

Garfield East ECDC News



DECEMBER 2023 EDITION

Principal's Message:

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education" - Martin Luther King

Hello Garfield East ECDC Families! November was a busy month at our school. Our scholars continue to work hard and take pride in their work. Your dedication is also imperative to their success and I cannot be more appreciative.

The month of December is upon us and our scholars will continue to be engaged in rigorous, meaningful lessons. We have many activities planned for our scholars throughout the month.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season.

-Mrs. Hipplewith



Upcoming Events:

- Social Emotional Development & Dealing with Behavior Issues Workshop- 12/1
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal- 12/5-12/8
- PTA Dress Down Days - 12/2, 12/8, 12/15
- PTA Pretzels Sale- 12/15
- PTA Breakfast with Santa- 12/16
- Winter Concert- 12/19
- Early Dismissal-12/22
- Winter Break- 12/25-1/1



Important Reminders:

- Regular school days: 8:50 am-3:20 pm
- Half school days: 8:50 am- 1:20 pm
- Doors will open for students at 8:50 am. Parents must escort scholars into the building. After 9:00am, students will be marked late.
- Parents must show physical ID during dismissal.
- Parents, if there are any changes for dismissal or you will be late for, please notify your child's teacher or the main office.
- Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes at school.
- Our school is A PEANUT FREE school!
- Weather is changing, please make sure your child is dressed accordingly. Please make sure your child wears a coat to school.

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Lead Educator's Message

Hello Garfield East ECDC Families!

Our scholars at Garfield East continue to excel and show pride in their work. Our students are eager to learn and we are eager to teach and make connections with them.

Our committed teachers continue to immerse your Preschool and Kindergarten children in learning through exploration, experimentation and questioning. They are well on their way to becoming more independent learners. Please feel free to contact me regarding our curriculum programs here at Garfield East ECDC.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Brown

During the season of giving, toy safety is crucial in protecting children and other gift recipients. Check out Prevent Blindness America's list of Safe Toys and Gifts to make sure the toys you are buying are appropriate and safe. You know what makes a great gift? Books! Take a look at ReadBrightly's Holiday Book Gift List for some fantastic recommendations.

Ms. Moore, Library Media Specialist

Librarian:

COMMUNITY PARENT INVOLVEMENT SPECIALIST- CPIS

Social Worker:

Hi Everyone, This month we shared ways to cope with uncertainty by reading *Acorn was a Little Wild*, learned about being yourself and making good choices from *Tacky the Penguin*, and gained problem-solving skills by playing Memory and solving puzzles. Also, we learned boundaries through spatial games and music & movement.

I read *Dr. DeSoto*, a story about a mouse dentist who outsmarts a fox. Then, we shared ways to keep our teeth and gums healthy and made a craft.

We designed Heart Pockets, which remind children that we don't lose the memories when separated from people we care about.

If you would like linkages to outside support or anything else, please email or ask your child's teacher to meet with me. kmunar@wboe.net -Mrs. Munar

Hello Garfield East Families! November was a wonderful month in our school. Our Super Scholars participated in the 1st Marking Period Assembly. This was a great opportunity to highlight all the exciting events that took place in our school during the first quarter and honor our students. We strive to make each child's educational experience the best possible. Thank you for your COLLABORATION.

The Garfield East team is always eager to support all your needs and encourage you to fill out the Community Needs Assessment that was sent home with your child. You can find the QR code on the next page. Also, if you have any questions/concerns, please submit the Google Form (QR code on the next page) and a staff personnel will reach out within 24 hours. Together we can continue making the school year engaging!

-Ms. Bonilla



Community Needs Assessment

Please answer the Community Needs Assessment as your feedback will assist us in planning programs and workshops to meet your needs. This survey will remain anonymous. Please use the QR code below to complete the survey. Thank you!



Daily questions/ concerns

The staff is always willing to answer all your questions/ concerns. We ask you to please fill out the form and a staff personnel from Garfield East ECDC will get in contact with you to answer your question/s within 24 hours. This will help us keep track of all daily questions.



PTA:

The Garfield East PTA is a collaborative partnership between our school, our families, and our community which focuses on the children: the children in your home, the children in our school, and the children in our community. Garfield East ECDC PTA thanks you for your continued support. We have some upcoming events that we are excited for your participation!

Thank you!



November Highlights:

- On Tuesday, November 21st we held the Marking-Period 1 Assembly. Families were invited to attend. During the assembly, we highlighted all the wonderful events that took place during the first quarter of the year and honored the Students of the Month, Perfect Attendance, and students that demonstrated to be a Giraffe Gem and Most Improved. We want to thank our Super Scholars for all their hard-work during the first couple of months. Thank you families as well, your support does not go unnoticed! We look forward to more assemblies and opportunities to honor our students.



November Highlights: Students of the Month

PreK 3

- Room 16-Royce Hernandez
- Room 18-Ama Acquah
- Room 19- Pia Cooper
- Room 20 - Kaden Fletcher
- Room 21- Rebecca Dutra
- Room 22-Jeremiah Morgan



PreK 4

- Room 5- Skyler Green
- Room 6- R'yn Lalanne
- Room 8 - Mohamed Fallah
- Room 9- Marley Fuller
- Room 10- Angelinah Wint
- Room 11- Jewel McDowel
- Room 12- Sahana Leslie



Kindergarten



- Room 25- George Minyila
- Room 26- Keisha Duvillage
- Room 27 - Lailah Gillison
- Room 28- Azia Shabazz
- Room 30- Michael Duvillage
- Room 31-Eliyah Gaza
- Room 32- Sunshine Madelon
- Room 34- Elliot Shimkus

Staff



Nurse Michael Harper

Words from the staff:

- He has been so helpful on so many levels, not just when kids are injured. He really takes that extra step to keep us all healthy.
- He was very helpful on our class trip. He also works hard to get anything the kids need.
- Always helping the teachers out and is an overall great nurse.
- Nurse Harper is wonderful with the students and families. He is always willing to support anyone in the building and has a positive attitude.



