

Nether Providence Elementary

410 Moore Rd.

Wallingford, PA 19086

Please review this eblast for information on the following items:

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Thank you for your participation in our annual Back to School Night last Thursday! We enjoyed the opportunity to see everyone and share our school with the community. We hope you enjoyed visiting the classrooms and learning about our staff. Best wishes for a great week ahead.

Nutrition Group Update

As part of Governor Wolf's announcement, our District will be a part of Pennsylvania's Universal Free Breakfast Program beginning next month. Beginning **October 1**, free breakfast will be offered to all currently enrolled students for this school year.

Families are still encouraged to complete the free/reduced price meal application as school lunches are not free for this school year. Lunch costs

\$2.75 for the elementary schools, \$2.85-\$3.35 for the middle school, and \$3.05-\$3.55 for the high school. For reduced-price meals, lunch costs \$0.40 for all schools. A qualified application may provide additional federal program benefits. Click here to complete the application: <https://www.wssd.org/Page/649> and submit to Barbara Downs (bdowns@wssd.org).

Elementary A La Carte Notice –

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your elementary school will be serving a la carte snacks by Friday, September 23rd. These snacks meet the USDA's Smart Snack criteria and may include cookies, chips, string cheese, frozen treats, or more!

If students would like to purchase a snack, they are required to have enough money to do so—charging for snack/a la carte items is not allowed. Cafeteria funds can be loaded online at MySchoolBucks.com (please check PowerSchool for student ID), with cash at the register, or with a check at the register made out to WSSD Food Service Department.

If you would like to add a restriction to your student's account in regards to snack purchases, please email me at kmathieson@wssd.org with your student's name, grade, school, and restriction. For example, "John is only allowed to buy snack on Fridays" or "Jessica can only purchase chips—no cookies."

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Kristen Mathieson

Director of Food and Nutrition

Kmathieson@wssd.org

610-892-3470 ext 2151

NPE Picture Day

Smile!!

Mark your calendars - NPE's annual Picture Day is scheduled for **Friday, October 14**. Information will be coming home with your student(s) in the coming days.

WSSD Attendance Information

Returning to school after an absence: A written note from a parent or doctor is required upon the student's return and should include the following information: *the student's full name, the date of the absence, the reason for the absence, and the signature of parent/guardian.*

Excusal notes need to be turned into the school within 3 days of an absence to excuse them.

For absences of 3 days or longer, a physician's note is required in accordance with the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Board policy.

Current options for excusal note submission are:

- 1) Physical notes brought to the school to be turned in to the student's teacher (elementary) or attendance office.
- 2) Pictures of handwritten notes with a signature attached to an email, addressed to the school attendance email.
- 3) Absences may also be recorded in the PowerSchool Parent Portal (look for attendance info. under "Forms")

Early dismissal: Please send a note to school with your child if he or she is to be dismissed early.

Late arrivals: Students arriving after **8:45 a.m.** are considered tardy and must sign-in on the clipboard in the main office.

Absences: Parents are requested to report their child's absence by calling the child's school attendance phone line or email any time before **9:00 a.m.** Automatic SchoolMessenger notifications are made to parents if word of an absence is not received by that time.

NPE: (610) 874-5236, npe-attendance@wssd.org

Special transportation arrangements: Students who will be using an alternative form of transport to leave school - such as a carpool, getting a ride with a friend, etc. - must have a note, signed by a parent, which provides specific details about the transportation arrangements. **If there are any changes to your child's dismissal schedule, please communicate to the office prior to 3:00 PM so that the message can be provided to the classroom teacher.**