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## Awbury Weekly Wissahickon 10/1/2020

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Dear Families,

I hope this email finds you well! I am so proud of our community. Each day we are seeing strong attendance from students and our employees are all working so hard to make everything run smoothly. I don't have many messages for you this week. I want you to take note of a new feature on Voting that will be in this newsletter weekly through the election. I also want to remind you to reach out with any struggles, questions, or good news you may have. We're here to hear all of it!

Warmly,

Kristi

**Important dates:**

**Friday October 2nd - School closed for professional development**

**Weekly Reports This Week**

Because of our short school week, teachers will not be sending weekly reports this Friday. They will start back next Friday, October 9th.

**Update on Meal Distribution**

WCS is pleased to announce that starting Monday, October 5th, any student in Philadelphia (18 years of age or under) will be able to get meals from our schools.

Also beginning, Monday October 5th we will begin to have raffle prizes with Meal Distribution. See the flyer below for more details.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

Zoom Back to School Night will be **Thursday, October 8th at 6:00.**

Come hear more about our Remote Learning Program, how to best support your children, and let us know how things are going.

6:00 Session 1

6:45 Session 2 (repeat of first session for people with multiple children)

7:30 Stations: Mindfulness and Stress Reduction for Parents, Special Education, Specialists, Google Classroom, SeeSaw, Tech help

More details will be sent out next week including all links.

### **Voting Corner**

- If you previously applied for a mail-in ballot, you can check the status [here](#). The City of Philadelphia began sending ballots to applicants this week.
- If you have not already applied to vote by mail (or if you have not registered to vote), remember that you can register, apply for a mail-in ballot, and submit your ballot in one stop at one of the city's satellite locations. You can also use these sites to drop off a completed ballot if you already received yours in the mail or to request a replacement ballot if yours never arrived. [Here](#) is a list of currently open locations, as well as those that will open in the coming weeks. Find a location near you and make a plan!
- When filling out your ballot, make sure you follow all directions to submit your ballot. Your ballot will come with two envelopes, a secrecy envelope and an outer envelope. You need to use both to ensure your vote will be counted. Completed ballots need to be placed inside the secrecy envelope first and then the secrecy envelope inside the outer envelope, which needs to be signed and dated. This [video on mail-in ballots](#) from the PA Department of State is a useful resource and outlines all the steps you need to take to for your vote to count.
- While the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the possibility of rising cases in colder weather is certainly a reason to consider taking advantage of early voting at the city's satellite offices, you can find a current list of proposed locations for in-person voting on Election Day [here](#). Your polling place may be different from where you have voted in previous years, so be sure to check!
- If you already have a plan to vote, don't forget to make sure your friends and family do, too! If you are looking to volunteer, there are lots of great organizations to look into, including [When We All Vote](#).

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT @ WCS for 2021-2022 School Year**

Starting on September 25, 2020, anyone interested in applying to our school for the 2021-22 school year can easily apply by going to [applyphillycharter.org](https://applyphillycharter.org) on their phone, tablet or computer, and following these simple steps:

- If you don't already have an account on [applyphillycharter.org](https://applyphillycharter.org), create an account using your email address
- Fill out your family profile
- Click Apply for September 2021
- Select the box next to Wissahickon Charter School
- Submit the application

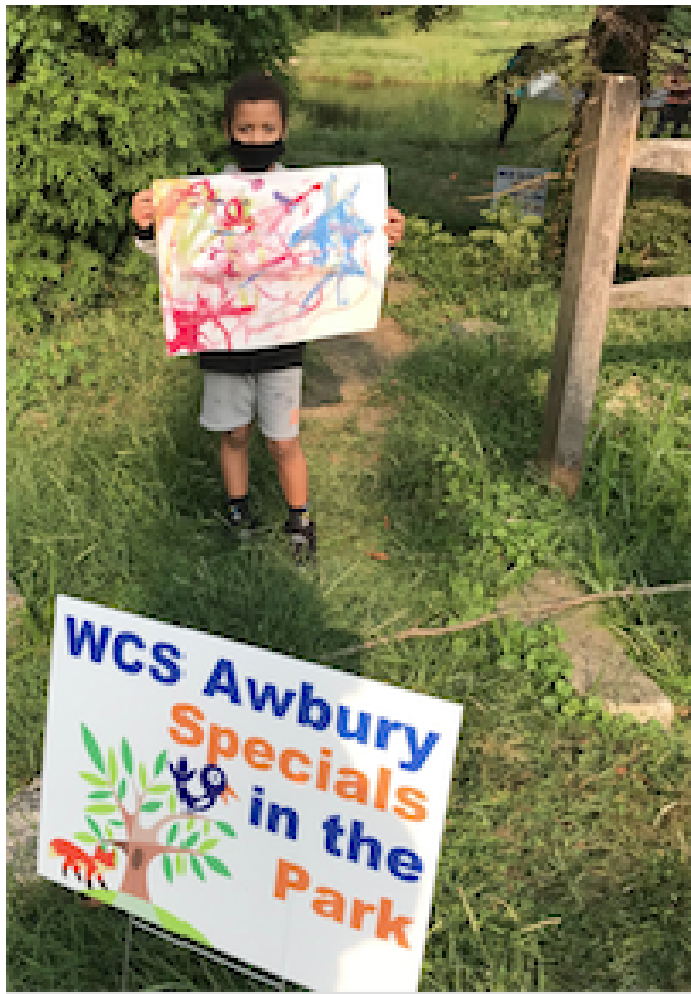
***If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter.*** At the end of the application, you will be asked if your child has a sibling already attending Wissahickon Charter School. Just provide the current student's name and birthdate. **The application window closes on January 25, 2022.**

