice-President- Cara Lee
 - Vice-President- Andrea Muscato
 - Vice-President- Chaitali Deshpande
 - Vice-President- Sailu Rachapudi

Important Information:

- **Online registration** to become a PTA Member is available. This is how we fund great events for school every year. Please join:
<https://wicoff.memberhub.com/store>

- **Spirit Wear:** Wicoff merchandise is available in a variety of sizes. A new order of merchandise has arrived! Please order either via [the form](#) or online at <https://www.unified-spectrum.com/wwp-wicoff-school> or email us at wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com.
 - All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.
- If you have any questions, concerns and/or ideas, please contact us at wicoff.ptainfo@gmail.com. Please 'Like' us on [Facebook](#) for updates, reminders, etc. or visit us at www.wicoffpta.org for further information.

Ways to support the PTA:

- **Support by Donating:** You can also support the organization by making monetary contributions to support various programs. Click [here](#) to donate.
- **Box Tops:** Download the Box Tops App on your phone, add Wicoff school and scan your receipts.

Useful PTA Links: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Wicoff's Twitter](#)

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

- **A BIG THANK YOU- PTA Family Picnic:** A BIG THANK YOU to the PTA Board and all of the families that attended the PTA Family Picnic! It was a memorable

send-off for sure. It was so nice seeing all of the current Wicoff families as well as former Wicoff families. I will remember this special evening for many, many years to come. Wicoff School is truly a special place and I will miss the students, families and staff!!!!

- **Kindergarten Registration:** Do you have neighbors or friends with children who will be in Kindergarten next school year, or do you know someone who will be moving into the WW-P Schools? Please encourage all friends and family to register for school ASAP. This is very important as we need to ensure that we have enough staff hired for the year. Late registrations put us at a significant disadvantage in assuring quality staffing.
 - Registration information that can be shared with you neighbors and friends:
https://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/parents_students/Registration
- **Open House/Save the Date:** Wednesday, August 23, we will have an Open House for all NEW students to Wicoff School. This will include all incoming Kindergarten students as well as students in grades 1 and 2 who are moving in from another school. Information will be forthcoming to those who are registered. There will NOT be an open house for returning students this year.
- **Summer Programming:** As the summer season approaches, it's a great opportunity for your children to engage in summer programs and camps that will help them to develop important social skills. While the pandemic has caused disruptions to our daily lives, it's more important than ever to help our children to connect with others outside of their immediate families. Participating in summer camps and programs offers children the chance to interact with peers in a safe and controlled environment. These experiences help children to learn how to communicate with others, make new friends, and develop the social skills that are essential for their future success. We understand that it may be challenging to consider signing your children up for camps or summer programs, especially with lingering concerns about the pandemic. However, many camps and programs have implemented safety protocols to ensure that children can participate in activities in a safe and enjoyable way. We strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your children in summer programs and camps this year. Not only will your children benefit from developing their social skills, but they will also have the opportunity to create lasting memories and experiences.
- Some local offerings:
 - [**Community Education Summer Programs**](#)
 - [**Plainsboro Recreation Department Summer Programs**](#)
- **Snacks:** Please remember to pack a healthy snack each and every day for your child. Although we do have some extra snacks in the nurse's office for emergencies, students should not be going to the nurse's office daily for a snack/water. **It is also important that every student brings a refillable**

water bottle each day. We have filling stations throughout the building. Please remember that the water bottle should be labeled with your child's name. We appreciate your support in being sure your child has a snack/water each day!

- **Bus Safety:** Please periodically review the bus rules ([Bus Safety Pledge](#)) with your child(ren) so they can have a safe and enjoyable bus ride to and from school.
- **Label ALL Student Personal Belongings:** Please be sure to label ALL of your child(ren)'s personal belongings. This will help ensure that personal belongings left behind in the classroom, on the buses or in the dining room will be returned to the owner. Please include name, grade, and teacher.
- **Construction Safety:** Please be aware that construction continues in the rear of the school building. Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the school driveway located off of Plainsboro Road. Please drive carefully when on the school property!
- **Student Drop Off and Pickup:** When dropping off your child(ren), please park your car in the church parking lot and walk your child to the front doors (#1). Doors open at 8:40 a.m. Any student who arrives after 8:55 a.m. will need a late pass. When picking up your child(ren), please park in the church parking lot and meet your child(ren) outside of the gym doors (#14). Pick up begins at 3:10 p.m.
- **Genesis/Student Information System:** Our student information system, [Genesis](#), is filled with important information including attendance, grades/report cards, student emergency information, student schedules, bus routes, etc. Please familiarize yourself with our student information system.

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, June 20 - Last Day of School/Early Dismissal

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@wwprsd.org.

- **2023-24 School Year:** To view the 2023-24 school year calendar, please [click here](#).
 - For the 2023-24 school year, teacher/team information and course schedules will be available in the Genesis Parent Portal on the following dates/times:
 - Friday, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m. - Info for students in PreK-8
 - Monday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. - Info for students in grades 9-12
- **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:**
 - **HSN Black Student Union and AAPSG hosts Juneteenth Festival**
 - All are invited to attend June 17, 2023, from 12-3 p.m. at High School North. [Click here](#) for details.
 - **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:
 - **[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. This will be the last update of the 2022-23 school year.
- 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!](#)
 - 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:** This week, the District collected all District-issued Chromebooks and power adapters from all students. Chromebooks will be redistributed to students at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

- Families with unreturned Chromebooks and chargers will be charged the replacement fee of \$399 for the device and \$40 for the charger. These will be listed in Genesis under the Fees and Fines tab.
- If a student has a summer WWPRSD course that requires the use of a device and would like to borrow a district-issued Chromebook, please complete the Google form [linked here](#) (please use the student's WWPRSD account to login) and your student will be contacted by a staff member to make arrangements. **This form will close at 3 p.m. June 19.** No additional requests will be honored after June 19.
- **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.
- **AAPSG Summer Math Program** for rising 3rd grade through Pre Calculus/Calc 1 students: These math prep courses are taught by district math teachers. There are six, virtual Wednesday evening sessions from 6-7:30 p.m. (July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, and 9).
 - Interested families should register their child for the math class they will be entering during Fall 2023.
 - The classes are \$135/student.
 - [Click here](#) for details and registration information.
- **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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