

# REGIONAL REVIEW

# Summer 2015

## WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School begins on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. The full calendar is posted on the district web site, and includes four emergency closing dates, which means that if school is closed for an emergency or for inclement weather, school is in session for designated emergency closing days.



Model United Nations introduces students to the world of diplomacy, negotiations, and decision making through debates on current issues before the UN. The **High School North** Model UN team won First Place: Best Small Delegation at the Ivy League Conference and Best Large Delegation at another competition.

Here's a quick look at news for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Please join us in welcoming: Jonathan Dauber, principal of High School North; Lamont Thomas, principal of Grover Middle School; Heather Shanklin, assistant principal of Millstone River School; Rich Flamini, interim director for Special Services; Mary Pierson, Transportation coordinator; Allan Johnson, supervisor, Technology, Training, and Media Resources; and Harry Doctor, Technology manager.
- We are opening an addition to Village School. Located at 321 Village Road East, the two-story addition hosts new classrooms for Village School, along with offices for Guidance, Technology, Special Services, Community Education, Data, Assessment, and Accountability, and the superintendent and the Central Office staff (Human Resources, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Curriculum and Instruction, Pupil Services, and the Business Office).
- Genesis is the new student information system. Replacing Infinite Campus, this system is filled with all the important information you need: attendance, schedules, grades, teacher contact information, emergency information, bus routes, and more. Information about Genesis can be found on the district web site: [http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/parents\\_\\_s\\_t\\_u\\_d\\_e\\_n\\_t\\_s/genesis](http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/parents__s_t_u_d_e_n_t_s/genesis). All parents will be given an account in this new system.
- There is a new K-5 report card. Moving to a trimester schedule, report cards will follow three marking periods, and conference dates have been updated as well. The new report card, prepared by a district-wide committee, will more clearly report on student performance.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

**Kindergarten: September 9, 6:30 pm**

**Kindergarten Extension: September 30, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 1: September 9, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 2: September 10, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 3: September 10, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 3 (Millstone River): September 21, 7 pm**

**Grade 4: September 21, 7 pm**

**Grade 5: September 29, 7 pm**

**Grade 6: September 15, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 7: September 16, 6:30 pm**

**Grade 8: September 17, 6:30 pm**

**Grades 9-12: October 8, 7 pm**



Grade 3 students at **Dutch Neck Elementary School** had the opportunity to experience science along with many eye-popping demonstrations showcasing the power of chemistry. These hands-on activities helped to open the minds of elementary students and allowed them see the reality of science.





The **High School South** Girls Track team had a successful year, with wins at a number of county and state competitions. To cap off the season, the Pirates were crowned the Mercer County Championship Team; this title is the first in four years.



Bus buddies, an innovative program at **Wicoff Elementary School**, was designed to increase appropriate behavior on a school bus by creating a climate of respect and cooperation. In an assembly and in classes, students learned about the Bus Buddies program and the importance of building relationships, and understanding bus safety.



Two teams of **High School North** Science Olympiad students competed in the New Jersey Science Olympiad Central Regional Competition; one team received First Place and the second team received Fourth Place. In the national tournament, students were honored with 16th Place.

## ATHLETICS NEWS

Health care professionals (physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants) who review student-athlete pre-participation physical evaluations (PPEs) must complete a professional development module program in student-athlete cardiac assessment. These health care professionals must undergo this training before the start of the 2015-2016 school year. The New Jersey Department of Health stated, "We are hopeful that the use of this module will help enhance the assessment skills of health care professionals who perform student-athlete physical examinations and screenings and prevent the occurrence of sudden cardiac arrest in all student-athletes."

Please remember that a current physical examination form packet must be submitted before a student can participate in school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletics. The physical examination form packet must be completed by a health care professional who has finished student-athlete cardiac assessment training. Please ask your health care professional if he/she has completed this program.

A "Fact Sheet," prepared by the New Jersey Department

of Education, provides information on this new requirement, and has been posted on the district web site, under Athletics.

## VIRTUAL BACKPACK

While not 100 percent green, WW-P is doing its share of not using paper. To accomplish this, we place flyers, program events, and calendar items on the WW-P Virtual Backpack. Items are listed by month under three categories: Community Activities, School Events, and Sports Programs.



On stage at **High School South** was *Legally Blonde*, a show filled with feel good songs and spectacular dance numbers from start to finish. Pirate student performers, including a full ensemble cast, were accompanied by talented student musicians and the show was performed on a set created by a top-notch stage crew.

**Town Center Elementary School** students in the Extended Day Program participated in a special event: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. From sampling the foods of many cultures and learning songs, the students in the after-school enrichment program participated in a week-long cultural project.







