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Back To School Weekly Wissahickon 9/4/2020

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Wissahickon
CHARTER SCHOOL

TUESDAY is the FIRST Day of School!
Everyone should log on at 8:30 AM. Can't wait to see you!
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. A reminder that EVERY WCS student will get a device but we are still waiting on the shipment. You will be notified once you can pick those up.
- Please make sure you have signed up with your phone number for CLASS TAG. This will be how WCS and your child's teacher communicate with you.
- If you have a device from WCS that is having a problem, please contact our helpdesk: 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



A Message from Ms Kate and Ms Polite

We miss you all! We are excited to see you in the Zoom Room on Tuesday and look forward to an amazing year. While the year may be tough, we know, we all are TOUGHER! We got this! We appreciate all of the families for your flexibility and dedication.

What to do to prepare for school on Tuesday

K- 3rd Grade

- Please make sure your child has logged on to SeeSaw (K-3) and has started getting comfortable with the programs. To access SeeSaw, you need the students' new class code found in their password letter that was emailed to you.
- Teach your children how to log on to zoom using the links in their SeeSaw page.
- 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. Send in pictures of your child's remote learning area so we can share them!

4th-8th Grade

- Please make sure your child has logged on to Google Classroom and has started getting comfortable with the programs. To access Google Classroom, the students need to log in through their WCS email. The password for all WCS emails were reset to *wc123abc*.
- 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. Send in pictures of your child's remote learning area so we can share them!

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](#)!

Specials in the Park starts September 16th

Please see [here](#) for more info. Next week's Weekly Wissahickon will include a link for signing up for the week!

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.

1. Director of School Operations and Food Service Vendor (Lintons) has designated (2) days for meal pickup.
 - Mondays and Thursdays

- Due to the holiday, the first meal distribution date is Thursday, September 10th
- 2. The timeframe will be 11AM-2PM.
- 3. Using safe distancing practices – Meals will be available for pick-up outside of the school building, using a curbside pick up process.
- Monday Pickups: Families will receive breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Thursday Pickups: Families will receive breakfast and lunch for Friday and Monday

Directions for picking up meals:

1. Upon arrival at the school, the family will call the Food Service Coordinator (FSC), and provide the first and last name of all students who will receive meals on that day.
 - Awbury families will call 215-983-0604
 - Fernhill families will call 267-273-3304
2. A staff member will then go to the cafeteria, retrieve the set amount of pre-bagged breakfasts & lunches while the parent pulls up to the Gym doors at Awbury or the MS Commons doors at Fernhill. The bags will be loaded into the car by the staff member. The parent will exit through the rear parking lot of the school. There will be signs present to help guide the parent through.
3. Students/Guardians/Parents may not exit their vehicles. This will deter the natural inclination for students who may wish to interact with any staff persons.

Special Note: Families will be allowed to drop off used library books. The library books should be placed in a bag, and given to the staff member once the food has been placed in the car.



Our Foodservice Program

- With your school's leaders has implemented the best plan for serving your students
- Will continue to provide nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch
- Has established grab-and-go meals at easily accessible pickup stations

Your School's Meal Pickup Information

Location/s: **815 Washington Ln, Philadelphia, P 19138**

Day/s: **Monday & Thursday**

Time/s: **11:00am-2:00pm**

Our Commitment to You

Lintons' top priority is the safety and the well-being of our associates and those we serve. We recognize the concerns about COVID-19 and want to keep you updated on what we are doing to provide safe foodservice environments for students, families, and staff at your school.

Training

Associates have received additional training on enhanced operation standards and the use of personal protective equipment, and additional signage reinforces new procedures.

Face Covering & Glove Use

Associates wear face coverings at all times and use disposable gloves during operating procedures, which are replaced frequently throughout the day.

Staff Wellness

We educate all of our associates on behaviors that reduce transmission and perform daily COVID checks. Associates not feeling well are instructed to stay home and obtain medical clearance before returning to work.

Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing during food preparation and serving is our standard safety measure. Additional hand washing protocols have been implemented, and hand sanitizer stations have been strategically placed.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

In addition to our extensive daily cleaning procedures, we have added anti-bacterial wipes to easily disinfect all high-touch areas for added protection.

Social Distancing

Lintons associates abide by all social distance requirements whenever possible and implement delivery staging areas to prevent clustering.

Remote Learning Schedules by Grade

Please click on the link below for each of your students to see their schedule for remote learning.

[Kindergarten and 1st Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[2nd Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[3rd Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[4th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[5th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[6th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[7th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[8th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Community Resources

Childcare, Activities, and Meal Resource List

Please check out [this list](#) of support and resources for families in Philadelphia. For questions email WCS AfterSchool Program Director, Melissa Pendleton at m.pendleton@wissahickoncharter.org.

Free City Childcare

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. To reach the Awbury Counselor, Ms. Abby a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org

Mighty Writers Workshops on Zoom

All Wissahickon youth are welcome, and all programs are completely free to families! <https://mightywriters.org/workshops/?location=MW+at+Home&cake=none>

LAST WEEK'S EMAIL ABOUT MATERIAL PICK UP

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



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