

Family Update: Wednesday, 3-18-20

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Dear Families,

On behalf of all Wissahickon employees, we are thinking of you and hoping that everyone is healthy. In my home, we are working and learning, cooking and reading, taking walks, trying to be patient, watching more screens than we'd like to admit, and just doing our best each day. Sending you all love, deep breathing strategies, and a really affectionate elbow bump in this tough time.

I have a few announcements to share today.

- You can now find all of the emails I have sent out as well as additional resources on our website: <u>http://wissahickoncharter.org/covid-19-updates</u>. This is a brand new resource and we will continue to update it.
- Report card conferences are this week. Please take advantage of the time with your child's teacher.
- Philly Mutual Aid Network is a way to offer or receive help with your neighbors. See the link below to connect. <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/</u> <u>1FAIpQLScfKIHLhLMEyXyLFNwiJaegg9k3hXOtwCIXJ_kTjSCwi00K9g/viewform</u>
- Reliable internet is more important than ever right now. If you are in need of the internet, here are a few resources:

Xfinity Internet Essentials: With <u>Xfinity</u> Internet Essentials, qualifying households can get internet speeds up to 15 Mbps for \$9.95/mo.* With the program, there's no credit check, no contract and no installation fee. In-home Wi-Fi is included and participants have the option to <u>purchase a low-cost</u> <u>computer</u> for \$149.99 plus tax. You may qualify for Xfinity Internet Essentials if your child is eligible for the National School Lunch Program, you receive HUD housing assistance, you are a community college student in Colorado or Illinois or you are a low-income verified veteran or senior.

Verizon Lifeline: <u>https://www.verizon.com/support/residential/</u> account/manage-account/lifeline-discount

Lifeline is a government assistance program that offers discounts to qualified low-income customers

• I know one challenge is staying connected to others right now. Do you have pictures of your family at home-- learning, laughing, hanging out, anything? Send them in. We'd love to share them with our community!

All for now. Warmly, Kristi Kristi Littell, CEO --Kristina P. Littell CEO Wissahickon Charter School Make a gift to WCS!

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