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**Fernhill Family ZOOM Meeting; BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch to ZOOM)**  
**Friday, September 4, 2020, 12-1pm**

Come one, come all to hear about Fernhill's foxy priorities for this year, find out more details about learning support and talk with our leadership team! We'll also have some open chat time, if you have any questions after your 1-1 Zoom conferences with your child's teachers.

[LINK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2631 5071 Passcode: 47g38u

**Message from CEO**

**MATERIALS PICK UP IS SEPTEMBER 8TH-10TH FROM 9:00AM - 5:00PM. KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COME TUESDAY MORNING. ALL OTHER GRADES, PLEASE AVOID TUESDAY MORNING. SEE NOTE BELOW.**

Dear Families,

Thank you SO much for all of your engagement this week as we started the year with conferences. I hope the conversations were helpful to you in learning more about our virtual model. Just as importantly, I hope it was a good chance for you, your child, and the teacher to start to build a relationship.

Here are some important reminders to make sure we all have a strong start:

- School starts next week, Tuesday September 8th! Everyone should be in class starting at 8:30. If you have any questions about how to log on, please reach out to your child's teacher.
- **Plan to go to school anytime between 9:00-5:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of next week to pick up important materials for your child to start the year. Kindergarten families are strongly encouraged to pick up all materials & devices Tuesday morning. Kindergarten programming will begin Tuesday afternoon. All other grades - 1st-8th - please avoid coming Tuesday morning if at all possible. This will allow all Kindergarten families to pick up required supplies to start school Tuesday afternoon.**

- For more information on the Materials Pick Up, see the email that was sent out last week on Tuesday, September 1st. That email is also at the very bottom of this message.
- If you have a device from WCS that is having a problem, please contact our helpdesk: [helpis@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:helpis@wissahickoncharter.org).

Reach out with any questions. We're here to help and want to make sure you have everything you need!

Warmly,  
Kristi



### What to do to prepare for school on Tuesday.

#### **Make it special!**

Even in remote learning, you can still build up kids' excitement! Pick out something special to wear! Take pictures! Leave a note on their computer! It's a big new day.

K-3rd Grade

- Log on to SeeSaw (K-3) and start getting comfortable with the program. To access SeeSaw, use the students' new class code found in the password letter that was emailed to you.
- Teach your children how to log on to Zoom using the links in their SeeSaw page or schedule.
- Make sure their device has the following apps: SeeSaw, Zoom, Reading Horizons, Dreambox and Raz Kids (Epic in 3rd). See their password email for more info.
- Make sure your child has a quiet space to work, with room to write and complete work. Ideally, a desk or a table is best. Headphones really help as well. They should have their at-home supplies ready to go and organized.
- Bonus: Send in pictures of your child's remote learning area, so we can share them!

#### 4th-8th Grade

- Log on to Google Classroom and start getting comfortable with the program. To access Google Classroom, the students need to log in through their WCS email. Use the student's email & password found in the password letter that was emailed to you.
- Make sure your child has a quiet space to work, with room to write and complete work. Ideally a desk or a table is best. Headphones really help as well. They should have their at-home supplies ready to go and organized.
- Bonus: Send in pictures of your child's remote learning area, so we can share them!

## **\*NEW\* Updates**

### **Clubs and Tutoring**

Please sign your child up for any club(s) they are interested in for T1 [here](#). Clubs are optional from 3:30-4:15. Once your child is signed up, they are expected to attend weekly for the trimester. Tutoring is also optional from 3:30-4:15, and children can drop in as needed. This means that sign-up is also optional. However, if you know in advance that they will attend, please sign up [here](#).

### **Resources and Information From Our Counselors**

The City of Philadelphia's Access Centers are offering a safe place for children to learn digitally for parents/guardians who work outside the home and have no childcare support. Registration is required.

The staff at these centers:

- Supervise students during digital learning time.
- Provide meals.
- Run activities.

Please follow the website here: <https://www.phila.gov/programs/access-centers/> to find out more information and registration. Let your counselor know if you have any questions or need further support. For Fernhill, Counselor Ms. Aitiya [a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org), for Awbury, Counselor Ms. Abby [a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org).

### **8th Grade Families**

Welcome back! This is the final year and we're already preparing to help your students reach the next milestone. 8th Grade Classtag Classrooms have been created and if you haven't received an invite, you

should soon. This will be where your counselor will share information related to updates on high school applications. Also, our High School Matters webpage has a few updates so please check it out [here!](#)

### **Free Back-to-School Supplies**

Path to Greatness is holding a community Grab-N-Go for back to school supplies. Please check out the flyer [here](#) for more details. [Register Here](#) if you want to attend.

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## **Important Reminders**

September 1, 2020

Dear families,

We are asking that you come by school any time between the hours of 9:00AM- 5:00PM on September 8th through 10th to pick up materials that your child will need for this school year. You do **NOT** need to arrive early to get supplies-- there is plenty for everyone. As you approach the entrance to the school, please use the line markers that show where you should stand to ensure social distancing. Please only send one person into the building for every two students you have at WCS.

### **Please bring with you:**

- Your child's summer work to turn in
- Any WCS library books to return
- Any outstanding paperwork for the Front Office
- Any loaner devices from WCS that are having issues (SEE NOTE ON TECHNOLOGY BELOW)

### **Materials you will receive vary by grade but may include:**

- Hands on tools for Math
- Math workbooks
- Books (novels for whole classes to read)
- Art materials
- Phonics workbooks
- Composition books
- Chromebook (Kindergarten only)
- And MORE!

### **Keeping our community safe:**

- You and we are required to wear masks (covering nose and mouth)
- We will screen for COVID symptoms
- Required use of hand sanitizer at entrance
- Social distancing will be mandated
- There will be one way traffic in the building. Please take note of the direction to move in, through, and out of the building.
- We will limit the number of people in the building at any given time.

Warmly,  
Kristi

### **Meal Distribution Overview**

WCS is pleased to announce that we will be providing Breakfast and Lunch for Curbside Pickup at our schools while we are in our fully remote learning phase. These meals will be available to all WCS

students. A flyer containing the details can be found [here](#).

### **Follow Wissahickon Charter on Social Media**

Follow WCS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important school updates and to see student learning and fun in action! And don't be shy- we love it when you like, comment, and share our posts!

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