



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 13, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

14 Saturday	3 rd Annual Kraut's Running of the Bulldogs
16 - 20 Mon-Fri	D-E Spirit Week - See attached Fundraising Letter
16 Monday	Preschool 3 parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
17 Tuesday	Preschool 4 parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
19 Thursday	Kindergarten parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
20 Friday	1st grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
23 Monday	Professional Day – NO CLASSES DE 360° Discovery Day at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff, NJ - See below for details
25 Wednesday	2 nd grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
26 Thursday	3 rd grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
27 Friday	4 th grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.
28 Saturday	Admissions All School Open House
29 Sunday	Halloween Spooktacular (Parents' Association Event) - See attached flyer
31 Tuesday	Project L.E.A.D. - See attached letter

NEW:

MATH TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATING THIRD & FOURTH GRADERS...

- Math Team for 3rd grade begins Thursday, November 2 (right after school until 4:05 p.m.).
- Math Team for 4th grade begins Tuesday, November 7 (right after school until 4:05 p.m.).
- Math Team for 5th grade takes place during the school day. Our first contest will be on November 2!

Please notify Cecily Gottling by email at gottlc@d-e.org using the subject line Math Team to sign up if your child is interested in participating. Seats are limited.

DE 360° DISCOVERY DAY AT ABMA'S FARM...

The DE 360° AfterCare and Enrichment (ACE) is planning a Discovery Day on Monday, October 23rd. A full day of fun and activities at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff is planned for the children who attend. The fee is \$50 per child, and students are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be provided. Please see the schedule below:

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Drop off – students arrive and sign in
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Board the bus and travel to Abma's Farm in Wyckoff
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Hayride at Abma's Farm
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Farm activities
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the farm
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Travel back to Dwight-Englewood
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Structured activities and free play
3:00 pm	Pick up (Students need to be picked up by this time. No extended care is available.)

This schedule is subject to change.

NURSE'S NOTES...

By Mrs. Maureen Krane RN, Lower School Nurse

Once again I am collecting gently used winter coats for NJ Cares. This organization collects coats, dry cleans them, and then distributes them to needy women, children and men throughout New Jersey. I have been told by the participating cleaners that the donations made each year by the parents here at the Lower School have made a dramatic impact in the drive. As we enter the fall and winter months, please sort through your coats that are no longer used by your family and think about donating them to our drive. You may drop coats off at my office at any time. If you have any questions, please call me at the school at 201-227-3162.

With fall upon us and winter not far behind, we ask each parent to send in a change of clothes for their child. This applies to children in all grades not just the youngest. With rain and snow comes wet playground equipment which, in turn, means a wet child. We also have lunch spills and paint mishaps. Kindly choose a non-favorite pair of pants, shirt, underwear and socks to be left in your son/daughter's locker.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

- D-E Spirit Fundraising Letter
- Parents' Association News
- Literacy Exploration & Adventure Day (L.E.A.D.) Letter
- Halloween Spooktacular Flyer
- Talent Show Flyer

October 6, 2017

Dear Families,

On Tuesday, October 31, 2017, the Lower School will participate in a school-wide project called **Literary Exploration & Adventure Day** (or L.E.A.D.) On this day, we invite and encourage students and faculty to come to school dressed as their favorite literary character or author. As you can imagine, the possibilities for this activity are endless.

From the earliest moments students enter Dwight-Englewood as preschoolers, they are immersed in literature through storytelling, read alouds, and other interactive work. As they progress through the Lower School, students learn to think more deeply about the characters in their books, to step into the shoes of these characters, to empathize with them, and to anticipate how the characters will act as well. Project L.E.A.D. will joyfully reinforce these ideals as students physically and dramatically immerse themselves in beloved literary characters.

The goals of Project L.E.A.D. are to:

- further foster and encourage a love of reading in our students
- provide yet another opportunity for students to engage their creativity
- spark new interest in books, characters and authors
- satisfy our students' desire to express themselves
- serve as a "kick-off" for the November Book Fair

Although many of us will be dressed in character, our school day will operate on a normal schedule. The presence of so many and varied characters and authors will enhance our instructional time, and it will also provide a springboard for student conversation during lunch and recess time. Please see the reverse side for more specific details about this very special day and help our students to "L.E.A.D. by example..."

Kim Lewis
Lower School Principal

Literary Exploration & Adventure Day

Here are some guidelines to help your child make the most of Project L.E.A.D.

