

Jan. 22, 2021

## Town Center Elementary School

### IMPORTANT

- The week of Jan. 25 is Hybrid 2. Please click here for the [Jan./Feb./Mar. Hybrid Week Calendar](#) as well as grade level sample rotations and schedules.
  - WW-P Schools and Board Offices will be closed Friday, Feb. 12. Schools will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, for Professional Development.
  - 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.
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### PTA

- We are starting to plan our Virtual Staff Appreciation - Valentine's Day Lunch event. Email us at [towncenterpta@gmail.com](mailto:towncenterpta@gmail.com) if you have any good ideas :-)
- Help us remember this year! Upload any "yearbook quality" pictures [here](#).
- 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

- Feb. 1-5: National School Counseling/Counselor Appreciation Week
- Feb. 11: Wacky Wednesday (on a Thursday), Wear Red Day
- Feb. 11: Virtual Staff Appreciation, Valentines Day Lunch
- Feb. 18: Family Night - Let's All Cook
- Feb. 19: Coffee with the Counselor

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.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.: Successfully Navigating the IEP Process:** Join us in a conversation with special education attorney Norma Francullo, based in Montclair, NJ, to discuss parental and student rights under special education law and how to work with school districts to build an effective IEP. Gain a better understanding of how to use data to write meaningful IEP goals and measure progress. To RSVP and receive the Zoom link for the meeting, or if you have questions ahead of time that you'd like to submit, please email Jennifer Riccards at [jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com).
- **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.
- **Next "office hours" is Sunday, Jan. 24, from 4-6 p.m.** Please contact Jennifer Riccards at [jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com) for more information or to receive the Zoom link. Future dates include Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 23. All times are Sundays from 4-6 pm. (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

**Daily Health Screening Form:** Please remember to submit the Daily Health Screening form each day for your child(ren) on the days they will be attending school in-person.

**School Photos:** Town Center Picture Days will be **Feb. 18 and Feb. 25**. Scheduling and ordering information will be sent out soon!

**Kindergarten Chromebooks:** The District has received and will be issuing Dell Chromebooks to our kindergarten students. These Chromebooks are for at home use only. Hybrid students will be provided with an alternate device during their in-person instruction. The kindergarten Chromebooks will be distributed from 12:45 - 3:15 on the

following dates at High School South (346 Clarksville Rd., West Windsor). Please use the Penn Lyle Road building entrance.

- Monday, Jan. 25
- Wednesday, Jan. 27

**Instructional Support for Families:** As a member of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), WW-P benefits from the partnership with resources for our teachers. Now, TCRWP has compiled a variety of resources for families to support student learning in the varied environments this year. Please visit this link to consider resources you may find helpful: **TCRWP Resources for Families**. Be sure to check out a few of their family videos (each less than 10 minutes) that show you games to play and other ways to support your child's literacy development. These can be accessed via their **YouTube** Channel or Padlets: **Pr-K-2nd Grade**.

**Reminder: Screen-Free Afternoons:** The next Screen-Free afternoon is Jan. 26. Here are some ideas for [Screen Free Activities](#).

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

**School Closed:** Feb. 12 and Feb. 15 (PD Day)

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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](#). The updated academic calendar may be found [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** January Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Tuesdays. February Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Thursdays. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates as well as each school's morning schedule on Screen-Free Afternoons.

- **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](#).

## Health and Safety

- A Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold will be sent out Friday, Jan. 22.

## Counseling and Wellness

- **Virtual Parent University:** Save the date for the next **Virtual Parent University on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, at 7 p.m. via Zoom**. The topic will be "Coping with COVID-19: Video Gaming Addiction." For most players, playing video games is a fun activity, a way to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy a challenge, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, for some players, a video game hobby can escalate into an addictive disorder which takes over their lives. *Video Gaming Addiction* will examine the impact of video gaming on children and adolescents.
- Video and slides from the Jan. 12, 2021, *Coping with COVID: Under the Influence* presentation, are available [here](#).
- To view other 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 K-5 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 p.m.
- 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 available. Registration closes each day at 12 p.m. for the following day. Full-day care is now available to students in grades K-8. Full day is offered Monday-Friday at Village and Town Center.
- 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](#). Registration closes soon!
- Virtual Spring Break registration has begun! New programs and vendors have been added. To view and register for programs, check out the brochure here: [2021 Virtual Spring Break Guide](#). *Join Community Education and the different program vendors for a Virtual Spring Break Open House on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2020, beginning at 10 a.m. All information is listed on page 11 of the brochure.*
- 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**. 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. 27, for the Monday, Feb. 1 distribution.

- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, Jan. 25 distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the Jan. 25 meal kit pickup, it will be held from 3 -6 p.m. at High School North. For pickup, please have students' names on a piece of paper in BOLD letters and please wear a mask to keep volunteers safe during the check in process.
- 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)
- The foundation is accepting requests through Feb. 10, for the [HEART Campaign](#). Give a Valentine's Day HEART to honor your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal or staff member who makes a difference in their lives. Show them you love them!

## **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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