

Feb. 26, 2021

Town Center Elementary School

PTA

- Our next FREE Virtual Family Night is coming up March 25, 2021. Join us for Virtual Family Science Night starring TC's own Mr. Coleman. [Sign up here](#)
- We hope everyone enjoyed our latest FREE Virtual Family Night - Let's Cook starring Mrs. Mansfield (and her grandson helpers).
- The **Nomination Committee** is looking for new members to fill **Executive Board positions for next school year (2021/2022)**. If you are interested in becoming a rock star TCPTA member, and helping to ensure next year is amazing for the kids and staff, email us at towncenterpta@gmail.com with the subject "2021/2022" and let us know which position you are interested in. The available positions are president, vice president, recording secretary, VP programs, VP fundraising and VP membership.
- The TCPTA gave each staff member a **Valentine's Day Appreciation** gift of a TC-branded lanyard with a bottle of hand sanitizer, held with a poem written by Co-VP of fundraising, Heather Hutchinson. Check out our Facebook page or our WhatsApp group to see a picture of our gift.
- 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

- Mar. 16: Virtual General PTA Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Mar. 19: Coffee with the Counselor
- Mar. 24: Wacky Wednesday - Neon Day
- Mar. 25: Virtual Family Science Night

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.
- **NEW! WhatsApp group for WW-P Special Education families:** If you would like to connect with other WW-P families of special education students via WhatsApp, please complete this form and we will add you when the group is started -- [Connect with WWP special ed parents](#)
- **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.
- **The next "office hours" is Sunday, March 21, from 4-6 p.m.** Please contact Jennifer Riccards at jenballen@yahoo.com for more information or to receive the Zoom link. Future dates include 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](#)

School

Health and Safety: 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.

Thank you! We are so thankful for all the support our Town Center PTA provides to make our school a great place to learn and have fun as a community. A special thank you for the cute and useful staff appreciation lanyards, mask holder/hand sanitizer gifts.

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 Wednesday, March 3. Here are some ideas for [Screen Free Activities](#). In March Screen-Free Afternoons will be on Wednesday: March 3, 10, 17, 24.

Spring Break: Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2.

Individual School Photos: Students in the Hybrid program will have their photo taken during the school day. Students in the Virtual program will be able to sign-up for a date/time to get their photo taken. Additional dates/times will be forthcoming as well as opportunities for make-up photos.

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

Reminders

- Please click [here](#) for the March Hybrid Week Calendar as well as grade-level sample rotations and schedules. The week of March 1, is Hybrid week 1.
- Due to the weather emergency closure day used Feb. 01, 2021, WW-P Schools will be open May 28, 2021. To view the updated academic calendars for the **2020-21 school year**, please click [here](#).
- **Screen-Free Afternoons:** Screen-Free afternoons will continue for the remainder of the school year. March Screen-Free afternoons will be held on Wednesdays. 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

- Click [here](#) to read the Feb. 19, 2021, Health and Safety Update from Dr. Aderhold.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Save the Date for the next Virtual Parent University:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Coping with COVID-19: Child and Adolescent Anxiety." Clinicians from Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care will assist parents in understanding anxious feelings, worries and fears that are common among children and adolescents. Coping strategies, supports and resources will also be presented.
- 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.

Community Education

- Join Community Education for a virtual Spring Break experience! Virtual Spring Break registration is now open. New programs and vendors have been added. To view and register for programs, check out the brochure: [2021 Virtual Spring Break 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 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. March 3, for the Monday, Mar. 8, distribution.
- Reminder: Registration for the Monday, March 1, distribution has closed. If you registered to receive the March 1, 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

- **Plainsboro Police Department:** During these unprecedented times, the Plainsboro Police Department invites the Plainsboro and West Windsor communities to join our FREE Virtual Interactive Policing program that will provide virtual and interactive seminars throughout the year. These seminars will address topics that have the greatest impact on the quality of life of our residents. For more information, please click [here](#).
- 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](#)