

April 30, 2019

J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Update

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has created a new email system for parents and guardians. Every week you will receive our school's newsletter. This email will include school information, PTA news, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

School News

Announcements

- Check out the [Wicoff April Fox Newsletter!](#)

Events

- April 29 - May 3: Screen-Free Week
 - Screen-Free Week (formerly TV-Turnoff Week and Digital Detox Week) is an annual event where children, families, schools and communities are encouraged to turn off screens and "turn on life". Instead of relying on television programming or electronic screens for entertainment, participants read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and spend time with family and friends. Over 300 million people have taken part in the turnoff, with millions participating each year.
- A Month of Service at Wicoff - "Make someone's day today!" ~ Steve Mayer
 - We are excited to announce that in our school and throughout the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District, May 2019, will be set aside as our "3rd Annual Month of Service." Throughout this month administrators, teachers and students will be working together to serve our community. All of the activities for this month will support the Plainsboro Pantry, a local, non-profit organization that provides services for families in need.
 - At Wicoff, we will be participating in 3 amazing events. Please mark your calendars and come out to join us! The first event is the "Founders Day Parade" on Sunday, May 5th. The second event is the "Friday Food Drive" throughout the month of May. Please save the date for our third event, the Wicoff School "Fox Trot" – on May 29th. Check out the [letter from Dr. Welborn](#) and see how you can get involved!

Reminders

- Wednesday, May 1: Pencils Plus (School Store is Open)
- Friday, May 3: Third Grade Field Trip to Franklin Institute

- Tuesday, May 7: Third Grade Spring Choral Concert - 7 p.m.
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PTA News

Namaskaram Wicoff families,

Hope the spring break was exactly the break you needed from your routine and you made some great memories with your little ones! We are welcoming you back with an action-packed agenda for May. We need your love and whole-hearted support once again to make these events meaningful and successful.

Upcoming Events

- May 1: SEPTSA presents Best Practices in Early Literacy – Becoming a Reader at Grover Middle School. Deborah Lynam, director of partnerships and engagement at the AIM Institute for Learning and Research, will be the presenter. Deborah is active in literacy and education initiatives at local, state and national levels, and holds graduate-level certification in Orton-Gillingham through Fairleigh Dickinson University. The AIM Institute for Learning and Research provides teachers and professionals both training and access to field experts in the areas of spoken language, reading, writing, and math. The programs reflect the latest research and knowledge of best practices and evidence-based instruction within each area. The handbook is available [here](#) for reference.
- May 5: Founders Day Parade at 11:30 a.m. (Rain date May 11): If you must pick one year to join in the parade, make this year the one!! Plainsboro was founded 100 years ago and so was our amazing school. Wicoff will be marching strong at the Centennial Founder's Day Parade, so make sure you are there with your friends and family in your Wicoff T-shirts or blue and white colors. Let's create a vibrant presence! Here are the details:
 - Date: May 5, 2019
 - Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.
 - Number in Parade Line-up: 8
 - Location: Pond View Drive (Off of Edgemere Ave. Please note that Edgemere Ave will close at 12 pm)
 - Parade start time: 12:30 pm
 - Song: Wicoff School Song. Please [download the school song!](#)
 - The parade ends (roughly 30 minutes later) in front of the stage at the municipal grounds
 - Please do not drive on Pond View Drive after 12 p.m. Cars arriving after 12 p.m. will be stuck there until the parade begins.

- Please bring a canned item to donate to the Plainsboro Food Pantry to make our presence even more meaningful. Please visit their [website](#) to select an item they are genuinely in need of.
- May 6 - May 10: Staff Appreciation Week - It takes a BIG heart to shape little minds! Our teachers and school support staff are the greatest assets of our wonderful school and while we shouldn't wait for a special day to let them know how much we appreciate their contribution to our children's lives, we are glad there is a week that allows us to make them feel special. This year, we will be providing breakfast for our fabulous teachers and staff on Friday, May 10, 2019, at 8:00 AM. We need your help!
 - We would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to make or buy the items that are listed in the Signup Genius. Hot items can be dropped off the morning of May 10 by 7:30 a.m.
 - Baked/bought items that will keep over-night can be dropped off at Wicoff School on Thursday, May 9th. Just let the ladies in the office know that it is for the Staff Appreciation breakfast.
 - Please click [here](#) to sign up
 - During this week, we will be placing a table near the cafeteria for all students to write bucket notes to any teacher they like. Please encourage them to visit the table during their lunchtime and write notes to their favorite teachers.
 - Please feel free to email at gunjan.khare@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.
- May 16: Family Paint Night - We are looking forward to hosting our next big family event. There will be color, fun and a memorable keepsake from the night. You don't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you for always showing up in great numbers to make our events a raging success! Let's make the upcoming events a huge success too!

Thank you,

Wicoff PTA Executive Board

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District Updates

Events

- Mark your calendar for the opening of the [HAPPy Museum](#) on June 4, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. at High School South.

Reminders

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the [website](#).
- Useful links for the district: [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Calendar of Events](#)

Community Events

- 2019 [Plainsboro Centennial Events](#) Information
- [A letter from the Mayor](#) of Plainsboro Township about Founders Day
- Looking for more programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Counseling

- The Parent University Program: Parenting in the Age of Social Media has been canceled.

Community Education Program and Event Reminders

- [Summer Programs](#) - Summer registration has opened for students ages five to 14. Programs run from June 24 through Aug. 9, 2019. Half and full day options with extended care are available.
- [2019-20 Kindergarten Extension Registration](#) - Kindergarten Extension registration is now open. Participants must reside in and attend a West Windsor-Plainsboro school in order to use the service. The program will be held at Dutch Neck Elementary School.
- [2019-20 Integrated Preschool Registration](#) - Integrated Preschool registration is now open. The program will be held at Village School. Participants must be 3 or 4 by Oct. 1, 2019, and independently toilet trained prior to the program start. West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District residency is required.

Food Services

- Check out the lunch [menus](#) for May!
- Sodexo [Parent Survey](#)
- Check out the [April 2019 Sodexo Newsletter](#)

WW-P Board of Education Foundation

- [Innovation Fair](#) - The West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation is hosting its Third Annual Innovation Fair. The fair will be held at High School North Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- [STAR Campaign](#) - Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or other staff people who make a difference in your child's life. STAR requests are due by May 3, 2019.

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