



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

November 21, 2025

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event	Details
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
December 3	4th Grade Field Trip	New Jersey Capitol Tour, Trenton, NJ
December 9	5th Grade Field Trip	The Magic Flute, Metropolitan Opera, NY
December 10	LS Art Exhibit	Swartley Gallery, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
December 10	Lower School Chorus/Upper School Handbells and Chorus Concert	7:00 p.m. Hajjar Auditorium • Parents of participating students will hear from Ms. Fiona Crawford with additional details. • All families are welcome to attend the concert.

LS NOTES

The bi-weekly LS Notes communication will be published this evening. These articles are intended to provide snapshots of the students' experience through the various facets of our Lower School. Please be on the lookout for articles from Mara Trager, Literacy Specialist, Grades 3-5 and Rachel Brainin and Michelle Sussmann, Grade 3 Teachers.

APPLE CIDER AND DOUGHNUTS

The Parents' Association will be providing apple cider and doughnuts to all Lower School students on Tuesday, November 25 during their lunchtime. Kindergarten and preschool children will have treats set up as well during their lunch. The dining staff will provide alternative gluten-free options for students with gluten allergies. Please let Dorothy Bryan know if you have questions or would not like your child to have this during their lunch.

LS ART EXHIBIT - December 10, 2025

The Lower School Art Exhibition will open on December 10 and close on December 19 in the Swartley Gallery. A breakfast reception will be held on Wednesday, December 10 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. for families. This will be a time for families to visit LS students' artwork. This is just a little celebration and time to see all the artwork from Grades 1-5 together.

OUTDOOR RECESS:

Even through winter months, recess remains a vital time for students to enjoy outdoor time and engage with their peers. Please dress your children warmly. Our teachers often refer to [this resource](#) as a guide to determine whether students are outdoors for recess.

LEGO Raising Event

Our Lower School Robotics Challenge Team is preparing for competition and making great strides. After performing well in a recent scrimmage, they are eagerly getting ready for their next formal event. The students have truly enjoyed their journey so far and are now excited to give back to our younger engineers. To support the third-grade and fourth-grade Lower School Explorer Teams, our Challenge Team is launching a **LEGO Raising Event!**

We are inviting families to donate used LEGO bricks or sets that your children may no longer be using. ***Please note that we are not asking families to purchase new items***—this is simply a fun way to help our younger engineers while giving those unused LEGOs a new life.

If we can help you declutter your home or avoid those dreaded “stepping on LEGOs barefooted” moments, we are here to help! You may drop them off with Ms. Bryan at the front desk or deliver them to the Science classroom with Mrs. Li. Thank you!

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN NEXT LOWER SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We are excited for our **Lower School Assembly**, which will be held **Wednesday, December 10th** and the theme will focus on **Neurodivergent and Differently-Abled Communities**. If your child would like to participate by sharing something meaningful with their peers—about their own or a family member’s neurodivergence or differently-abled experience—**please complete this [form](#) by Wednesday, December 3rd**. Students are invited to share **3-5 sentences** along with an **artifact, photo, or short video** (which can be sent in or emailed to Mrs. Lopez at lopezm@d-e.org) that represents something meaningful to them or their family related to our

theme. Please note that depending on the number of student volunteers, we may need to limit speaking parts to 5th graders and possibly 4th graders, while other submissions may be featured in other ways, such as through artwork, artifacts, slides with pictures or videos, song, or dance.

MESSAGE FROM THE D-E SOUTH ASIAN PARENT AFFINITY GROUP

Do you love to dance and want to learn something new? The D-E South Asian Parent Affinity Group will be organizing a collaborative performance representing South Asian culture for the 3rd Annual D-E Cultural Showcase taking place on January 22nd. Bollywood* dance lessons will be offered, and ALL students are welcome to join! Please note that the dance choreography and rehearsals will require the support of a professional choreographer for which there will be a nominal cost to be shared by participating families. If your child is interested in participating, please email saag.dwight@gmail.com no later than **November 25th**.

*Bollywood dance is a dance style typical of the Indian film industry. It consists of many different styles and influences, from classical and Indian folk styles to all kinds of modern and western dancing.

*The faculty and staff wish all our students and their families
a very Happy Thanksgiving!*