 [One-pager for families 2021-22 - ENGLISH.pdf](#)

 [Timeline 2021-22 Graphic.pdf](#)

### **Specials in the Park**

**Specials in the Park Registration is live for  
October 7, 8 & 9!**



Registration for Specials in the Park is now live on Eventbrite as of 12pm today!  
[Click here to register.](#)

THIS WEEK ONLY! Our Wednesday 10/7 3:30 - 4:30 session will feature

special guests from the [Philly Goat Project!](#)



Students who sign up for this session will see the world premiere of a play by Wissahickon students and their goat friends, as well as take the goats for a walk in the arboretum. Please make sure you are aware of this change when signing up for this session.

Other important Updates - PLEASE READ!

- We have changed a few session times to make Specials in the Park more accessible. Thursday sessions will now be from 2:30-3:30 and 4:00-5:00.
- Middle school students who miss their core classes by coming to Specials in the Park are required to make up assignments. If possible, choose times that students will not miss their core academic classes (usually after 2:00).

If your student has not yet attended Specials in the Park, please be sure to fill out a [permission slip](#) for them. (If your student has attended before, we have their slip on file and don't need another one!)

For more information (and a map of where to meet us), [check out our FAQ!](#) Or reach out to us on ClassTag.

## **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](mailto:m.pendleton@wissahickoncharter.org).

### **Philadelphia Rental Assistance**

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is currently accepting applications for Phase 2. This is for families who need rental assistance because of loss of income due to COVID-19. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first serve basis. Check out their website at <https://phlrentassist.org>

### **Free City Childcare**

The city is providing some childcare support for families as school starts. You can learn more about this at the [City of Philadelphia website](#). This is being provided by students in K-6th grades who need child care five days a week. Space is limited and registration in advance is required.

## **Lower School News**

### **\*Student Materials in Fox Backpacks\***

We are starting to use the materials in student bags regularly. Please make sure wherever your student is working for the day (daycare, grandmas.etc), they have their backpacks with all their materials with them. Without them, it's hard to fully participate in what the class is doing, whether they're reading a novel from the bag, putting their answers on the whiteboard, or using a Math tool. Helpful tip: old socks make great erasers for the boards! Thanks!

### **Reading Small Groups**

All grades have now started their small group Reading time. Some students have 1-2 small group sessions a day and some students have a few each week. These sessions are **really** where students will learn to read. Some students have been confused about the schedule or haven't been attending these afternoon sessions. Please make sure your children know when they should come to small groups. K-3 families can check the students SeeSaw for information. 4th grade small group times are on Google Classroom. This is one of their MOST important times of day.

### **Headphones**

Headphones are a great way to make sure that your children can hear class clearly and that when they come off mute to answer a question that we can really hear them. Any headset with a mic works well. [Here](#) is a great one for \$15 on Amazon.

## **Middle School News**

### **8th Grade Families**

Attention 8th Grade Families from Your School Counselors:

High school applications will open on September 18, 2020 - November 6, 2020.

**The High School Advising meetings are beginning October 12th -**

**30th.** You should have received a message in ClassTag with the conference schedule. Please sign up for a time that works for you. Students and parents are expected to attend the meeting together. We will not be able to complete any applications without the parent(s). Please do not complete this application alone. We will meet via Zoom and do it together. We do this to make sure that all of the required information and extra documents are ready and in the right place before submitting. Parents, please make sure that you and your child have at least 5 district schools picked prior to your scheduled conference in order to complete the application. This does not include Charter Schools or Private Schools. Please see [THIS](#) document for some examples of the types of High Schools or visit [www.greatphillyschools.org](http://www.greatphillyschools.org) to research different high schools in Philadelphia. [This list](#) (first 2 tabs) gives a quick view of all citywide and special admission schools in the District. Also, be on the lookout for more information from us regarding this year's High School Virtual Fair. We will share dates and times once we know. Please feel free to email Mrs. Abby (Awbury) at [a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions or concerns.

**The Virtual Philly High School fair has launched!!** <https://www.phillyhighschoolfair.com>

Please go visit and check out some virtual tours of high schools around the city!! Also, under “Upcoming Events” you can search for Virtual/In-Person open houses as well as other activities to speak directly with school representatives. Mr. Will and I will also be reviewing it with students next week in Guidance class.

### **The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**

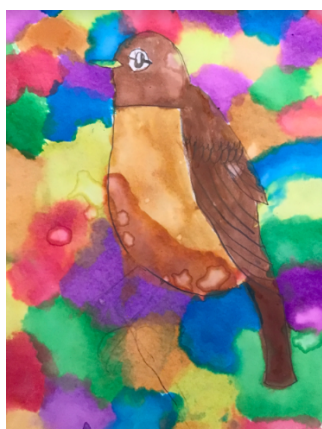
Calling all students with vision and ambition! The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is finally here at Wissahickon. Parents and students are welcome to join Ms. Langham **Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 pm** for an interest meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84815250105?pwd=WkRMNzd2WDErVE1veEJXamlZejlXQT09> Meeting ID: 848 1525 0105

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**Watercolor birds:** students practiced drawing different types of birds and applied our watercolor skills to paint them. Check out the paintings by our 6th grade students.

**Anyae Stevens**



**Chloe Lewis**







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