

Dec. 13, 2019

Dutch Neck Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Holiday Donations - We are still accepting toys for children at Capital Health Hospital till Wednesday, December 18th. Please leave your donation in the bin outside the front office. [Click here to see the wish list and make an unwell child very happy.](#)

Online Box Tops and McCaffery's receipts - Download the "Box Tops 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.](#)

McCaffery's receipts - Collect and send your McCaffery's receipts WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF PURCHASE in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA. The deadline to submit for the first round is Dec. 19, 2019.

Box Tops - Collect and send Box Tops in an envelope addressed to Dutch Neck PTA.

Useful links:

Dutchneckpta.org

[Become a member and support your school](#)

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.

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

School News

Spirit Day: In celebration and support of the third grade chorus concerts, Dutch Neck students and staff participated in a spirit day called "Hollywood Day." In keeping with the tradition of the chorus concert colors, the third-graders and their teachers wore black and white; the rest of the students and staff wore a variety of formal and fancy clothing. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up in support of the choral program and the third-graders' very first chorus concert.

Dexter's Emporium: Dexter's Emporium, a Dutch Neck tradition for over 20 years, was held on the first Saturday of the month. PTA sponsored this day of holiday shopping for the students where all items were priced one dollar. Children were encouraged to make a list of people who they wanted to buy gifts for, and they independently shopped for others while parents waited in the waiting area. This year there was an addition of a "Giving Tree" allowing students to send cards and messages to children admitted to Capital Health Hospital. Parents were also able to participate by donating gifts to the children at the hospital. Many student volunteers including Girl Scouts and Community Middle School's Amigos helped the children organize, pay, and wrap their gifts. Dexter, our school mascot, was available for photo opportunities with the students and their siblings. It was a successful and fun day for all emphasizing the gift of giving.

Chorus Concerts: The annual winter chorus concert entitled, *A Theoretical Concert*, kicked off the holiday season with the singing talents of the third-graders for two in-school chorus concerts for staff and students and two evening chorus concerts for parents and guests. The third-graders, led by Tony Kovatch, were very excited to share their beautiful voices with the staff and students during the in-school concerts. This allowed both chorus groups to have a "dress rehearsal" before the evening concerts. Over the course of two evenings, the parents enjoyed listening to the vocal talents of their children. The third-graders sang a variety of songs, including two originals written by our own Mr. Kovatch, *It's a Beautiful Day at Dutch Neck School* and our *Thank You Song*.

From Ms. Hannah Gerber, third grade computer teacher: This week, Dec. 9-13, marked the Hour of Code. It is an event held every year to celebrate the life of Admiral Grace Hopper and her amazing contributions to computer science, while helping to introduce

students to computer science. This week in Computers, third grade students learned the fundamentals of block coding and played a variety of games to test their algorithmic thinking. Below, you will find a few games that your child can play at home to continue getting acquainted with the basics of code:

- [Star Wars: Building a Galaxy with Code](#)
- [Minecraft Hour of Code](#)
- [Barbie You Can Be Anything](#)
- [Code A Flappy Bird Game](#)

[Dutch Neck Arrival and Drop-Off Procedures](#)

Important Upcoming Dates: Check out the [important upcoming dates for December and January](#).

Communications: Are you signed up to receive text messages from WW-P Schools? Click [HERE](#) for the district's communication process and make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis. To sign up to receive additional messages from the townships please follow the links below:

- [Plainsboro Township/Police Alerts](#)
- [West Windsor Township/Police Alerts](#)

Around the District News

- [WW-P fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)
- What better way to ring in the holiday season than with a holiday concert? WW-P students and staff have been working all fall to prepare for some **wonderful concerts**. [Click here for a list of upcoming performances.](#)
- **High School South's United Charity Drive** looks to brighten the holidays of local organizations and Pirate families. All donations not sent in with students may be dropped off in the bins at the school security desk. Monetary donations

can be cash or in the form of a check made out to "WWP High School South" with "charitable giving" noted in the memo/note section. [Click here for more information.](#)

- **Hands Across the Water Cookie Decorating and Bake Sale** event is Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Grover Middle School. Profits will go to Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [For more information and to RSVP, click here.](#)
 - GMS French students invite you to the **5th Annual White Elephant Sale** Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 3-7 p.m. at Grover Middle School. All proceeds will go to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. [Check out additional information here.](#)
 - High School North Post Prom Committee will be holding a **Bollywood Dance Class fundraiser** event on Dec. 14, from 3-4:30 p.m. at New Jersey Athletic Club (NJAC). The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per person with a coin embellished hip scarf. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)
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District Updates

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

Counseling and Wellness

- Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

Community Education

- [Winter After-School Enrichment is open for registration.](#) Registration closes Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- Extended Day Program registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)

- Upcoming SAT Programs - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

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

- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

WW-P Education Foundation

- The Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 15, for the [STAR Campaign](#). Give a STAR to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich your child's education.
- The Foundation will hold its [Holiday Fair](#) for grades pre-K-5 on Dec. 7 in the Village School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

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