



Regional Review

News from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

AN EXCITING YEAR AWAITS US

Stay connected with the WW-P Regional School District throughout the year for additional news and ongoing updates at www.ww-p.org

Use your smart phone or mobile device and QR code reader app to link to the designated sites listed in this publication.



Joining us this year are the following new administrators; we welcome their leadership and professional insight as we uphold our mission of excellence for each student.

- PATRICIA BUELL, Principal, Maurice Hawk
BARBARA SOARES, Acting Principal, Village
JANET BOWES, Assistant Principal, Town Center
LAURA BRUCE, Assistant Principal, Dutch Neck
ERIN FALK, Assistant Principal, Maurice Hawk
PAUL HAMNETT, Assistant Principal, High School South
CHRISTINE CAPACI, Director, Data, Assessment, & Accountability
MELISSA PEARSON, Supervisor, K-5 Mathematics
RICHARD STEC, Supervisor, K-12 Science
DAWN CUCCOLO, Supervisor, Special Services
CHARITY FUES, Assistant Director, Human Resources
JASON HARRIS, Assistant Director, Buildings and Grounds
CHRISTINE SHANNON O'DONNELL, Assistant Director, CE

Find all the important dates for the 2014-2015 school year on our calendar page of the web site. Four emergency closing dates have been allotted throughout the year and will be used as necessary in the event school is closed for inclement weather or for an emergency.

Keep current of all happenings at: www.ww-p.org/n_e_w_s_r_o_o_m/academic_calendar



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Kindergarten	September 10	6:30 pm
Kindergarten Extension	September 30	6:30 pm
Grade 1	September 10	6:30 pm
Grade 2	September 15	6:30 pm
Grade 3	September 15	6:30 pm
Grade 4	September 18	7 pm
Grade 5	September 22	7 pm
Grade 6	September 9	6:30 pm
Grade 7	September 16	6:30 pm
Grade 8	September 17	6:30 pm
Grades 9-12	October 2	HSN 7 pm HSS 6:30 pm

SCHOOL HOURS

High Schools

7:40 am to 2:50 pm

Middle Schools

7:40 am to 2:46 pm

Grades 4-5

8:45 am to 3:05 pm

Grades 1-3

9:00 am to 3:15 pm

Kindergarten Morning

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Kindergarten Afternoon

12:45 pm to 3:15 pm

Preschool

Wicoff and Village:
8:30 am to 11:00 am (AM)
12:20 pm to 2:50 pm (PM)

Millstone River:
8:45 am to 11:15 am (AM)
12:35 pm to 3:05 pm (PM)

Please keep this newsletter as a future reference for the upcoming year.

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David Argese, Dutch Neck
Roseann Bonino, Millstone River
Patricia Buell, Maurice Hawk
Shauna Carter, EdD, CMS
Brian Harris, GMS
Dennis Lepold, HS South
Barbara Soares, Village
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Michael Welborn, EdD, Wicoff
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VIRTUAL BACKPACK

While not 100 percent green, WW-P is doing its share of reducing paper use by placing flyers, program events, and calendar items on the WW-P Virtual Backpack. Items are listed by month in three categories: Community Activities, School Events, and Sports Programs. Visit us often, and see what's of interest to you.

www.ww-p.org/n_e_w_s_r_o_o_m/community_news



TEL SAFE

Using the Tel Safe system alerts the school that your child will be absent – a useful tool to ensure the safe arrival of students to school each day. Please call the evening before or the morning of any absence or tardiness. If the school is not notified, a series of calls will be initiated: to the parent/guardian, to the first emergency contact listed, and then to the police who will visit the home if we are unable to make contact. Call 609-716-5000, then dial the school's extension:

Dutch Neck: 5410
Maurice Hawk: 5430
Town Center: 6510
Wicoff: 5460
Millstone River: 5510
Village: 5210
Community: 5310
Grover: 5260
HS North: 5110
HS South: 5063

CONFERENCES

During the school year, you are welcome to contact teachers or administrators regarding any specific questions or concerns you might have. WW-P also has specific parent-teacher conference dates scheduled:

Grades 6-8: October 16-17
K-8: November 20-21
K-5: November 24-25
K-5: February 6
K-5: April 24

These also are early dismissal dates for those schools hosting conferences.



INFINITE CAMPUS

WW-P uses a web-based student information system called Infinite Campus, known as IC. Within IC, you can view your child's homework assignments and grades, attendance, bus passes, contact information, health information, and school and district messages. To create an account, please send an e-mail to: infinite-campus@ww-p.org and include: parent/guardian name; address; student name(s); and home telephone number.

More about IC at: www.ww-p.org/parents_s_t_u_d_e_n_t_s/infinite-campus



BUS PASSES

Bus assignment information is posted in Infinite Campus (IC). There you'll find pick-up time, bus numbers, and drop-off time. Students should be at the designated bus stop ten minutes prior to bus arrival. If you have any questions or concerns about the bus information or the bus stop, please contact Transportation at 609-716-5000, ext. 5571.