Community Events



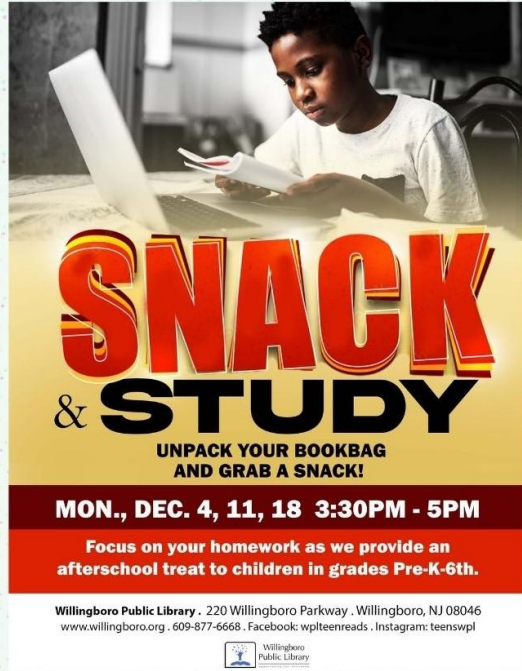
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THURS. DEC. 7 6PM

COME KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES! OPEN TO ALL AGES.

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SNACK & STUDY

UNPACK YOUR BOOKBAG AND GRAB A SNACK!

MON., DEC. 4, 11, 18 3:30PM - 5PM

Focus on your homework as we provide an afterschool treat to children in grades Pre-K-6th.

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TWEEN Holiday MOVIE

THURS. DEC. 14, 5:30 PM

COME JOIN US IN MEETING ROOM 1 FOR A HOLIDAY MOVIE!

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED. OPEN TO 5TH AND 6TH GRADES!

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NEW YEAR'S DAY PRE-PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023, 11 AM

Come join us for snacks, music, and New Year's Day crafts! Open to all ages.

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Community Events

Due to the rain forecast, this event has been rescheduled for **Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm.**



Willingboro Township TREE LIGHTING

Plan to join us for an evening of holiday cheer as we kick off the season!

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Performances by the Willingboro Marching Band & Konglomerate Drill & Dance Squad
- Alpha Baptist Church & Hawthorne Park Elementary School Choirs
- Holiday Storytelling by Nettie, Nannie and Friends
- Holiday Cookies provided by Garfield Park Academy
- Hot Chocolate provided by Da Cooler Boyz
 - Township Giveaways
 - Special visit from Santa
 - And more!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 7:00 PM

In front of the Municipal Complex
1 Rev. Dr. King Dr. Willingboro, NJ
We hope to see you there!

Special thanks to our sponsors:




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WINTER Coat Giveaway GIFT WITH WARMTH INITIATIVE

Saturday, December 2nd 10 am - 12 pm

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Registration is required & quantities are limited.
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SAT DEC 9 9 AM - 5 PM

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

GRAB YOUR CAMERA AND SNAP A PICTURE AS HE PASSES BY

SANTA'S SCHEDULE (ESTIMATED)

9:00 AM - 12 NOON	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Hawthorne Park Garfield Park (North) Garfield Park Garfield Park (East) Twin Hills Martins Beach Country Club/ Windsor Park	Buckingham Park Somerset Park Willingboro Square Fairmount Park Millbrook Park Deer Park Pennypacker Park Rittenhouse Park Avery Apartments

LOOK FOR **SANTA ON THE BIG RED FIRE TRUCK!**
Follow Santa using the "Santa Tracker" on social media on the day of the event!

Post your pictures and tag Willingboro Fire & EMS in your post!
Use the hashtag #2023BOROSANTARUN



FRIDAY DEC. 15 6PM - 9PM KENNEDY CENTER

JINGLE JANGLE Jam

- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Open to ages 12 and under
- Light refreshments will be served while supplies last (one refreshment ticket per person)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023
REGISTER @ WWW.WILLINGBOROREC.COM

For more information contact:
Willingboro Recreation & Parks Department
Kennedy Center
429 John F. Kennedy Way
Willingboro, NJ 08046
609-877-2200 ext. 1113, 1118

Community Events





Lolly
JUBILEE
Teen Night

SAVE THE DATE
Teens are invited for a night of games, food, and fun!

Kennedy Center Gym
429 John F. Kennedy Way
Willingboro, NJ 08046
More information is forthcoming!

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER
15TH
6-9PM**

**FOR WILLINGBORO
RESIDENTS ONLY
PRE-REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED**

IT'S TIME TO
Light Up
WILLINGBORO

Register your home by December 8th by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR CODE. Residents will be required to upload at least one photo of their decorated home.


Lights, camera, action! It's time to light up the town and showcase the most festive house decorations and holiday lights! Residents are invited to join the spirit of the season by participating in this year's house decorating contest!

Winners will be announced during the December 19th Council meeting and celebrated on our social media platforms, website, and Willingboro Weekly. Gift cards will be presented to the top three winners.

Our judges will be making a list and checking it twice. Judging will take place between 6 pm - 9 pm December 11th - December 15th. Please make sure your lights and displays are on during these dates and times. Judging will be based on creativity, the best use of lights, and the best theme.

Let your light shine and celebrate the holiday season!

Questions? Call 609-877-2200 ext. 1178 or email information@willingboronj.gov



<https://tinyurl.com/BOROLIGHTS2023>

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