



Wissahickon

CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear families,

At the core of Wissahickon's mission is an appreciation for and stewardship of nature.

We're happy to be celebrating Earth Day (twice!) with fun-filled days in the Wissahickon. Last Friday, half of the students had the chance to go hiking, read Earth Day themed books, run relays involving recycled objects, cook with Vetri staff and try their skills on Fernhill's own Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course! A few middle school athletes also went trail running.

These kinds of special events take lots of planning, time and love. Special shout out to Ms. Kathy, Ms. Boss, Ms. Allyson, Ms. Gail, Ms. Laura, Ms. Kourtney, Coach B., and Ms. Jenn Wong for dreaming up these fun days and making them happen! Shout out, too, to all family members who supported events and to the middle school students in 601, 701 and 702, who led K-2 so positively. Really, this group served as great role models!

We're looking forward to another successful day this Friday, with K1, -02 sections and 8th grade.

Happy spring,

Rebecca Benarroch
Middle School Director

Celebrating Earth Day with 01 Classes!



A Note from Dean Jamal

WCS Families:

As the weather gets nicer, I want to be sure everyone is aware of and understands the WCS dress code. It is important that students adhere to the code daily. Please make sure your child is following the dress code each day that they attend school. Please click [here](#) for a list of what is acceptable to wear to school.

Dean Jamal

WCS Corner: Saturday's Hoop-a-Thon!

Hello Parents! Our first Hoop-A-Thon event is this SATURDAY and we are really counting on you to come out to help make it a success so we can do this for years to come. We want to have you join us with your families to participate in the activities, but we also really need volunteers to make this run smoothly. I understand schedules change, so if you had committed and need to change now please let us know. If you haven't committed yet and can now help us please let us know. I have these fine folks down as volunteers: Kendra, Sarita, Aubrey, Bernadette, Rosi, Aziz, Jamie, Mary, Cheryl, Ms. G, Mr. Joe, Destiny, Kashina, and Tyrell. We are asking for everyone to join us for this event from 1p-4p at the Upper playgroup at Fernhill park for an afternoon of basketball, hula hooping, walk/jogging, food and friends!

If you are volunteering we would like to ask you to arrive around noon to help set up and get your instructions for the event. Please let us know if you can be there to help! Class parents, please send a note home reminding your fellow parents to join us and have their kids get their pledge forms filled out and turned in Friday! Thank you thank you thank you!

Cheryl & Kendra

WCS Talent Show

The 8th grade committee presents the WCS talent show on 5/11. Doors will open @ 6:15 and the cost is five dollars. If your child is interested in auditioning or you would like more information about the show please click [here](#) to see the attached flyer for info. about auditions.

Vetri Community Partnership

Please join us for a final evening cooking class with Vetri Community partnership on May 8th immediately following the WPP meeting. We will make a recipe or two, talk about seasonal vegetables and what is being served in the cafeteria, we will enjoy our recipe and of course there is a giveaway! Please click [here](#) to see the attached flyer for details. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Carrie Suarez, Chef Mentor, Vetri Community Partnership

Jolley's Parent Event Corner

In the spirit of the many earth day celebrations please join Morris Arboretum for their Tree-Mendous Arbor Family day at 11am. Also there is a spring wildflower walk at the Schuylkill center at 10am. Have an event you would like to share please email me at j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org.

Green Tip of the Week

Our green tip of the week comes Greatist.com:

Create a compost pile. Even those who don't live on a farm or in a house with a backyard can do the eco-friendly thing with their trash. [Composting](#) means recycling nutrients back into the ecosystem, which keeps food out of landfills and waterways and enriches the soil. Some communities have local composting programs, so ask around to find out how to get involved with yours. Or start your own [compost indoors](#). (It's possible to do it in a way that doesn't stink; we promise.) Have a green tip? Please feel free to share for our next Weekly Wissahickon. Send me an email j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org.

For Lower School

No new updates

For Middle School

6th Grade PEEC Trip

Permission slips went home for the Poconos Environmental Education Center (PEEC) trip on May 3-4. This is a required, whole-grade trip. Please fill out the form & return to Ms. Boss asap and no later than April 26. We're really excited about it.

8th Grade Dues

All 8th graders owe \$35 in dues asap to pay for graduation, the t-shirt and the class gift. All other money is optional for the dance, trip or additional shirts. We are coming down to the wire with needing to pay for events. Please make checks or money orders out to Wissahickon Charter School, and students should drop them off to Mr. Justin. The full information is in this letter.

3rd Grade at the Zoo



Important Dates

Tues, 4/24- Science PSSA for 4th & 8th
Wed, 4/25- Science PSSA for 4th & 8th
Thurs, 4/26- PSSA science make up day
Thurs, 4/26- 3rd grade field trip 9am-1:30pm
Fri, 4/27- Earth Day celebration (K1, O2 classes + 8th)
Sat, 4/28- Hoop-a-Thon 1-4pm

Thurs, 5/3- Kindergarden trip to Smith playground 9:30am-1pm

Thurs, 5/3- 1st grade trip to Rittenhouse town

Thurs, 5/3-Fri, 6/4 - 6th grade trip To PEEC





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