



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES K -5 Thursday, September 13th – 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

10 Monday	Rosh Hashanah – SCHOOL CLOSED
11 Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah – SCHOOL CLOSED
12 Wednesday	Preschool 3 – First Full Day
13 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
16 Sunday	Welcome Back Gathering – 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—See flyer attached

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

All parents are invited to our Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 13, 2018. 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 4TH GRADERS: NEW DATE AND TIME

September 20, 2018; 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Room 219

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 st grade	8:20 a.m.
2 nd grade	8:20 a.m.
3 rd grade	8:15 a.m.
4 th grade	8:15 a.m.
5 th 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 -2nd 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 st and 2 nd grades	3:00 p.m.
3 rd & 4 th grades	3:15 p.m.
5 th 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. *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 new and gently used Halloween costumes to be donated to the Bergen Family Center so that children all around our area can enjoy the thrill of dressing up for Halloween. If you would like to join us, please gather new or gently used Halloween costumes that you are no longer using and place them in specially marked bins outside the third-grade classrooms.



SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME GATHERING

for

All Lower School Families to Kick off the New School Year

Come meet new friends and old friends and
join in on the festivities on Leggett Field.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

*RSVP by September 7
email: lowerschool@d-e.org*



DE Parents'
Association

*Dr. Rodney V. De Jarnett and the Volunteer Leadership of
Dwight-Englewood School invite you to our*

2018-2019 All-Volunteer Kickoff

*Learn about and sign up for D-E volunteer opportunities.
All D-E Parents/Guardians, including those new to D-E, are
encouraged and welcome to attend!
Email invitation coming soon.*

Friday, September 21, 2018
8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Program will start at 8:45 AM

Clinton Inn Hotel
145 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ

See the next page for all our exciting PA volunteer opportunities!



D-E PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for 2018-19

Sign up at pa.d-e.org

LOWER SCHOOL

Book Fair

This multi-day event includes book sales, raffles, and Pizza Night. Help with set-up, break down, students' book selections, and raffle gift donations.

Halloween Party

Plan, organize and staff all aspects of this annual event for Lower School families.

Photo Day

Assist the day of the event by helping all children look presentable for the photographer.

Skate Day

Help with event logistics, refreshments and publicity.

Yearbook

Help photograph, format and deliver the Lower School yearbook. Oversee and coordinate/edit 5th Grade advertisements.

MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

COOP Student Cafe

Sell food and beverages to students and be a part of the social center of the Middle and Upper Schools. Regular and substitute positions are available.

Foodraiser

Plan, organize and staff specialty lunch and snack food sale to benefit D-E student activities.

ALL SCHOOL

Admissions

Welcome new members to the D-E community with Campus Tours, Open Houses, New Family Buddy Program, Admitted Students Receptions.

Affinity Groups

There are currently five individual Affinity Groups represented by the Asian American, Black & Latino, Chinese, Korean, and South Asian communities which organize social, educational and service activities, under the guidance of the D-E Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Annual Fund

Join your class team to educate and encourage fellow parents via emails and phone calls to support the Annual Fund, which helps bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a D-E education.

Class Rep Teams

Class Representatives work together with the grade-level teachers (LS) and Deans (MS/US) to foster a cohesive community within each grade by welcoming new and current families, organizing events, and communicating with the class.

D-E Cares Card

Solicit local merchants (retail/dining/entertainment) for discounted merchandise and services. Proceeds from card sales benefit D-E student activities.

FOTA - Friends of the Arts

Plan post-performance receptions for our school music, art and theatre events.

Garden Project

Help keep our beautiful teaching gardens in shape by participating in three annual work parties and signing up to water the vegetables and take care of the chickens during school holidays. Garden Parents also serve as "critical friends" by listening to students who are planning, planting and building and offering questions and suggestions from an adult perspective.

Library

Range of office jobs including book covering, inventory & other projects for MS/US Library.

Parent Education

Work with D-E faculty to plan/coordinate education programs for students and parents..

Reception Committee

Help plan and organize social events for parents (Parent Forums, Coffees, Evening Receptions). Also, help coordinate family events such as Spring Carnival and Teacher Appreciation Lunch.

Special Events

Plan and promote Auctions, Golf/Tennis/Yoga and Culinary events that benefit the D-E Faculty and Staff Fund and/or D-E's Financial Aid program.

Spring Carnival/STEM Fair

Help with this all-school, all-day event co-organized with Student Government. Includes an on-campus service project to benefit a local non-profit and a carnival with food, music, games and activities.





4th Annual Kraut's Running of the Bulldogs

Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:00 AM

Run the 5K or enjoy the Fun Run around the D-E campus. Bring your fellow students, alumni, friends, and family to this special annual event held in memory of former faculty member and coach Jerald Krauthamer.

Visit www.d-e.org/alumni to register.

\$20 plus a small registration fee per participant.

Questions? Email Director of Alumni, Maria Sanchez Gardner '78 at sanchm@d-e.org.

Must register by Thursday, September 13 to receive a shirt.



Funds raised will benefit the Kraut Fund, a quasi endowment that will exist in perpetuity at D-E.