

Dec. 11, 2020

Maurice Hawk Elementary School

IMPORTANT:

- The District will resume in-person instruction for Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students on [Monday, Dec. 14](#). Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students will be in-person Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.
 - Upon the conclusion of Winter Recess (Dec. 23, 2020 – Jan. 1, 2021) the District will observe a 14-day temporary move to full-remote learning beginning Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, through Monday, Jan. 18. Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students will return for in-person learning Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.
 - To read the full message that was sent to all WW-P families and staff on Friday, Nov. 20, please click [here](#).
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PTA

Hello Hawk Families,

Happy December!

The PTA is working on some innovative family fun nights and additional virtual assemblies to help keep our children active and engaged. Details will be provided soon.

Upcoming events:

- Please save the date for our next virtual **General Membership Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m.** Event details and agenda will be posted closer to the date.

Ways to support our PTA -Especially during your holiday shopping season!

- **Amazon Smile:** [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (033639 Maurice Hawk Elem Sch)
- **Box Tops Program:** Click [here](#) for details.
- **PTA membership:** Join using the secure online link: [PTA online membership](#). There will also be a section for general donations and staff appreciation.

Please look for updates here in the weekly newsletter or on our [PTA website](#).

SEPTSA

- **WW-P Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association (SEPTSA):**
WW-P SEPTSA exists to support students and families of students with IEPs and 504 plans. Please join SEPTSA to be added to our mailing list and be sure to hear about upcoming events and speakers! Membership is open to all parents and families, older students (6th grade and above), and faculty and staff who support students with special needs. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- Is your special needs child interested in working with a Girl Scout on a STEM Lego robotics activity? We will provide the materials and then work with your child(ren) over Zoom. Siblings, including those not on an IEP, are also welcome to be involved. You must be a SEPTSA member to participate in this program. Contact Kathleen Moriarty at wwpsepts@yahoo.com for more information.
- **WWP Special Education Parent Advisory Group (S.E.P.A.G.):** To support parents of students with an IEP or 504 plan, and to provide input to the district on special education issues, the WWP SEPAG meets regularly throughout the school year. Additionally, SEPTSA/SEPAG hosts monthly "office hours" (now virtual!) for informal conversation and advice regarding issues around IEPs/504 plans. Upcoming dates include Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 23.
 - All times are Sundays from 4-6 pm. Please contact Jennifer Riccards at jenballen@yahoo.com for more information or to receive the Zoom link. (If you cannot make one of these times and would like support or to connect with other families dealing with similar situations, please feel free to contact Jennifer at any time.)
- **Links:** [SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School

Greetings to our Maurice Hawk students and families,

We hope this newsletter finds your family and friends well. Thank you parents for taking the time this week to pick up supplies for our Hawk students. If you were unable

to pick up on the designated day, please call the main office at 609-716-5425, option 3, to schedule a time. We realize that devices have served as our main source of learning in this remote environment however, it is necessary for our students to have access to materials such as writing paper and math manipulatives. We continue to rely on your partnership in this time of remote learning and we cannot express enough how your active and enthusiastic involvement in this 'new normal' learning experience has been critically important to the success of our students. Your resiliency, patience, and stamina, as you embrace these challenges, is a valuable learning lesson as your children observe your commitment to their education on a daily basis.

Many families have been impacted by this pandemic. We are thinking of you every day. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns so that we may continue to support our students.

Blanket the World with Kindness: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Blanket the World with Kindness program this year. The generosity and support of our school community is truly heartwarming.

Technology Tips Reminder: A friendly reminder to parents... [this message](#) was sent to all families regarding technology helpful tips and best practices. If you have not had the opportunity to read the letter, please take the time to familiarize yourself with these tips and practices.

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

Reminders

- **Hybrid Week 1 and All-In students will be in-person the week of Dec. 14. Hybrid Week 2 and All-In students will be in-person on Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.** Please click [here](#) for the Dec. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- To view the **2020-21 school year calendar**, please click [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Wednesday afternoons:** Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's modified morning schedule on Screen-Free Wednesdays.
- **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](#).
- **HSS PTSA SPONSORED:** It's the **HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN SIGN!** Celebrate your birthday to help us celebrate the graduating seniors. For more information and to reserve your date, please click [here](#). Available districtwide.
- **HSN PTSA SPONSORED: Clothing Drive-** Cleaning out your closets and home? Donate your items at the next High School North Senior Celebration Committee sponsored Clothing Drive which is running through Saturday, Dec. 12. Find out more information [here](#).

Counseling and Wellness

- **Virtual Parent University:** To view past Parent University presentations, click [here](#). The next Virtual Parent University, Coping with COVID-19: Under the Influence, is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021, at 7 p.m.

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.

Community Education

- EDP is being offered for K-5 students. Morning and afternoon care is available 5 days a week at your child's school. Care is available until 3:45 p.m. or 6 p.m.
- Full day care is now available to students in grades K-8 during these full-virtual days! Care is offered Monday - Friday at Village Elementary from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Register by noon the day before care is needed.
- Community Education is now offering EDP drop-in days! Need care only once in a while, register in [Community Pass](#) under *2020-2021 EDP Drop-In Days* for the type of care that is needed. Full day, before or after school options are available. Registration closes each day at 12 p.m. for the following day.
- For more information, check out the offerings here: [EDP General Information](#).

- Registration for Virtual Winter Afterschool Enrichment and Weekend Programs is open now! Community Education has added early evening and weekend classes to better suit your child's schedule. Check out the brochure here: [2021 Winter Program Guide](#).
- 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 3-6 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. The Dec. 21 distribution will be a [Holiday Meal Pack](#) and will include breakfast and lunch for 14 days, 2 gallons of milk, a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a special treat!
- 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. The Dec. 21 distribution will be a [Holiday Meal Pack](#) and will include breakfast and lunch for 14 days, 2 gallons of milk, a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a special treat! Click here for more information. Please register [here](#) by 12 p.m. Dec. 16, for the Monday, Dec. 21 distribution.
- Due to the holiday break, there will be no food distribution during the week of Dec. 28. Food distribution will resume TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 2021
- Reminder: Registration for the Dec. 14 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Dec. 14 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 3 -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. There will be no Tech Service Days at HSN on Dec. 24, 29, or 31 due to Winter Break.

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 Education Foundation

- This holiday season, please join us in celebrating our incredible WW-P faculty and staff. Now is the time to acknowledge and appreciate their efforts with a 'STAR' certificate. The Education Foundation is accepting requests through Dec. 18, 2020, 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. During this challenging time, the Education Foundation continues to provide grants that are used to purchase items to enhance both virtual and hybrid learning in WW-P. Click [here](#) for more information.

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.

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