

Oct. 09, 2020

## Maurice Hawk Elementary School

**Oct. 13-16: Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences - Elementary students will have shortened classes and complete periods 1 - 8 prior to the 1 p.m. dismissal time. PM kindergarten will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. Half-Day Preschool Programs at Hawk are closed. Full-Day Preschool Programs will dismiss at 1 p.m.**

### PTA

Hello Hawk Families,

Our PTA is in need of your support so please help our PTA grow this year. Join using the secure online link: [PTA online membership](#). If you would like to participate in a committee or help us bring engaging activities to our children, please contact [president@hawkpta.org](mailto:president@hawkpta.org).

You can also support our PTA with Amazon Smile and our new digital BoxTops programs.

- Amazon Smile - (Don't forget us on **Amazon Prime Days: Oct. 13 and 14.**) Earn cash for MH on Amazon purchases by going through [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile) (033639 Maurice Hawk Elem Sch)
- Box Tops program - Earn cash for Hawk and help support our students and school. Details: <http://www.hawkpta.org/box-tops-program/>

### Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Book Fair - Nov. 9 - 22:** We will be hosting our first online fair this year! Please support our school and children by shopping with Scholastic. Online links and details will be provided to all families soon. All book orders over \$25 will ship to your home for free! It is also a great time to shop for the holidays and help our school as well. We will also have a **Storytime with Teachers and Staff** during this fundraiser so please stay tuned for details.
- **Reflections Program:** Our **National PTA Arts Program** theme for the 2020-2021 program year is "**I Matter Because....**" Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance

Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Please stay tuned for further information on how your child can participate. Please look for updates here in the weekly newsletter or on our [PTA website](#).

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

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## **School**

Student Supply Pick-Up: Thank you for a successful supply pick-up. We are confident that you will find the materials to be helpful in assisting your child as they engage and comprehend new concepts. If you were unable to pick-up your child's supplies, please email our main office secretary, Jamila Shepherd, [Jamila.Shepherd@ww-p.org](mailto:Jamila.Shepherd@ww-p.org) to make arrangements to pick-up the supplies.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parent-Teacher Conferences are set for Tuesday, Oct. 13, - Friday, Oct. 16. Evening conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15. Students will participate in shortened classes and complete periods 1 - 8 prior to the 1 p.m. dismissal time. Afternoon kindergarten will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. Please look for conference information from your child's teacher.

Hawk/Dutch Neck Team for Central NJ Autism Speaks Walk: The Hawk CST has registered our "Hawk/Dutch Neck Elementary Schools" team for the Central NJ Autism Speaks Walk. Please note that with the current pandemic, the walk has evolved this year. If you would like to check out different kinds of ideas for virtual walks or other ways in which to celebrate the Autism Speaks Walk this coming Sunday, please go to this link: [http://act.autismspeaks.org/site/TR/Walk/NewJersey?fr\\_id=5280&pg=entry](http://act.autismspeaks.org/site/TR/Walk/NewJersey?fr_id=5280&pg=entry)

Maurice Hawk PTA: Your help and support is needed! PTA membership is down this school year. Our school benefits from a supportive PTA. We appreciate all they do for our students, staff and parents. If you have not already joined the PTA, please consider joining. We would love to see 100% participation. [PTA online membership](#).

Coming Soon: During library time with Mrs. Ferguson, students will be learning about our new Media Center ebook collection over the next few weeks. Mrs. Ferguson is working on how-to videos to show students the collection. Stay tuned!

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

## Reminders

- **The week of Oct. 12 is Hybrid Week 2.** 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](#).
- **HSN PTSA SPONSORED:** Support the HSN Senior Celebration/Post Prom Committee, Halloween Boos! Surprise your friends and family this Halloween season by "Booing" them throughout the month of October. Cute ghost lawn signs and a bag of goodies from Robinson's Chocolates delivered to their home will bring a smile to their face. Please fill out the Google form and you will be contacted with pricing and available dates:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wMHikVvBQinkQBL95aE1LwKELLvEchKer3V1WJf7JRY/edit>. Available districtwide.

## Athletics

- **Attendance at Sporting Events:** No students will be permitted to attend neighboring Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) games 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

- **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. **To register for the presentation:**  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tJdKvapgTySVr7jl26rN5Q)
- 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. Care is available until 3:45 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.
  - For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#)
- Registration for Fall Enrichment Session 2 is still available!. All classes are virtual and will be held from 3:45-4:45. 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**. The 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. 14 for the Oct. 19 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Oct. 12 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Oct. 12 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.

### **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](#)