- Talk with your child about favorite books, characters or authors.
- Help your child brainstorm ways he or she can look like or symbolize his or her chosen character.
- Costumes do not need to be elaborate. There are many simple ways to represent a character, including carrying a prop, drawing pictures and/or wearing small signs or labels that help others easily recognize the character.
- Students are asked to be mindful of the school dress code when planning their attire for the day.
- Students must be able to manage their own costumes for the day (i.e. large, ornate costumes will interfere with a student's ability to attend to lessons during the day).
- Many teachers will be on hand to take keepsake photographs of students in their costumes. These photographs will be made available to parents on the Dwight-Englewood Facebook page and via *Lower School Notes*.
- Participation in Project L.E.A.D. is optional. The more characters on hand on this day, the richer the literary experience for us all!
- Due to our parking constraints, Project L.E.A.D. is for students and faculty only. Parents are asked to refrain from coming to the Lower School on this day.



Parents' Association News 10/13/17

THANK YOU!

Today the Lower School cohorts were photographed by our new school picture vendor, Irvin Simon Photography. The PA would like to extend huge thanks to the entire Lower School Picture Day committee who have worked tireless and meticulously for many months in preparation of this new venture. Special thanks to Fernanda Pimenta, Samantha Koppelman and Liz Tausner for their amazing leadership!

Parent Forums : 8:30- 10:00 a.m Hulst House

Parent Forums will be held throughout October in Hulst House. This will be an opportunity to have a **direct dialogue with Principal Kim Lewis, Assistant Principal Susan Abramson, and the teachers** on important grade-specific topics.

PK3	Monday, October 16
PK4	Tuesday, October 17
K	Thursday, October 19
1 st Grade	Friday, October 20
2 nd Grade	Wednesday, October 25
3 rd Grade	Thursday, October 26
4 th Grade	Friday, October 27

Where is Hulst House? d-e.org/map



FOR PARENT FORUMS PLEASE PARK IN UMPLEBY LOT

Asking as gently and as infrequently as possible...

The DE Parents' Association believes it is important to be mindful of the number of "asks" parents receive throughout the school year. We are mindful of the critical importance of the DE Annual Fund, the Faculty/Staff/Admin Holiday Gift and the select special fundraising events the school produces. We want to encourage families to participate in these activities to the best of their ability.

That being said, there are two fall lower school events in which gifts of "in kind" donations significantly enhance the events:

The Lower School Book Fair Raffle (November 13th and 14th) & The Lower School Halloween Party (October 29th).

Lower School Book Fair Raffle Items

As such, we are gently asking any families who are interested in donating gifts in kind that appeal to ages ranging from 3 years old to 11 years old for the sweetly celebrated D-E Book Fair. Already generously donated to this year's raffle are: an Echo Show, Garmin Vivo Fit Junior, Gazillion Bubble Show Tickets, and Sponge Bob Squarepants Tickets! Email Catherine Eby (2017 Book Fair Raffle Coordinator) at catherine.eby@gmail.com for more information!

And most exciting of all is that this year *Guinness World Records* is coming to give two dazzling presentations the night of the book fair! The book fair will be providing pizza and salads on the night of, so please come peruse the aisles while the kids are thoroughly fed and entertained.

Another way the Book Fair could use assistance is through its need for volunteer involvement on the day of the event. There will be a volunteer sign-up link that will be distributed in the coming weeks once the schedule is finalized by Lower School.

Lower School Halloween Spooktacular

Help feed the Halloween spirit at the Lower School Halloween Party! Ask your class rep for the Halloween Party RSVP and FOOD SIGN-Up link!

A collection bin will be available at the Halloween Spooktacular for those who want to contribute gently used coats to Nurse Krane's NJ Cares and One Warm Coat drive.

The Parents' Association truly appreciates the efforts all of our families make to participate in our intentional, diverse, broad and deep community. Together we make the difference.

attachments: Halloween flyer, Talent Show flyer and Talent show rules/sign- up sheet



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October 13, 2017

Dear Lower School Families,

Starting next week and in coordination with the school-wide “Spirit Week” the Lower School will collect items and make a donation to those affected by recent weather-related events in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas.

A committed group of fifth-graders researched the needs of people living in these areas and learned that Puerto Rico welcomes particular items, while financial donations are most helpful for residents of Florida and Texas. The Lower School is prepared to make a donation from a fund we maintain for just this reason and is prepared to contribute \$500 to an organization called Save The Children.

To help residents of Puerto Rico, each grade level has been matched with a particular item of need. Fifth grade students will help collect from each class. Contributions are entirely voluntarily.

