



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 31, 2024

## Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event	Details
November 1	Diwali	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
November 14 & November 15	Parent Teacher Conferences	See Below
November 19	Photo Retake	Please contact Dorothy Bryan at <a href="mailto:bryand@d-e.org">bryand@d-e.org</a> if you would like to have a photo retake.
November 21, 22	Book Fair Hajjar Auditorium	See below. Students will be attending the Book Fair with their classes during the school day.
November 23	Book Fair-PJ Party, Hajjar Auditorium	NEW to Book Fair this year: the Parents' Association will be hosting a PJ Party on Saturday 11/23 from 10am-12pm with a read aloud book reading, as well as a virtual author visit from Dan Gutman. Please SAVE THE DATE for this fun event. More information to come soon.

### **THIRD GRADERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE – Annual Halloween Candy Collection**

Third Graders Making a Difference are collecting extra Halloween candy for Soldiers' Angels Treats for Troops. This organization accepts wrapped candy during this Halloween season and sends it directly to service members, wounded heroes and veterans. So, if trick or treating finds your home with an excess of treats that you would like to share with this worthy cause, please send in your extra Halloween candy. There will be collection bins outside third-grade classrooms in Drapkin Hall from Monday, November 4 – Monday, November 11, 2024.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the South Asian Parent Affinity Group for providing a beautiful and delicious lunch for the faculty and staff to celebrate Diwali.

## **UPDATE ON LOWER SCHOOL PICK UP**

In collaboration with our Facilities and Security teams, we have been exploring ways to expedite our car line at pick up. Please be on the lookout for additional information about phase 1 in the coming weeks. In the meantime, a reminder to come during your scheduled pick-up time (below), and that all Englewood parking regulations surrounding the school still do apply. There should not be vehicles parked along Lincoln Street, or the adjacent streets (Walnut Street and Woodland Avenue), for any amount of time.

Preschool 3 and 4 – 2:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten – 2:45 p.m.  
Grade 1 – Grade 5 – 3:00 p.m.

Note: If your Lower School child has a sibling in Middle and/or Upper School, please enter the carline at or after 3:25. Middle and Upper School students are dismissed later, and arriving before they are ready is another factor bringing the carline to a halt.

## **LS PARENT CONFERENCES**

- Parent Conferences will be held in person on Thursday, November 14, from 2:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Friday, November 15, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Scheduling details will follow from Susan and Julia using PickATime, an online scheduling program, on Friday, November 1. Families who have multiple children in the Lower School were given priority access **on Wednesday** so that conferences can be coordinated with siblings
- Please note Thursday, November 14 is an early dismissal school day for students, and there are no classes for students on Friday, November 15. Supervision for students will be available in the Lower School Library during the conference.

## **ALL SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES – November 14, 2024**

- Lunch Will Be Run as Usual
- Preschool 3 and 4 – 1:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten – 1:15 p.m.
- Grades 1 – 5 - 1:30 p.m.
- Buses will depart at 1:50 p.m.

## **ROUTINE TICK CHECK REMINDER**

With warmer weather encouraging more outdoor play, we'd like to remind families to conduct thorough tick checks on younger children and to educate older children on how to check for ticks themselves. Ticks are common in New Jersey and can hide in places such as the scalp, armpits, and between the toes.

While children enjoy active time outdoors, please understand that teachers cannot conduct tick checks. Thank you for supporting our community's health by checking for ticks at home after outdoor activities.

### **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Book Fair** – Thursday, November 21-Saturday, November 23 – Hajjar Auditorium

We are excited for our upcoming Book Fair! This year's theme will be Read Around the World!

*In addition to on campus shopping on Thursday and Friday, we will be hosting a PJ Party on Saturday 11/23 from 10am-12pm with a virtual author visit from Dan Gutman. More information to come.*

Below are some FAQs to help prepare:

- Can I shop with my child?
  - There will be three ways that you can shop the Book Fair this year:
    1. With your child's classroom (schedules to be shared)
    2. Any time during book fair opening hours: 8:30am – 2pm on 11/21 or 11/22
    - 3. PJ Party, Saturday Nov 23 10am-12pm**
- Can I gift a book to my teacher?
  - Absolutely! You can either add money to your child's e-wallet (information below) to spend towards your Teacher's Wishlist basket while your child shops or buy a book when you join us on campus.
- What form of payment will you accept?
  - This year we will be using credit cards or e-wallet, a very convenient cashless feature. Please use the following link to sign up and add funds starting October 30  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dwightengewoodschool>
  - We will not accept cash or check
- Can I shop the Book Fair online?
  - YES! Book Fair will also be held online starting November 20th and run through November 30th. Great way to stock up on holiday gifts or give your teacher(s) a gift! You will be able to shop at the following link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dwightengewoodschool>
- When will my child bring their books home?
  - They will take their books home right away! Happy Reading!

Thank you so much for your support of this year's Reading Rollercoaster Book Fair!