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Family Update: Monday, 3-16-20

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Dear Families,

I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying the gift of beautiful weather in this strange time. I'm writing today with some information that I hope you will find useful. None of us at Wissahickon want to overwhelm you with communication, and we do still want you to feel our presence and support. There are times, like today, when you will hear from me with updates meant for the whole institution. The Principals will be communicating with you with regards to anything related to instruction at their sites. Your child's teachers will also communicate with you as a member of the classroom community. We'll do our best to strike the right balance with the amount of communications we're sending out.

Here are a few important things to know:

- [HERE](#) is the official, updated list of meal distribution sites across the city. [HERE](#) is a map of these sites. The list & map also include open recreation centers, though we caution against using these, as social distancing (i.e. staying apart from one another physically) has been one of the primary recommendations for preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- If you, your child, or a family member in your home has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please reach out to me (littell@wissahickoncharter.org) to let us know. In that event, your child will need to stay home for fourteen days from the time of the diagnosis.

- Our buildings are receiving deep cleanings while we are closed. All surfaces and carpets are being cleaned and we have used an air purification product as well. No one is allowed in the building at this time so it will be ready to go when we reopen. Once we are open, our cleaning staff will continue to be vigilant about cleaning throughout the school day.
- Your child brought home a packet of work on Thursday to be used in the event of school being closed. It contains two weeks of work that is to be done in addition to anything that your child's teacher had already assigned. This week, your child should complete the first week of work. The second page of the packet details the amount of work to be done each day for the grade your child is in. Next week your child does not need to do the second week of work because we will be on Spring Break. Put the packet in a safe place so your child can return to school with it or use it in the event that the closure is extended.

In closing, I'd like to add that as much as children may say they enjoy missing school, there is some stress that comes along with this specific scenario. If your child is feeling anxious, please talk with them about how your family is working to stay safe and how school is closed specifically to help people stay healthy. Setting some routines could help. I especially recommend keeping children on their normal sleep schedule during the week and setting some limits on screen time. If your family or your child is experiencing a high level of stress because of the virus, please reach out so we can see if there are ways that our community can support you.

Take care,
Kristi Littell
CEO

PS: Transpasses for 7th & 8th graders were given out for the week of March 30th. Please make sure your child keeps it in a safe place at home.



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