

Mar. 6, 2020

Town Center Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Thank you to all who attended our **PTA General Meeting this morning.**

The **Spring Book Fair** is coming to Town Center the week of Mar. 16-20! We need volunteers to run a successful fair and we hope you will join us as we bring an exciting reading event to our school. No experience needed! **Sign up at:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA5A929A7F94-spring10>.

E-Wallet Raffle: E-Wallet is a secure cash-free payment method making it easier for kids to buy books! Every student that signs up for an e-wallet payment before 8 p.m. on Mar. 15 will be entered into a raffle to win a \$10 gift certificate to the book fair. Plus, if your child is a raffle winner, his/her teacher will also receive a \$10 gift certificate to the book fair! For more information visit: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/towncenter>.

Don't forget to order your **Gator gear** so you can look fresh going into the spring and summer rocking your Town Center shirts and sweatshirts! Find the order form here: http://towncenterpta.my-pta.org/Content/338_1/DocumentStore/2/PTA%20Gator%20Gear%20Order%20Form,%202019-2020.pdf

Family Paint Night: Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room/cafeteria at Town Center Elementary School. Join us for a fun and artistic evening, with our amazing art teacher, Ms. Waller. Order forms have been sent home with students this week. We have limited spots, make sure to book your spot soon.

Mark your calendars for upcoming TCPTA events:

- **Mar. 16 - 20:** Spring Book Fair
- **Mar. 19:** Family shopping from 3:30 - 8 p.m., **Story Time with special guests** will be from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 20:** Early Bird Shopping (book fair) 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.
- **Mar. 25:** Wacky Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day
- **Mar. 27:** Coffee with the Counselor (9 a.m.)
- **Apr. 2:** Family Paint Night

Useful links: [PTA Website](#) | [Email](#) | [Facebook Page](#)

SEPTSA Events & Notices

- Contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at the last SEPTSA meeting, we are accepting nominations for those interested to help in an officer capacity until Mar. 1. We welcome offers to help in any capacity throughout the year. For officer nominations, contact Sophie Hanstveit (mjwannabe829@yahoo.com) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net).

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

School News

Town Center students celebrated **Read Across New Jersey** with a variety of special reading activities throughout the week. On Monday, we started with a whole school meeting to kick-off the week. Other activities included a schoolwide reading time, guest readers in the media center and reading time with buddy classes. On Friday, students, teachers and staff dressed as their favorite book characters and listened to a special read aloud on the Gator News. What a terrific, fun-filled week we had celebrating reading at Town Center!

Mar. 9-13 - STEAM Week: We are celebrating STEAM week at Town Center with a variety of activities geared toward each grade level. On Friday, students in grades 1 and 2 will enjoy the "STEAM Museum."

- **SPECIAL NOTICE!** The STEAM Family Event has reached capacity as of Thursday, Mar. 5. No more registrants will be accepted, the event is now closed.

Mercer County Education Association (MCEA) - Barnes & Noble Bookfairs (click on links for more information about these two opportunities.

- [Barnes & Noble Hamilton](#) (425 Marketplace Blvd., Hamilton), Sat., Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- [Barnes & Noble Princeton](#) (Market Fair Mall), Sat., Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Congratulations: A special TC Gator cheer to Vitalia in Mrs. Mansfield's class. Vitalia conducted a clothing drive to support the people in Puerto Rico who have been impacted by natural disasters. Vitalia received a special letter from the New Jersey Puerto Rican Congress thanking her for her efforts and Town Center for supporting this cause.

Weather: Now that we are into the month of March, the weather will be more unpredictable and ever-changing. Please make sure your child is dressed to be comfortable inside and outside the school.

Bus Safety: Please remind your child of the rules required to ride the bus safely. All students need to remain seated and facing forward with the seatbelt secured. School rules apply when riding the bus.

Twitter: Make sure to share your photos with us on Twitter using the hashtag [#TCGators](#).

Around the District:

- **WW-P presents... spring theater!** [Click here for additional details](#) and ticket information regarding High School South's *Guys and Dolls* (Mar. 5-7), Grover Middle School's *Freaky Friday* (Mar. 13-14) and Community Middle School's *Dorothy in Wonderland* (Mar. 19-21).
- Check out the district [academic calendar](#) for important upcoming dates. The 2020-2021 School Year Calendar is posted on the [district website](#) as is the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar that was approved by the WW-P Board of Education at the Feb. 25, 2020 meeting.
- **GMS's Hands Across the Water Club will hold a [Spring Carnival](#)** on Saturday, Mar. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Grover Middle School gym. All are welcome, but kids from ages 3-10 will have the most fun! All proceeds will go to the Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The club will also be holding a clothing drive to benefit the Community Charter School through the month of March. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Grover Middle School.

District Updates

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

Athletics

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.
- Take a look at the [Athletic Department's flyer](#) with contact information and details on our local spring sports programs.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Mar. 26, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Understanding Child and Adolescent Anxiety." Click [here](#) to review this year's previous Parent University presentations.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that is currently centered in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, WW-P continues to carefully monitor the situation and heed guidance that has been provided by state and national health organizations. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- Registration for **Spring After-School Enrichment** is now open. [Spring after-school programs](#) are here and spaces fill fast. Do not delay registration! Registration closes Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2020.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register 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

- The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office presents "[A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Cellphone.](#)" A free and informative presentation that aims to educate parents about internet safety and the dangers of certain phone applications. The presentation will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy (1001 Fire Academy Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872), **Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 6 p.m.**
- In mid-March, homes will begin receiving invitations to complete the [US Census](#). Responses may be submitted online, by phone, or via mail. Results will impact the federal funds our communities and our schools receive. For more information on why this census is so important for WW-P children, check out the Advocates for Children of New Jersey's [Census 2020 NJ website](#).
- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community events 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

- [Innovation Fair 2020](#): The Foundation's Youth Committee will hold auditions for **WW-P's Got Talent** at the HS South Playhouse, from Mar. 5 - 7. The district-wide talent show will be held May 16, 2020, and is a fabulous forum for kids to show off their talents. Acts may include individuals, groups and bands and is open to students in grades K-12! [Click here](#) to register to audition.
- [Sign up to participate](#) in the May 16 [Innovation Fair 2020](#). The deadline to register is Apr. 10, 2020. Participation is open to all after-school clubs, groups and teachers with STEAM activities. Registration is also open for the [Fair's Chess Tournament](#).

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](#)