



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

September 30, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

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| <b>3</b> Monday     | Rosh Hashanah – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>4</b> Tuesday    | Rosh Hashanah – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>6</b> Thursday   | Preschool 3 parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.  |
| <b>7</b> Friday     | Photo Day – order form is attached  |
| <b>10</b> Monday    | Legacy Breakfast in Hajjar Auditorium at 7:30 a.m.<br>Preschool 4 parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.                                    |
| <b>11</b> Tuesday   | Kindergarten parent forum In Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.   |
| <b>12</b> Wednesday | Yom Kippur – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>13</b> Thursday  | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.  |
| <b>14</b> Friday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.<br>Photo make-ups  |
| <b>17</b> Monday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.<br>Parents may begin calling to schedule their teacher conference in November. |
| <b>18</b> Tuesday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> grade parent forum in Hulst House at 8:30 a.m.  |
| <b>19</b> Wednesday | Admissions Open Doors   |
| <b>20</b> Thursday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade parent forum  |
| <b>24</b> Monday    | DE 360° Discovery Day at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff, NJ – see below for details   |
| <b>26</b> Wednesday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Waterloo Village in Stanhope, NJ leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m.                                |
| <b>31</b> Monday    | Project L.E.A.D. – see attached letter  |

### **PARENT CONFERENCES...**

Parent Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-2:15 p.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only, Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-7:30 p.m., and Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-11:45 a.m. On Monday, 10/17/16, parents may begin calling Mrs. Rullo at ext. 3220 to schedule an appointment with their child's teacher. Please note that Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> are regular school days for students, but there are no classes for students on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Again this year parents will be able to leave their children in the Lower School library for the time they are conferencing with teachers.

### **CELLPHONE USAGE BY STUDENTS...**

Lower School students are not permitted to use cellphones during the school day. As explained in the Lower School handbook, if a student brings a cellphone to school it must remain in their backpack until they have been dismissed. If a student needs to communicate with a parent or vice versa, those calls will be made through the Lower School office. Please refer to the Lower School handbook for more information.

### **DISMISSAL CHANGES...**

Parents are reminded that **all dismissal changes** must be given to Mrs. Rullo not to their child's teacher or the transportation director. Unless it is a true emergency, Mrs. Rullo should be notified either by phone at 201-227-3220, email at rullol@d-e.org or written note of any dismissal changes by 1:00 p.m. We cannot guarantee that changes to a child's dismissal received after 1:00 will be able to be made.

### **MATH TEAMS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS...**

Math team will begin for participating 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in November. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will meet on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:05 p.m. on November 1, 15, 29, December 6, 13, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2 and March 7. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders participating in math team will meet on Thursdays from 3:15-4:05 p.m. on November 17, December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2. There is a calendar attached to help families keep track of the dates. Please fill out the attached form if your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grader is interested in participating and return it to Mrs. Rullo by Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

The DE 360° AfterCare and Enrichment (ACE) is planning a Discovery Day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 (Parents will need to pick up students by this time. No extended care is available.)

This schedule is subject to change.



## **Parents' Association News 9/30/16**

**Photo Day** is fast approaching ...

Please turn in the attached order form to your teacher on or before October 7th. The Parents' Association receives a portion of the proceeds for all advanced orders.

For children who are absent on Photo Day make-ups will be on Friday, October 14th.

**Parents need not attend Photo Day as we have amazing volunteers to help our children get picture ready.**

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### **Tips for Picture Perfect Photographs**

**In an effort to help your child look their best on picture day, here are some tips...**

- Solid colors usually photograph the best and shades of red, blue, yellow, purple and green are pleasing. Please try not to permit your child to wear solid white!
- Medium to dark shades create a timeless look.
- Long sleeves usually photograph better than short sleeves. Short sleeves can be distracting.
- Avoid shirts with slogans as photo cropping can cut words in half.
- Keep kids relaxed and ready to be themselves. Smiles can look fake if they're practiced ahead of time.