Bus pass information will be posted in IC at 5 pm according to the following schedule:

K-Grade 5: August 20

Grades 6-8: August 22

Grades 9-12: August 25



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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

WW-P will post emergency closing information on the district web site and on the main district telephone, 609-716-5000. Also, information can be received from Twitter via cell phone in two ways:

1. With a Twitter account, follow **WWP_Notices**
2. Without an account: from your cell phone, send this text **follow WWP_Notices** to 40404. [There is a space between 'follow' and 'WWP_Notices.']

www.ww-p.org/about_us/safe_schools/emergency_closings



FOOD SERVICES

Lunch menus are listed on the district web site where you can review the daily selections with your child. Students can bring lunch or can purchase lunch through "My School Bucks." Use a credit card to start an account or to add money to an existing account at: www.myschoolbucks.com/

More information at: www.ww-p.org/parents_students/Food_Services



CHANNEL SURFING

District residents are served by cable television channels on two networks. Check out the Bulletin Board for school events and watch for school programs.

Plainsboro residents:
Channel 26 (Comcast)
Channel 26 (Verizon)

West Windsor residents:
Channel 27 (Comcast)
Channels 40 and 42 (Verizon)

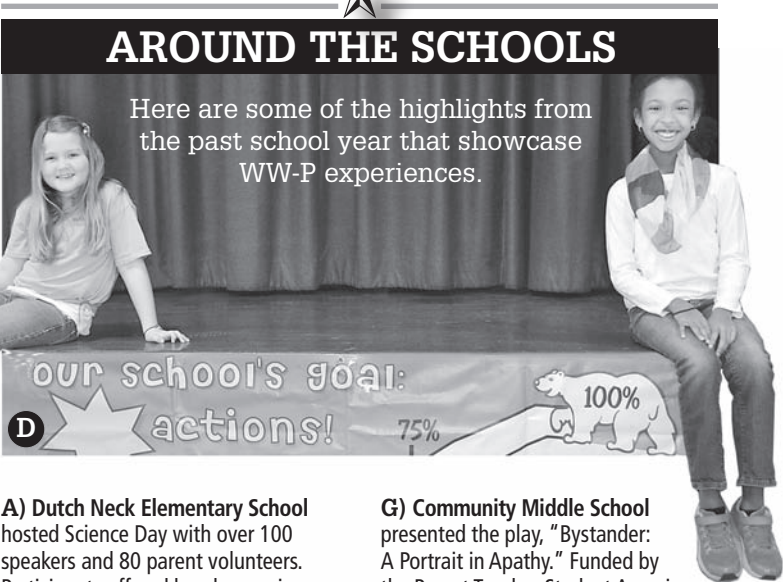
1 ON 1 LEARNING INITIATIVE

This year, we are expanding the Chromebook Project and all Grades 5 and 6 students will receive Chromebooks. These devices will be used in class and each student will be expected to bring his/her Chromebook home every day. Information about the Chromebook Project is available on the district web site: www.ww-p.org/departments/Technology/1_1_learning_initiative



AROUND THE SCHOOLS

Here are some of the highlights from the past school year that showcase WW-P experiences.



A) Dutch Neck Elementary School hosted Science Day with over 100 speakers and 80 parent volunteers. Participants offered hands-on science presentations appropriate for students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 for a great learning experience.

B) Maurice Hawk Elementary School collected over \$2,000 for Meals on Wheels, a nonprofit organization that delivers hot meals to residents unable to leave their homes. To raise money, students performed chores for their parents.

C) Town Center Elementary School students in the after-school Extended Day Program collected 54 coats for Project HomeFront. The students gathered coats and a HomeFront truck picked up the items to share with Mercer County families in need.

D) Wicoff Elementary School participated in the "Cool the Earth" program, which motivates children to take simple, measurable actions to conserve energy. These actions and an increased civic engagement will make an impact on global warming.

E) Millstone River School students on team IdeAmaze won the Core Values Award for Gracious Professionalism and the team was a state qualifier in the First Lego League Competition. Lego Robotics competitions value teamwork and problem solving.

F) Village School participated in a community service project, which is part of the school's Character Education Program, and made a difference in the lives of others. Students created baskets to share during the holiday season.

G) Community Middle School presented the play, "Bystander: A Portrait in Apathy." Funded by the Parent Teacher Student Association, students offered a powerful performance showing how they can intervene and work together to eliminate bullying.

H) Grover Middle School participated in the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory Science Bowl. This event is a double-elimination contest with questions and answers in chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy, mathematics, and earth sciences.

I) High School North held the hot ticket item this year, with a production of "On the Razzle," a comedy filled with physical fumbling, verbal scrambling, and lots of mistaken identity, not to mention bagpipes, a brass band, and plaid clothing!

J) High School South Girls Track ran in the prestigious Penn Relays, and the Pirate team members were awarded the Penn Relay Wheel. These young women demonstrated the talent and success of WW-P student-athletes.

K) High School North students received accolades at the Classic Programming Competition. There were honors for 32 of our students who participated, including first, second, and third places.

L) High School South received First Place in the State Science Olympiad in the High School Division. The team also competed in the national Science Olympiad event representing the Garden State. In addition to the team honor, there were 19 individual medals.

