



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 27, 2017

- 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 letter below

NOVEMBER

- 1 Wednesday** Parent Conferences for **5th grade only** from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 2 Thursday** Parent Conferences for preschool 3 through 5th grade from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- 3 Friday** Parent Conferences for preschool 3 through 5th grade from 7:30 a.m. to noon.
SCHOOL CLOSED
- 9 Wednesday** Admissions Open Doors
- 13 Monday** Book Fair in Hajjar Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – see flyer attached
- 14 Tuesday** Book Fair in Hajjar Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Friday** Lower School Talent Show – 7:00 p.m. – see flyer attached

PARENT CONFERENCES...

Parent Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for **5th grade** only, Thursday, November 2 from 3:00-8:30 p.m., and Friday, November 3rd from 7:30 a.m. – noon. Please log-in to Pick-A-Time through the D-E website to schedule an appointment with their child's teacher if you have already done so. The final date for logging into Pick-A-Time will be 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 31, 2017. Please note that Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd are regular school days for students, but there are no classes for students on Friday, November 3th. Again this year, parents will be able to leave their children in the Lower School library for the time they are conferencing with teachers.

SCHOOL STORE ITEMS FOR SALE...

The School Store will be selling D-E merchandise at the Lower School Parent Conferences. Both youth and adult clothing, as well as school-imprinted items, such as keychains, travel mugs, sunglasses, teddy bears, and car magnets will be sold. Purchases can be charged to student school accounts. Any questions, contact Joan Millien or Lisa Schmid at [201-227-3130](tel:201-227-3130) or millij@d-e.org or schmil@d-e.org.

DISMISSAL CHANGES...

Parents are reminded that **all dismissal changes** must be given to Ms. Bryan. Unless it is a true emergency, Ms. Bryan should be notified either by phone at 201-227-3220, email at bryand@d-e.org or a 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. Thank you for your consideration in this dismissal process.

NURSE'S NOTES...

By Mrs. Maureen Krane RN, Lower School Nurse

-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.

-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.

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.

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 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 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.



Parents' Association News

10/27/17

THANK YOU!

To all of the LS faculty and staff for their fabulous forum presentations and discussions! We are fortunate to have such outstanding leaders motivating inspiring and supporting our children (and us!).

Lower School Book Fair Raffle Items

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! Please 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 all of 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

DWIGHT-ENGLEWOOD LOWER SCHOOL & THE D-E PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESENT
WILD WEST BOOK FAIR 2017!



Monday, Nov. 13: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 14: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hajjar Auditorium

Featuring Scholastic Children's Books, Special Literary Activities, Raffles and More! Read to raise money! Here is an opportunity to let your love of reading pay off. The PA invites you to the annual D-E Book Fair.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for Wild West Book Fair 2017 volunteers. Flexible hours are available for various shifts. Please check *Just the Facts* for details. More sign-up information coming soon.

“What's YOUR Superpower?” Special Event

Guinness World Records is designing a fabulous family-friendly show especially for our LS Book Fair that aims to bring you closer to discovering your answer to that question.

Two shows: Join us Monday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 PM or at 6:30 PM for these special events. Pizza will be served!

RAFFLES!

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! If you are willing to donate an item, please visit <https://goo.gl/UNm5Xs> and place your name (or “anonymous” if you'd rather) next to the item, and send an email to Catherine Eby (2017 Book Fair Raffle Coordinator) at catherine.eby@gmail.com to coordinate item pickup at school. If there is any item that you would like to gift to the Book Fair that is not listed, please feel free to do so. We greatly appreciate all of your generosity and school spirit!



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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

