

Oct. 18, 2019

## Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

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

#### PTA News

Hero Up with a SuperBook! Book fair week is coming up -- Nov. 11- 15, 2019. You are welcome to join your kids as they visit the book fair during class library time. There are evening hours for families to shop as well. To see the details [please click here](#).

Dinner with the Principals *along with Superheroes* will be held Nov. 14, 2019. To reserve your seats [click here](#). RSVP by Nov. 4.

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](https://www.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 district-wide 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](#)

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## **School News**

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

### **Dutch Neck Elementary School Halloween Celebration**

October 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

Dutch Neck Elementary School is getting ready for our annual Halloween celebration which will be on Thursday, Oct. 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

## Around the District News

- Gorgeous designer handbags plus tricky tray raffle prizes at the [HSS Post Prom Pocketbook Bingo THIS Sunday, Oct. 20](#) at Millstone River School to benefit Post Prom 2020. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Tickets include 12 games of bingo and are \$30 at the door.
  - 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.
  - Parents and students (ages 11 and up) are invited to join HSN and Community Middle School student organizations **HEAL and NuYu Friday, Oct. 25** at 6 p.m. at High School North for a one-of-a-kind seminar on mental wellbeing with renowned speakers and mental health advocates. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
  - Village and Millstone River Schools are holding a **coat drive for a local charity**. The schools will be accepting clean, gently worn winter jackets and coats as well as NEW hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Donations can be dropped off **Saturday, Oct. 26** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Millstone River School.
  - 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.
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## District Updates

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

## **Counseling and Wellness**

- A special Parent University event will be held **Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** at High School South. The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset offers parents practical strategies in supporting child and adolescent resiliency, grit and perseverance. The importance of healthy coping mechanisms, emotional intelligence and supportive relationships to overcome adversity will be discussed. Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

## **Community Education**

- **Cultivating Joy After Loss** - Monday, Oct. 28. Presented by Blindspot Training. Adults will learn strategies to work through loss and begin to bring more joy into their life. Sign up through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program. \*This is not a substitute for grief counseling.\*
- Tennis Anyone? **Family Fun Friday** is Nov. 15. Presented by TGA of Mercer County - Children and parents, come out for a night of family fun, with tennis and snacks! Learn basic skills of the game in a non-competitive environment. All equipment is provided. Sign up through Community Education under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Space is still available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension**. Register through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Extended Day, KE, Pre-K.

## **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.**

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