The Grade 7 Concert Band from **Community Middle School** performed to an audience of veterans on the U.S.S. New Jersey. The students participated in a special naval tradition and played the "Navy Hymn" while a wreath was cast overboard in honor of members of the armed forces who served in war and peace.



The AMIGOS develop leadership and personal character leading to lifelong values. Understanding this, the **Grover Middle School** AMIGOS prepared Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. The students held hot chocolate and soft pretzel sales to raise money to purchase all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving feast.



Students at **Village School** assembled gift bags filled with hygiene and grooming supplies, generously donated by students and families for a community service project. The bags, decorated by the students, were delivered to a local organization that assists families in their struggles to become independent.

## TEL SAFE

Tel Safe is an attendance procedure adopted by the Board of Education to ensure the safe arrival of your child to school each day. If your child is not going to school, you may call the evening before or the morning of any absence or tardiness. In the event the school is not notified, a series of telephone calls will be initiated: to the parents, to the first emergency contact listed, and then to the police who will visit the home if we are unable to make contact by telephone. Call the main number (609-716-5000) and dial your school's extension:

Dutch Neck Elementary School .....	5410
Maurice Hawk Elementary School .....	5430
Town Center Elementary School .....	6510
Wicoff Elementary School .....	5460
Millstone River School .....	5510
Village School .....	5210
Community Middle School .....	5310
Grover Middle School .....	5260
High School North .....	5110
High School South .....	5063

## EMERGENCY MESSAGES

WW-P will post emergency information on the district web site and on the main district telephone number (609-716-5000). To receive emergency information by text, send this text from your cell phone to 40404: **follow WWP\_Notices** If you have a Twitter account, follow @WWP\_Notices

## CHANNEL SURFING

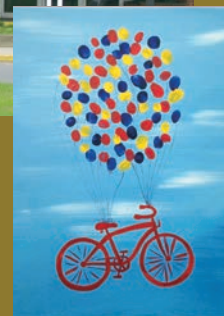
Residents of Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships are served by cable television channels on the Comcast and Verizon networks. Plainsboro residents have two channels: Channel 26 (Comcast) and Channel 26 (Verizon). West Windsor residents have three channels: Channel 27 (Comcast) and Channels 40 and 42 (Verizon). Check out the Bulletin Board for upcoming school events and watch school programs.



At **Millstone River School**, a leaky roof became a lesson. The Grade 5 mathematicians collected dripping water for five minutes, measured the water, did conversions, and concluded it would have taken ten days to fill a tub. Lucky for everyone, the leak was repaired shortly after it was discovered.



Throughout the school year, **Maurice Hawk Elementary School** celebrated 50 years of academic excellence. The Hawk Parent-Teacher Association curated a special display of memorabilia and hosted an anniversary art auction and gala to raise funds for assemblies, mini-grants, curriculum enrichment, and technology.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

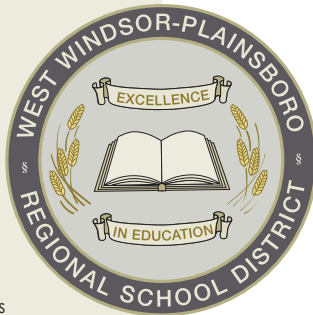
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## PRINCIPALS

David Argese, Dutch Neck Elementary School  
Roseann Bonino, Millstone River School  
Patricia Buell, Maurice Hawk Elementary School  
Shauna Carter, EdD, Community Middle School  
Jonathan Dauber, EdD, High School North  
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# REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

## HIGH SCHOOLS

7:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

7:40 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.

## GRADES 4-5

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## GRADES 1-3

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## KINDERGARTEN

8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (AM)  
12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

## KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION

(Dutch Neck Elementary School and Wicoff Elementary School)

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (AM)

11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PM)

## KINDERGARTEN FULL-DAY (Special Services)

(Hawk Elementary School, Town Center Elementary School, and Wicoff Elementary School)

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## PRESCHOOL INTEGRATED

(Village School)

8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (AM)

12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

## PRESCHOOL FULL-DAY

(Town Center Elementary School)

8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## PRESCHOOL HALF-DAY

(Town Center Elementary School)

8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (AM)

12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

## MINI EXPLORERS

(Community Education)

9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (AM)

12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. (PM)

# FOOD SERVICES

Lunch menus are placed on the district web site and you can review the daily selections with your child. Students can bring lunch or can purchase lunch through our system called "My School Bucks." Parents need to create an account so that a student's meal will be paid for with a credit card. To start an account or to add money to an existing account, visit this link:  
<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

# 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 parent-teacher conference dates scheduled:

October 15-16: Grades K-8

October 19-20: Grades K-5

November 19-20: Grades 6-8

January 8: Grades K-5

April 8: Grades K-5.

These are early dismissal dates for those schools hosting conferences.