

Oct. 11, 2019

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

Oct. 17, 18 and Oct. 21, 22: Early Dismissal for Grades K-5 for Parent/Teacher Conferences

PTA News

Families participating in Dexter's Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 12th, please [click here](#) to read the instructions carefully. [Please sign up to volunteer](#). Dads and grandparents please help too!

Reminder: Dexter's Fun, Food, and Fitness Block Party is Saturday, Oct. 12, from 12-3 p.m. at Dutch Neck. Registration is closed.

Participate in the National [PTA Reflections Program](#). Students can submit in the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Submission forms and flyers have been distributed. Please return the completed entry forms to the class teacher before Nov. 1, 2019. For more details and the student entry form please [click here](#).

The Dutch Neck PTA can earn money from your Amazon shopping, grocery receipts and Box Tops:

- If you are an avid Amazon shopper, use smile.amazon.com for your shopping and set Dutch Neck PTA 33727 as your favorite charity.
- Download the "Box Top For Education" App, scan your Box Tops and grocery receipts (from Target, Walmart and McCaffrey's) on your phone WITHIN 15 DAYS OF PURCHASE. Please [see downloading instructions_OR](#)
- Collect and send your McCaffrey's receipts WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF PURCHASE in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA. Deadline to submit for first round is Dec. 19, 2019.
- Collect and send your unexpired Box Tops in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA. Any Box Top clipping your family has collected over the year can also be sent in.

SEPTSA

- SEPTSA is a districtwide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical, emotional and or learning challenges.
- If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 plan and you missed our table at Back To School Night, click [here](#) for the membership form.
- **SEPTSA's First Parent Workshop** is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School. Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor, PhD BCBA-D, will present on the evaluation referral process and assessments (educational, psychological, speech-language) conducted by the child study team. Learn more about how testing determines special education eligibility and shapes IEP development.

Useful Links: [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#)

School News

- Check out the [Academic Calendar](#) to see upcoming dates
- Early Dismissals for Parent Teacher Conferences are Oct. 17-18, 21-22.
- [Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

Halloween Celebration

October 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Dutch Neck Elementary School is getting ready for our annual Halloween celebration which will be on Thursday, October 31! Everyone is excited for our annual tradition of the Halloween parade and class party where we can see our friends in their costumes. Please see the information below that shares details of the day so that our event can be safe and enjoyable for all.

We at Dutch Neck Elementary School believe in a peaceful school environment where our children learn to make appropriate choices. We are asking for your help in guiding your child to choose a costume that will be child-friendly and suitable for school; therefore, your child should not wear any costume that promotes violence in any way

(no weapons, toy guns, swords, etc. will be permitted). Any accessories that may cause a distraction, including any hand-held items should be left at home. This will assure that nothing will be left in school that may be needed later in the day for trick-or-treating.

If you choose not to have your child participate in the parade and/or class party, a handwritten note should be given to your child's teacher by **Monday, Oct. 28**. An alternative, educational activity will be provided for those children who are not participating in the Halloween celebration.

Your child's teacher will give you more specific information about his/her schedule for that day. Parade start times are listed below. Parking is available at Windsor Chapel; however, please do not park on the grass. NOTE THAT THE PARADE IS WEATHER PERMITTING. IF IT RAINS, CHILDREN WILL SIMPLY HAVE THEIR CLASS PARTY. The parade will begin on the blacktop, go on the walking track past the Dutch Neck Garden, and then students will re-enter the building by the gym. Please note that only students and staff will be allowed in the gym entrance. Because of the number of Halloween parties occurring throughout the day, we cannot allow visitors into the building.

AM Kindergarten, Extension & Grade 1: 10:30 a.m.

PM Kindergarten, Extension, Grades 2 & 3: 1:40 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your support in making our school Halloween celebration a happy and safe one.

Sincerely,

David Argese

Laura Bruce

Principal

Assistant Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

~ A message from Mr. Argese ~

Communication between home and school is important for the success of each child. One form of communication which cannot be replicated is the face to face conversation which takes place during a parent/teacher conference. This month,

you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to open this dialogue and share information about your child.

Our scheduled conference dates this year are Oct. 17, 18, 21, and 22. Oct. 17 is reserved for evening conferences. Since we have a limited amount of time to meet with parents in the evening, we would greatly appreciate it if you have the flexibility to come during the day. **Please remember that children are dismissed at 1 p.m. on these days.**

Teachers have sent home information about setting up a conference time. Teachers have created their conference schedule and are notifying you of your time slot. Once you receive confirmation for your conference time from your child's classroom teacher, we invite you to reach out to a special area teacher (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library/Media, Spanish, Computer) to schedule a conference time. If your child is taught by a support teacher (Reading, Math, Resource Room, LLD, Speech, ESL, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist), we also invite you to schedule a conference time with this teacher. Both our school counselor and school nurse will also be available to meet with you.

Please email the special area and/or support teacher directly. When requesting your conference, remember to provide the teachers with the dates and times of other staff members you are meeting with so there is not a conflict in meeting times. You may call the school at 716-5400 if you do not have access to email. Please make every effort to be on time for your conference(s). If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, please notify the teacher(s) as soon as possible. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you.

Around the District News

- Mark your calendars for [Wicoff's Centennial Celebration](#) Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.! Wicoff is encouraging families to carpool and park at the Plainsboro Plaza Shopping Center as parking will be limited on school and church property.
- The annual [HSN vs. HSS Serve Up Hope Game](#) will be held on Oct. 14. All proceeds will benefit the Rainforest Alliance.
- Save the date for the High School North National Honor Society's Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m. Oct. 26 in the HSN Stadium Parking Lot. Click [here](#) for more information on this event.

- Register now for High School South's Math League sponsored WW-P Math Expo. This Oct. 26 event is open to students in grades 3-8. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
 - Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the WWPHS South Hall of Honor on Nov. 2! The hall of honor was founded to connect the past to the present and the future; in recognizing those who have brought honor to our school we keep alive the spirit of South. These honorees are an integral part of our history. Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#) or send a check (for \$25 made out to WWPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.
-

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

Counseling and Wellness

- The first Parent University event of the school year will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at High School South. The topic will be "The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset." Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

Community Education

- Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement starts on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Parents are invited to come and learn about money management skills to set you up for a future beyond work. [Sign up with Community Education under the 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs](#). Registration closes on Sunday, Oct. 13.
- Family Fun Friday is Oct. 18! Parents and children are welcome to join us for step-by-step canvas painting. You and your child will be creating coordinating S'mores paintings. No artistic experience necessary. [Sign up with Community Education under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth Programs](#)
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)

Community Events

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

Food Services

- Make sure to download [Sodexo's So Happy app](#)! Download the app to view nutritional information, allergens and more. Check out the [menus](#) for October!

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#) and materials.

WW-P Education Foundation

- Mark your calendars for the [WW-P Education Foundation's Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival](#) Oct. 19, 2019, at Grover Middle School. This event is broken up by grade level: grades K-3 will meet from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and grades 4-8 will meet from 2- 4 p.m.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)