

Oct. 02, 2020

## Town Center Elementary School

### PTA

- Stay tuned for updates about how you can easily help the TCPTA raise funds via Amazon Smile, BoxTops, etc.
- We are starting this year's **Reflections** program. Check WhatsApp and Facebook for more info about how to sign your child up for the program.
- Please remember to [Join the TCPTA](#). We are stronger together!
- Check out our [TCPTA Facebook page](#) and What's App group for updates.

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5: Blue Shirt Day for National Bullying Prevention Day
- Oct. 12: Silly Sock & Shoe Day for "Stomping Out Bullying"
- Oct. 16: Coffee with the Counselor - Fostering Friendships in an Online World (9 - 10 a.m.)
- Oct. 22: Panera Fundraiser (time TBD)

Useful Links: [Join the TCPTA](#) | [TCPTA Facebook page](#)

**SEPTSA Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

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### School

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### Happy October!

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our first TC PTA meeting this year. It was a pleasure "seeing" so many of our TC Gator family members. We look forward to our continued partnership.

**Week of Respect:** We look forward to kicking off NJ Week of Respect (Oct. 5-9) with wear blue to "Stomp Out Bullying" on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. As per the "Anti-Bullying

Bill of Rights," the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year is now designated as the "Week of Respect" in the New Jersey schools.

**Student Supply Pickup:** The district has prepared student resources to be distributed to families on Oct. 6 and 7 (rain dates Oct. 8 and 9 respectively). We are confident that you will find these materials helpful as your child uses them to engage in virtual learning. Please refer to the communication sent by your child's teacher and found in the following link: [Message to TC Families for Supply Pick-up](#).

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** The district calendar has K-5 parent/teacher conferences scheduled for Oct. 13-16. Your child's teacher will be sending out a sign-up list for a conference time. Evening conferences will be available Thursday, Oct. 15. Please note these are early dismissal days so all classes will conclude at 1 p.m. for both virtual and hybrid groups Tuesday through Friday.

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## District

[WW-P District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Events Calendar](#)

## Reminders

- **The week of Oct. 5 is Hybrid Week 1.** Please click [here](#) for the Sept./Oct. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- **Health Screening:** Please remember to complete the Daily Health Screening form for your child(ren) on the days they will be in-person. The form is located under the Forms tab in [Genesis](#).
- **Masks:** Please also be advised that neither neck gaiters or valve masks provide appropriate protection and are not permitted for use on school or District grounds. Please use a mask with two or more layers that fits snugly over the nose and face. If a student does not have an appropriate mask, one will be provided by the District upon request.
- **Contact Information:** Is your contact information up-to-date in Genesis? If your email or phone numbers have changed, please make sure to update your information in Genesis. If you would like to opt-in to receive SMS text messages from the District, please text "Yes" to "67587" from a cell phone that is listed with your contact information in Genesis. Text messaging rates may apply. For additional details, please click [here](#).

## Athletics

- **Attendance at Sporting Events:** The Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) is putting attendance policies in place for the 2020 fall season. No students will be permitted to attend neighboring CVC games in order to comply with social distancing policies and the State Order regarding the number of individuals at gatherings. Should you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, please reach out to Kate Dobinson, Athletic Director, [Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org](mailto:Katharine.Dobinson@ww-p.org).

## Counseling and Wellness

- Check out WW-P's 2020 Week of Respect events for each school: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IGTCNQSX-Uif35NPW2urWyeFADdpqTON0ahCMWfyI9g/edit?usp=sharing>
- Please join us for our next **Virtual Parent University on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.** The topic will be "Coping with COVID: Grief and Trauma" to better understand grief and trauma-informed parenting practices to support students during the pandemic. Jesse Bassett, director of education for Good Grief, a non-profit organization that builds resilience in children, strengthens families, and empowers communities to grow from loss and adversity, will be presenting. Families and caretakers may use the Zoom link to **register for the presentation:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
- To see past Parent University presentations: [http://www.ww-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent\\_university](http://www.ww-p.org/departments/Guidance/parent_university)

## Curriculum and Instruction

- Have a question about Google Classroom? Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these [resources for support](#) in the Families and Caregivers Tutorial Helpdesk. More tutorials were recently added!

## Community Education

- EDP is being offered for kindergarten through 5th-grade students. Morning and afternoon care is available 5 days a week at your child's school. Full-day care is also available for your child's non-in person week.
  - Community Education just added an afternoon option from dismissal until 3:45 p.m. Students are able to remain at their schools to complete their afternoon virtual assignments while supervised by EDP staff members.

- For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#)
- Registration for Fall Enrichment Session 1 has closed, but spaces are still available for Fall Session 2. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information, check out the fall guide here: [2020 Fall Programs](#).
- Family Fun Fridays are beginning soon! Register your family to take part in different events or crafts such as crochet, yoga, game nights and more! Check out the program guide on page 11 to learn more! To view the fall guide, click here: [2020 Fall Programs](#).
  - To register for Community Education programs, visit the [Community Pass Registration Link](#).

## Food Services

- Distribution for WW-P students who currently receive food benefits will now occur on a **weekly basis**. Distribution will be held Mondays at High School North from 4-6 p.m. Families who receive benefits will continue to receive emails asking for a response regarding participation for the coming week. Completing the registration form in the weekly email is required prior to pick up.
- In conjunction with the federal government and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, a waiver has been issued that allows school-aged children access to nutritious meals. As a participant in the National School Lunch Program, all WW-P students are extended the opportunity to receive free breakfasts and lunches due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. Click [here](#) for more information. Please register [here](#) by Oct. 7 for the Oct. 12 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Oct. 5 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Oct. 5 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 4 -6 p.m. at High School North.
- To view this month's menus, please click [here](#).

## Technology

- WW-P students who need to request a device or with Chromebooks/iPads that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this [Google form](#) (students must log in to their Google account to access the form) and then come to High School North on Tuesday or Thursday from 12:45 - 3:15 p.m.

## District Communication

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis.
- Click [here](#) to view the Fall 2020 WW-P District News.

### **Virtual Community Events**

- Click [here](#) for upcoming virtual events and activities from community groups and organizations.

### **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.

### **Follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.**

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