September 30, 2016

Dear Families,

On Monday, October 31, 2016, 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 we will all 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

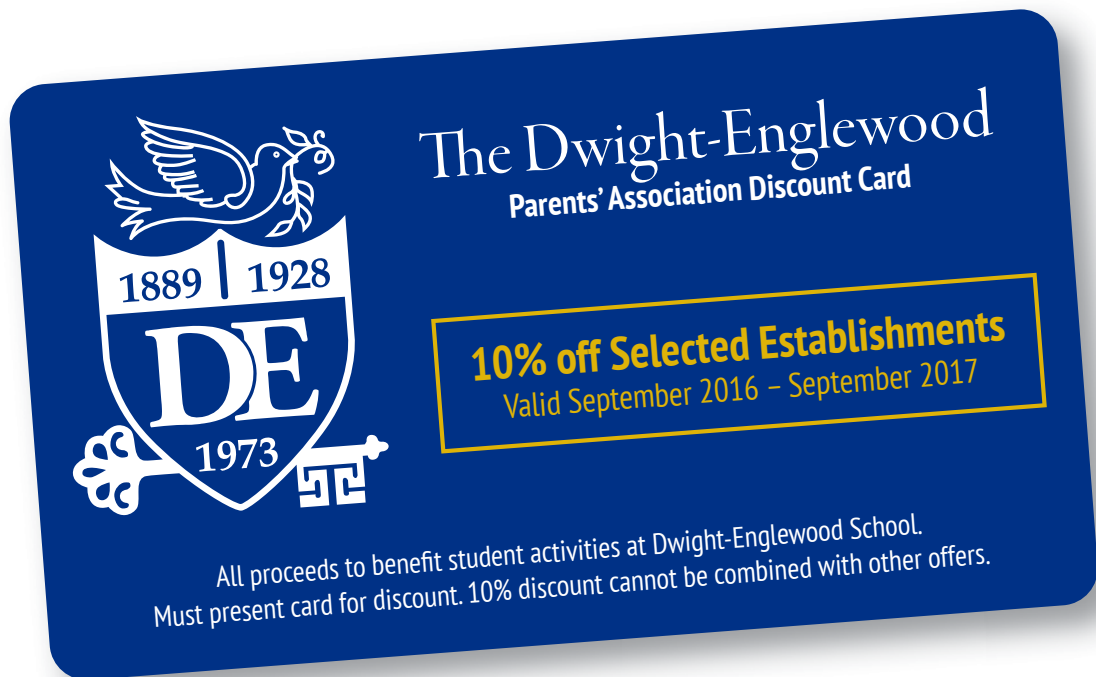
## Literary Exploration & Adventure Day

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 but strongly encouraged. 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.

# 2016-2017 Discount Card

Now Available!



**\$10**

**Use at local area shops & restaurants**  
**Available at the D-E School Store or from the D-E PA**



# LOWER SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

## Friday, October 7, 2016

- Your child must give this form to the photographer along with your check payable to **Top Cat Photos**.
- All photographs will be sent to your home.
- Please check below the package you wish to order.
- Delivery charge and Sales Tax included.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

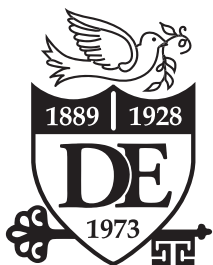
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Package Total \$</b>
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- Package #1 - \$69<sup>95</sup>**  
2 - 8x10 Portraits  
4 - 5x7 Portraits  
4 - 3.5 x 5 Desk Size  
8 - Wallets  
1 - 8 x 10 Class Photo

- Package #2 - \$49<sup>95</sup>**  
4 - 5x7 Portraits  
4 - 3.5 x 5 Desk Size  
4 - Wallets  
1 - 8 x 10 Class Photo

- Package #3 - \$49<sup>95</sup>**  
1 - 8x10 Portrait  
2 - 5x7 Portraits  
2 - 3.5 x 5 Desk Size  
4 - Wallets  
1 - 8 x 10 Class Photo

- Package #4 - \$39<sup>95</sup>**  
1 - 5x7 Portrait  
2 - 3.5 x 5 Desk Size  
4 - Wallets  
1 - 8 x 10 Class Photo

- Package #5 - \$19<sup>95</sup>**  
1 - 8 x 10 Class Photo

- Package #6 - \$34<sup>95</sup>**  
1 - High Resolution File (Digital JPG)

Your Email  
address: \_\_\_\_\_