



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES K -5<sup>TH</sup> Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### September

- 14 Thursday Back-to-School Night for Kindergarten – 5th grade parents at 7:00 p.m. in Drapkin Hall Lower School Gym—**See below for details**
- 18 Monday -DE 360° afterschool enrichment classes begin  
-Band begins for participating students  
-5<sup>th</sup> Grade students travel to Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, New York departing at 8:30 a.m.  
-CTP IV testing meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> grade families at 8:30 a.m. in Room 219  
**See below for details**
- 19 Tuesday -5<sup>th</sup> grade students return from Frost Valley YMCA at approx. 5:00 p.m.  
-String ensemble begins for participating students
- 20 Wednesday Chorus and string ensemble begins for participating students

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

All parents are invited to our Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The evening will begin in Drapkin Hall Lower School Gym with the doors opening at 6:45 p.m. The program will begin in the gym promptly at 7:00 PM. After a brief program ending at approximately 7:20 p.m., parents will move to the individual class rooms in the Lower School building for a presentation by the teachers. Light refreshments will be available.

### CTP IV TESTING MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Your child's scores from third grade will be sent home in October. In order to best understand the information you will be receiving, we invite you to attend an information session focused on understanding your child's score report.

### **MORNING ARRIVAL...**

Students may be dropped off any time after 7:45 a.m. when the Lower School gym doors are open. If a student arrives before 7:45 a.m., their parent or caregiver must remain with them until the gym doors are opened. Please remember to drive slowly on the roadway coming down to the Lower School building. Below is a list of times that classes begin for Lower School students. **Children are expected to be in their classrooms ready to begin the day at the times listed below. We ask parents to make every effort to have their child arrive to school on time.**

Pre3 and Pre4	8:20 a.m.
Kindergarten	8:20 a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	8:20 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	8:20 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	8:15 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	8:15 a.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	8:15 a.m.

Any student in grades 3-5 who are not in their classroom ready to begin their day at 8:15 a.m. will have to sign the late list which is located at Ms. Bryan's desk. Preschool -2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who arrive late to school should be escorted into the building.

### **IMPORTANT DISMISSAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS...**

**TO AVOID LONG CAR LINES AT DISMISSAL, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO ENTER THE QUEUE EITHER AT OR ONLY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE DISMISSAL TIME FOR THEIR CHILD. EARLY ARRIVALS SLOW DISMISSAL TO A STOP. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS AVAILABLE AT THE DESIGNATED DISMISSAL TIMES. PARENTS WHO ARRIVE SIGNIFICANTLY BEFORE THEIR CHILD'S DISMISSAL TIME MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE LINE AND RETURN AT THE CORRECT TIME. BELOW ARE THE DISMISSAL TIMES FOR EACH GRADE.**

Preschool 3 and 4	2:30 p.m.
Kindergarten	2:50 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	3:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades	3:15 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	3:15 p.m.

**Students will be placed in cars from the right side only.** Parents are asked to be sure the car seat is secured on the right-hand side of the back seat. **We do not allow any student to be placed in a car from the driver's side.**

### **NURSE'S NOTES...**

By Mrs. Maureen Krane RN, Lower School Nurse

As we head into fall I would like to 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 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 child's locker.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS...**

- We will continue to communicate with Lower School parents in two formats.
- The first will be *Just the Facts*, which will be just that. It will include dates of upcoming events in the Lower School and important information for parents. This normally will be in students' backpacks on Fridays.
- The second will be *Lower School Notes*, a link to which will be pushed to parents weekly. *Lower School Notes* will have an electronic link to *Just the Facts* and will have featured articles bi-monthly. It will also have detailed information about what students are doing, supported by photos and student voices.

### **IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION...**

If your child will be out of school, for any reason, please report that to the school nurse, Maureen Krane, by calling (201) 227-3300 and leaving a message. **This extension is to be used for the sole purpose of reporting absences.** When reporting absences, please let the nurse know what is wrong with your child, indicate if you want a call back, and the duration your child will be out, if known. **Please call in absence information by 9:00 AM.** Parents should not leave attendance messages either on Ms. Bryan's voice mail or the voice mail of their child's teacher. If parents would like homework sent home when their child is absent, they should contact the teacher directly.

### **THIRD GRADERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Third Graders Making a Difference are collecting used and new shoes (any size) to donate to Soles4Souls. Shoes will be collected until Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There are garbage pails marked for the shoe collection in the main lobby and throughout the building.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED** - Parents' Association News



## Parents' Association News 9/8/17

Welcome back for those who are returning to DE and welcome to the community for those who are joining us this year! We hope that you all had an amazing summer and are getting adjusted to your school routines. This school year is sure to fly by, so let's enjoy all the great events, activities and moments to come! We've compiled a list of hopefully helpful FAQ's below

### **How do I get an electronic list of everyone in the grade for birthday parties, playdates etc?**

The PA will be publishing the school directory shortly (You may have even gotten it this week!) In the meantime, if you need grade specific lists (for birthday parties, playdates and such) you can get the information by logging onto MY D-E and going to the Directory. The Directory is listed online on the toolbar after you log onto my D-E and you can ask for a grade list by filtering down to grade level. For information about the Lower School approach to celebrating birthdays in and out of school, please refer to the Lower School Handbook.

### **What is MY D-E? Where do I find it and how do I log on?**

MY D-E is the online home of school information. You can download the app or you can visit <https://d-e.myschoolapp.com/app#login>: Login information is generated by the D-E IT team and a click through for help is visible on this page should you encounter any problems!

On My –DE you find amazing information such as:

[Directories](#) - Student, Staff and Parent (on the right, you can filter and sort)

[Lunch Menus](#) - Yum!

[Calendar](#) - School-wide calendar of events, holidays and more

[Smart Tuition](#) - Access your tuition payment account

### **Where is Hulst House? Where are parking spots for visitors? Where oh where!**

[Campus Map](#) - Easy to remember url —> [d-e.org/map](http://d-e.org/map)

### **How do I get more information about the D-E PA?**

[Parent Network](http://pa.d-e.org/) - <http://pa.d-e.org/>

**How do I volunteer and get involved in the PA (because it looks like fun!)**

If you haven't signed up to volunteer, there's still time to register online at <http://pa.d-e.org/how-to-volunteer-get-involved>. If you have any questions please email us at [bonnie.k.rhee@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.k.rhee@gmail.com) and [bev.mackeen@gmail.com](mailto:bev.mackeen@gmail.com)

**Are there any events for adults to join during the school year?**

YES! It's going to be a busy year – a few things to add to your calendar :

Sunday Sept 10- Lower School Gathering 1:00-3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine!

Friday Sept 15 - All Volunteer Kick Off

Sunday, October 29th – Halloween Spooktacular

Monday Nov 13 - Book Fair evening event TBA

Friday Nov 17 - Lower School Talent Show presentation

Parent Grade parties : Your class reps will tell you more!

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 on important grade-specific topics. Stay tuned for an invite from your Class Reps with further information. Dates are as follows:

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

Happy September!

Beverley Mac Keen & Bonnie Rhee

Lower School, Vice President & Deputy Vice President

D-E Parents' Association