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## Weekly Wissahickon 09-11-2020

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### Message from CEO

Dear Families,

What a week! Thank you to everyone who came out for Materials Pick Up and to all of the students. It was exciting to see you again and to see your enthusiasm for being back together. Thanks also to everyone for their patience as we deal with the inevitable technical glitches that come with a fully remote model.

Here's some important information for this week:

- If you did not go to school for the Materials Pick Up, make a plan now to drop by next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9:00am-3:00pm. The front office can hand out the materials that were given out this week.
- We are hopeful that we will have all new technology for everyone in about a month but this situation is very much outside of our control. **In the meantime, if you do NOT have any kind of device other than a phone on which to access our program, you must reach out to us immediately so we can troubleshoot with you. Please contact Ishmell Bradley at [helpis@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:helpis@wissahickoncharter.org). Copy Ms. Rebecca at [rbenarroch@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:rbenarroch@wissahickoncharter.org) on this email as well so we are all in the loop. Again, while a phone will allow your child to get on Zoom, it is not appropriate for the kinds of platforms we are using now.**
- See below for more information about Meal Distribution.
- See below for a description of our Zoom norms.

Warmly,

Kristi

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### Meal Distribution

WCS 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. Meal Pickup days are Mondays and Thursdays, 11AM-2PM. For families who are not able to pick up meals on our days and

times, please know you can pick up meals at a School District of Philadelphia site closer to your home on Fridays 9AM-2PM. The list of participating sites can be found [here](#).

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.
  - a. Awbury families will call 215-983-0604
  - b. 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.**

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## School-Wide Zoom Norms

### You need to be able to Listen, See & Speak

#### Zoom Norms

- Video on and eyes on screen (Permission to be off camera can be messaged privately or use of a virtual screen to allow privacy)
- Muted when not speaking
- Face is fully visible in the screen
- Focused conversation (to content) in the chat box, or chat box may get turned off
- Raise hand to be called on before unmuting
- Do not draw/annotate on the screen during academic time or share without permission
- Bathroom use: turn off camera and leave your laptop or tablet. Write a note in the chat to the teacher

#### Work Space

- Try to find a quiet space to be or use headphones
- Materials on hand
- Appropriate school dress
- Location that supports working/writing/typing (a table or desk where you can write/type easily is best; lying down in your bed is not appropriate)

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

### **Absence Notes**

We have created one easy location for parents to submit absence notes. Please email absence notes to [fattendance@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:fattendance@wissahickoncharter.org).

### **NearPod**

There has been some confusion about Nearpod. Students don't have an individual Nearpod account.

Nearpod access and codes are provided by the teacher. This information is available in Google classroom when applicable.

### [Black is Beautiful Initiative](#)

WCS is celebrating black history each week through our Black is Beautiful Facts. Each Friday our classes will end morning meeting with a different "Black is Beautiful Facts". These facts will highlight the beauty of our history and not just the oppression. Facts that highlight our intelligence, creativity, freedom and the progression and forward movement towards equality. We would like to also share these facts with you each week as well. This week's highlight is from our K-1 grades.

Fact: Ruby Bridges was the first African American child to attend an all white school. Important Date: 11/14/1960

### [Pandemic Learning Center](#)

JNH GROUP ENTERPRISE LLC in partnership with the Jones Temple Church of God In Christ is now offering a Pandemic Learning Center for grades K-5 offering students a fun and safe environment to complete their school work. At the center, there will be full time tutors to help ensure that all students are completing their work. For more information, click [here](#). Discount information can be found [here](#).

### [Weekend Family Fun](#)

Jurassic Quest is the only Dinosaur event that has true to life size dinosaurs. From the very small, to the very very largest dinosaurs. Jurassic Quest has over 80 true to life size dinosaurs in each of it's 2 events. In collaboration with Drive-Thru Philadelphia it will take place at the Wells Fargo Center from September 4-13th 2020. <https://www.jurassicquest.com/events/drive-thru-oaks>

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## [Important Reminders](#)

### [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](#).

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