



# Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

October 1, 2021

## COMMUNICATION

To make the sense of the varied communication you are receiving from the school, please note the following:

**Just the Facts** is a communication sent every Friday to families and includes logistical and important information. Just the Facts is also posted on the school [website](#) for easy access to archived information.

**Lower School Notes** is communication sent every other Friday to families and includes articles authored by various members of the Lower School faculty. Articles typically highlight a specific piece of curriculum. Lower School Notes is also posted on the school [website](#).

**Communications from Dr. De Jarnett** is where you can find information about the overall school. Moving forward, it will also be where you can get weekly updates on our COVID test results. **Please refer to his end-of-week emails, including the one that will be sent today, to read about travel quarantines and much more.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

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| 4 October | Preschool 3 Parent Forum- Rescheduled<br><i>Please note that this event has been rescheduled for <b>October 26th at 8:30 am</b> under the big tent on Leggett Field</i> |
| 5 October | Preschool 4 Parent Forum - 8:30 am under the big tent on Leggett Field  |
| 7 October | Kindergarten Parent Forum - 8:30 am under the big tent on Leggett Field   |
| 8 October | Photo Day - individual photos; no group photos due to Covid   |

### UPCOMING...

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| 11 Monday    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Forum – 8:30 a.m. under the big tent on Leggett Field |
| 18 Monday    | Professional Day – No Classes  |
| 19 Tuesday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Forum – 8:30 a.m. under the big tent on Leggett Field |
| 20 Wednesday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Forum – 8:30 a.m. under the big tent on Leggett Field |

21 Thursday                      4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Forum - – 8:30 a.m. under the big tent on Leggett Field

26 Tuesday                      Preschool 3 Parent Forum - 8:30 am under the big tent on Leggett Field

### **PARENT FORUMS**

Each fall the Parents' Association and LS Administration host a Parent Forum for each grade level. The agenda for each forum includes an introduction from the PA leaders and LS Admin, a short 15 minute presentation led by the grade-level teachers, and a welcome from Dr. Gene Batiste (Assistant Head of School for Engagement). This is a wonderful in-person opportunity to meet the leadership team, as well as see each other! See below for the upcoming dates.

### **MATH TEAMS**

We are thrilled to resume math team for our **fifth-grade students** on Tuesdays starting next week. In order to observe COVID protocols, we are offering staggering sessions of math team. The dates for the first session of fifth-grade math team are listed below, and we are limiting it to the first 16 students who sign up. Students who indicate an interest after we have closed enrollment will be included in the next session which we hope to start in January, 2022. Our plans for afterschool enrichment options are all operating under COVID protocols and observing room capacities. Fifth-grade math team will be led by a prestigious member of the D-E Math Faculty, Mr. John King. Mr. King has taught in all three divisions and has served as chair of the math department. He has a great interest and love of mathematics as well as in how young children think mathematically. We are most fortunate and grateful he'll be coaching our young mathematicians.

**Fifth Grade Math Team** will run from 3:30 - 4:15 on the following Tuesday dates:

October 5  
October 12  
October 19  
October 26  
November 2  
November 9  
November 16  
November 23

If your child would like to participate in the fifth-grade math team, please email Ms. Dorothy Bryan [bryand@d-e.org](mailto:bryand@d-e.org) along with your contact number. Due to COVID-related room capacity considerations, participation is limited to 16 students on a first come, first served basis.

**Fourth Grade Math Team** is now all filled up. We are looking forward to starting this Monday, October 4th! A reminder that fourth grade math team will meet from 3:30-4:15 on the following dates:

October 4  
October 11  
October 25  
November 1  
November 8  
November 15

Please note that students who are not picked up at 4:15 will then be supervised by the ACE program in Umpleby, and a fee is applied and pick up will be at Umpleby.

### **MESSAGE FROM AFTERCARE/ENRICHMENT (ACE):**

Our DE360° ACE Team is excited to announce our fall specialty activities and enrichment offerings. Children may join us to enjoy everything from Cooking Classes on Mondays to Gardening on Wednesdays and the Artists Studio on Friday in the "Clubhouse." We've also partnered with fantastic experts in athletics (Fencing, Lax/Hockey, Running, Soccer, and Tennis), chess, coding, graphic arts, theatre and French to offer outstanding skills-building at all levels - beginner, intermediate and advanced - in those specialized areas. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Specialized Activities and Enrichment classes begin on Monday, October 11.

Oh and there's one more piece of exciting news: We're offering a Discovery Day Adventure when school is not in session on October 18 at Abma's Farm in Wyckoff with private hayrides, a pet zoo visit and pumpkin picking. Click [here](#) for details and registration.

### **The Who-to-Call-for-What Resource Reminder**

When it comes to your child's experience in the classroom, **the classroom teacher is always the best place to start.** We hope the following information is helpful when questions about other aspects of Lower School arise:

- **Specific Medical Questions (COVID and other)**
  - Nurse Maureen Krane, 201-227-3162
  - [kranem@d-e.org](mailto:kranem@d-e.org)
- **Daily Dismissal Changes, including bus dismissal change**
  - Dorothy Bryan, 201-227-3220
  - [bryand@d-e.org](mailto:bryand@d-e.org)
- **Transportations, Bus Routes and Timing**
  - Danielle Devlin
  - [devlid@d-e.org](mailto:devlid@d-e.org)
- **Lunch**
  - **Nutrislice App:** Joan Millien, [millij@d-e.org](mailto:millij@d-e.org)
  - **Procedures and Protocols:** Susan Abramson [abrams@d-e.org](mailto:abrams@d-e.org) and Julia Calantone, [calanj@d-e.org](mailto:calanj@d-e.org)
  - **Billing:** Alice Praylow, [prayla@d-e.org](mailto:prayla@d-e.org)
- **Smart Tuition**
  - **Billing:** Alice Praylow, [prayla@d-e.org](mailto:prayla@d-e.org)
- **Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups**
  - Dorothy Bryan and Classroom Teacher
- **Absences**
  - Maureen Krane 201-227-3300 and Classroom Teacher

- **ACE (Aftercare and Enrichment)**
  - Sharon Keigher, [keighs@d-e.org](mailto:keighs@d-e.org)
- **General Questions**
  - Susan Abramson 201-227-3222 and/or Julia Calantone 201-227-3166
- **General Covid Protocols and Practices**
  - Preeti Fibiger, [fibigp@d-e.org](mailto:fibigp@d-e.org) or 201-227-3221



D-E 360° ACE (AfterCare & Enrichment) Presents a Discovery Day:

# Annual Fall Pumpkin Picking at Abma's Farm

Monday, October 18, 2021

Join us for a field trip day when D-E is closed for Professional Day! D-E 360° ACE is excited to host a lovely day of pumpkin picking, private hayrides, and a visit to the petting zoo at Abma's Farm on Monday, October 18, 2021! Embrace the peak of autumn with us. Register with the QR Code.

The cost for each Discovery Day adventure is \$145/child. Registration is made through CampBrain and all payments are made through Smart Tuition.

D-E 360° AfterCare & Enrichment (ACE) Discovery Days are offered to all D-E Lower School children, for when school is not regularly in session for professional or conference days. Questions about our ACE Discovery Days offerings can be sent by Email to: [de360info@d-e.org](mailto:de360info@d-e.org) or call 201-227-3144.



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