

Jan. 8, 2021

## Town Center Elementary School

**Thursday, Jan. 14 and Friday, Jan. 15, are Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences days. All WW-P elementary schools will follow an early dismissal day schedule.**

### IMPORTANT

- WW-P will observe a temporary move to full-remote learning through Friday, Jan. 15.
- The District is closed Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- In-person learning will resume Tuesday, Jan. 19, with Hybrid 1 and All-In students.
- To read the full message that was sent to all WW-P families and staff on Friday, Nov. 20, please click [here](#).
- The Technology Help Center has moved to the Penn Lyle Road entrance at HS South (346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor). The Help Center will be operating out of the entrance to the new theatre. Parents and staff should pull up to the theatre entrance and wait in their car to be greeted by a member of the technology staff. (See below for more information.)

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### PTA

We hope everyone had a safe and engaging Winter Break!!

**Virtual Family Paint Night** is coming up Jan. 20, 2021, featuring our very own art teacher Suzanne Waller. Don't miss out on this free event. [Sign up here](#)

Our next **General PTA Meeting** is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2021, at 7 p.m.... sign up sheet coming soon.

### Yearbooks:

- Help us remember this year! Upload any "yearbook quality" pictures [here](#).
- We have extra yearbooks from the 2019-20 school year. Email us!

Link your **Amazon** account to TCPTA via [Amazon Smile](#) and use the new [Box Tops App](#) to help us raise funds without any additional effort!

Please remember to [join the TCPTA](#). We RELY on membership to raise funds!

Check out our [TCPTA Facebook page](#) and What's App group for updates.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Jan. 15: Coffee with the Counselor
- Jan. 20: Family Night - Paint Night
- Jan. 20: Wacky Wednesday - Career Day
- Jan. 21: Virtual General PTA Meeting (7 - 8 p.m.)

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

### **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.
  - Watch this space for information in January about a Transition to College forum for high school students to connect with WW-P graduates about navigating college with a disability.
- **WW-P 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 WW-P SEPAG meets regularly throughout the school year. Additionally, SEPTSA/SEPAG hosts monthly virtual "office hours" for informal conversation and advice regarding issues around IEPs/504 plans.
  - Dates include 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](mailto: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](#)

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## School

**Welcome Back and Happy New Year:** We hope you enjoyed some quality time with your family and loved ones over winter break. Remember that we are ALL VIRTUAL until Jan. 15. Please continue to be well and be safe!

- January 14-15 - Early dismissal days @1:00 due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- January 18 - Schools are closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- January 19 - In-person instruction will resume (Hybrid 1 Week)

### Technology Department:

- 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.
- **Reminder: Effective Jan. 5, 2021, the Technology Help Center (formerly at High School North) will be located at High School South at 346 Clarksville Rd., West Windsor (please use the Penn Lyle Road entrance).** The Help Center will operate out of the entrance to the new theatre. Parents should pull up to the theatre entrance and wait in their car to be greeted by a member of the technology staff. The hours of operation will remain 12:45 - 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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) prior to arriving at the Technology Help Center.

**Screen-Free Afternoons:** We are looking forward to continuing with Screen-Free afternoons on the following *Tuesdays in January*: Jan. 12, Jan. 19, and Jan. 26. Grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3 classes will end at 1 p.m. AM Kindergarten will be on a regular schedule with some asynchronous learning and PM Kindergarten will go from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. with some asynchronous learning. Please remember to have your child(ren) enjoy a variety of non-screen activities. Here are some ideas: [Screen Free Activities](#).

Looking ahead... Screen-Free February dates are Thursday afternoons: Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and Feb 25.

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

## Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the Jan./Feb./Mar. Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade level Sample Rotations and Schedules.
- Due to the weather emergency closure day used Dec. 17, 2020, WW-P Schools will be open April 6, 2021. To view the revised **2020-21 school year calendar**, please click [here](#). Updated academic calendar may be found [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** January Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Tuesdays starting Tuesday, Jan. 12. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's morning schedule on Screen-Free Afternoons
- **Contact Your School Nurse:** While the District is fully remote, to ensure that the nursing staff has the most up-to-date information regarding your child's health status, specifically related to COVID-19, please email your school nurse with any student COVID-related health updates.
- **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](#).

## Counseling and Wellness

- **Virtual Parent University:** The next Virtual Parent University, Coping with COVID-19: Under the Influence, is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021, at 7 p.m. Periods of social distancing, quarantine, and isolation brought on by the pandemic have only increased rates of depression, anxiety, and fear. This has led many adolescents and adults to engage in solitary substance use as a form of coping. Join the District's Student Assistance Counselors (SAC's) to better understand these realities and discuss strategies for personal and family wellness. [Click here to register in advance for this webinar.](#)
- To view past Parent University presentations, click [here](#).

## 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.
- WW-P, as a member of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), benefits from the support with resources for our teachers. TCRWP has

compiled a variety of resources for families to support student learning in the varied environments this year. Please visit TCRWP's [Resources for Families link](#) to consider resources you may find helpful including videos, authors reading their books, or register for FREE virtual office hours with a literacy expert.

## 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. Care is available Monday-Friday when school is physically in session. AM care begins at 7 a.m., and afternoon care options include a 3:45 p.m. or 6 p.m. pick up time.
- Full day care is now available to students in grades K-8 during 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- Session 2 *and* Weekend Programs are still open for registration! 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](#).
- It's never too early to start thinking about Spring Break! Join Community Education for a virtual spring break camp experience. Students are able to engage with program staff members Monday through Thursday of break. New program vendors have been added! Not sure of which program to choose? Community Education will be hosting a Virtual Spring Break Open House on Saturday, Feb. 20. Check out the program offerings or get signed up for the open house here: [Virtual Spring Break Information](#)
- 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 occur on a **weekly basis**. The distribution will be held Mondays (unless otherwise noted due to the school calendar) 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.

- 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 12 p.m. Jan. 13, for the TUESDAY, Jan. 19 distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Jan. 11 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Jan. 11 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 South (346 Clarksville Road, West Windsor). Please enter using the Penn Lyle building entrance 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 Education Foundation**

- Sign up for the [Julia Robinson Math Festival!](#) The West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Foundation is excited to announce its 4th annual JRMF event, to be held virtually, Jan. 30, 2021, and Jan. 31, 2021. The festival is open to all K-8th grade students. If you love math or enjoy challenging yourself and would like to test your problem-solving skills. There will be a variety of fun and exciting activities for the students to explore, learn, and engage in, through collaboration and exploration. Space is limited.
  - Grades K-3 students, Jan. 30, 2-4 p.m. - <https://tinyurl.com/JRMFEvent>
  - Grades 4-8 students, Jan. 31, 1-3 p.m. - <https://tinyurl.com/JRMFEvent2>
- For questions or more information: [email-info@wwpeducationfoundation.org](mailto:email-info@wwpeducationfoundation.org)

## **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.

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