To launch spirit week, on Monday, October 16th, we will have boxes out and fifth-graders ready to help collect and organize. We will then work with local organizations to make sure items are distributed to those in need. The drive will end on Friday, October 20th.

As always, our hearts go out to those who have lost so much, but we are grateful that the Dwight-Englewood Lower School is so willing and able to help!

Warmly,

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Abramson

Suggested Items Listed On Back



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Lower School Spirit Week Drive Suggested Donation Items

- » Preschool 3: Diapers and Baby Wipes
- » Preschool 4: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- » Kindergarten: Work Gloves
- » First Grade: Bar and Liquid Soap
- » Second Grade: Canned and Dry Pet Food
- » Third Grade: Insect Repellant
- » Fourth Grade: Flashlights and Batteries
- » Fifth Grade: Pedialyte and Baby Formula



D-E's *got* Talent

Friday, November 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Schenck Auditorium

Come see the many talented performers of the Lower School!

Attention Performers

Mandatory Show Rehearsals:
Thursday, November 16, 3:30 - 6:30 PM
Friday, November 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Performer Registration opens Wednesday, October 18, 2017.
Look for the Registration Form/Permission Slip in *Just the Facts*
on Friday, October 13 or online at: lsnotes.d-e.org!
There are 20 performance slots available to the first 20 acts who register.
Any additional acts will be placed on the wait list.

For questions, contact Fernanda Pimenta, (201) 565-6262, nandamvp@icloud.com



Performer Information – Please Read Carefully!

- 🐾 You must have this form signed by a parent or guardian in order to sign up and participate.
- 🐾 There are two mandatory rehearsals that all performers must attend:
 - Run-through on Thursday, November 16, 3:30 - 6:30 PM
 - Technical Rehearsal on Friday, November 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- 🐾 Any song or piece may only be performed by one act. If you have selected a song that has already been approved for another performer/group, you will have to choose a different one.
- 🐾 Pizza will be served to performers on the night of the show.
- 🐾 Siblings may share a Permission Slip/Registration Form.

Performer Guidelines

Content

- All performances should be age-appropriate for a Lower School audience (including Kindergarteners)
- Please be mindful of language, song lyrics, dance moves and wardrobe
- The Talent Show Committee reserves the right to reject any part of any act
- * If you are unsure about a specific detail, please ask.

Conduct

- All students are expected to maintain respect and for the other performers and guests around them before, during and after the show

Dress Rehearsal

- It is required that all performers attend the rehearsal on Thursday, November 16.
- Performers must perform their piece in its entirety in full costume

Music

- All music tracks are due by Wednesday, November 1.
- All music tracks must be no longer than 3:30 (3 minutes, 30 seconds)
- No CDs will be accepted
- There are 2 ways to submit music files:
 1. Share a Spotify track
 2. Upload an mp3 file to Google Drive, Dropbox or similar
- Share or send all files to ungertwins@gmail.com

Title of Act (as you would like it to appear in program):

Number of Performers in Your Group:

Please list the following information for each performer in your group:

First and Last Name of Student

Grade

Phone

Email

If you are using music in your performance, please list the song name and artist name:

Name of Song

Name of Artist

I understand that I am responsible to present a well-prepared, appropriate and polished act. I will attend the required rehearsals prior to the performance, and be a punctual and respectful participant.

Student Signature:

Date:

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I am aware that my child is registering to perform in this event and I will make sure that he/she will participate appropriately. I have read the information above and I am aware of the commitment involved to perform.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

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Please return this form to Ms. Bryan ASAP

Due to the popularity of this event, acts will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The program will be closed once 20 acts have registered.

If you have any questions, please contact Fernanda Pimenta, nandamvp@icloud.com, (201) 565-6262





D-E LOWER SCHOOL SPOOKTACULAR

HALLOWEEN PARTY & COSTUME PARADE

You are kindly invited to our spooky event
that is just so much fun you will feel a torment!
Be the closest to guessing the "Great Pumpkin's" weight
and taking it home will soon be your fate!
Feast on some yummys, bowl ghosts and play catch!
Forget not to pick from our huge pumpkin patch!
Face painting, craft making and music so deaf
you'll hardly believe it is spun by our Chef!
Now throw on your costume! Come, gather your friends!
We've got fun to be had 'fore October up-ends....

Featuring DJ Chef Ricardo!!

Sunday, October 29th
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Silberfein Gym

Parade begins promptly at 2:00 p.m.

We will have containers at the event to collect donations of gently used winter coats for
NJ Cares in support of Nurse Krane's annual coat drive.

Sorry, this is not a drop-off event.

Siblings welcome!