

Mar. 6, 2020

Wicoff Elementary School Weekly Update

PTA News

Hope you added some wonderful books to your home libraries during our Spring Book Fair. It will continue to be set-up in the media center during the Science Fair so please make it a point to stop by. We are eager to see all the Science Fair projects on Saturday.

Upcoming Events:

Book Fair Family Hours: Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (held in conjunction with the Science Fair). Please stop by and shop!

Online Book Fair: The online book fair is another way to buy books during the Spring Book Fair and another way to support Wicoff. The online book fair will run through, Saturday, Mar. 7. You may purchase books online and have them delivered to your home. ONLINE LINK:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=wicoffelementaryschool1>

Annual Wicoff Green Science Fair: Mar. 7 *Registration Closed*

Grade 2 (select few) and Grade 3: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Grade 1 and Grade 2: 10:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten students are welcome to visit.

Please plan to arrive on time for your designated session(s) to allow adequate time to check-in and setup your exhibit.

- Wicoff teachers will visit each exhibit, listen to the participant's presentation and hand out certificates.
- Once your child's exhibit has been presented to the teacher, do take the opportunity to check out exhibits from other participants.
- Refreshments will be available for purchase outside the main office. No food or drinks are permitted in the gym.
- Each Green Science Fair participant will be enrolled in a raffle that will be drawn at the close of each session.

- Learn how to recycle crayons with Mrs. Lewis at the "Solar Cooker" sustainability exhibit on using solar energy to recycle crayons. Look for the teachers table at the Science Fair!

Proskate Family Ice Skating: Mar. 22, 5-7 p.m. *Forms are due by Mar. 12*

We are excited to be returning with the hugely popular family ice skating event held at Proskate. Check-in will begin at 4:45 p.m. The rates are \$10/child and \$12/adult skater. The rates include skate rental. Siblings and relatives are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for non-skaters. Please return both the form and the waiver signed in an envelope addressed to **Wicoff PTA Ice Skating by Mar. 12, 2020**. (Please NO ziplock bags or stapled/paperclipped forms with money. We don't want it to be misplaced!) No tickets will be distributed, simply check in upon arrival at the ice rink. Proskate is located at 1000 Cornwall Rd, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852, (732) 940-6400. For more information, contact Padma (padmavathi253@gmail.com) or Shreya (shreya5482@gmail.com).

Brown Bag Lunches: Apr. 1 and 2: We are very proud to continue this community service initiative again this year. In collaboration with Mrs. Incollingo and all our wonderful teachers, the students will make bags of lunch to be distributed by the Trenton Area Staff Kitchen. We will begin soliciting your donation of loaves of sandwich bread and juice boxes before this event.

Useful Links: [Email](#) | [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

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

- Mar. 13 - Spirit Day - Theme: Fashion Disaster - Wear mismatched clothing
- The March 2020 issue of the Wicoff J. Fox newsletter is now [online](#).
- Check out our [Wicoff Twitter account](#) for announcements and upcoming events.

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.
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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](#)