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## Awbury Weekly Wissahickon 11/13/2020

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### ***A Message From Dean Kristi:***

Dear Families,

Everyday we get more news about how Covid-19 is spreading through our region. CHOP has released guidance asking schools in our area to go into fully virtual models if they aren't already (see [article](#)). They characterize our city's rates of infection as "catastrophic" and our Department of Health has said that the number of cases far exceeds their ability to effectively do contact tracing.

At Wissahickon, we have been offering a fully remote model with a few opportunities for in person contact and I have felt good about the safety precautions we have used to make those possible. Still, we can't ignore that we are operating within the larger context of a city in crisis.

We are making a few shifts immediately to allow for greater safety in this dangerous time. **Please see the important message from our Director of School Operations, Tiffany Days-Harris, which shares new hours of operation for our buildings, materials pick up, and food distribution.**

**Further, we are suspending all in-person meet ups for the foreseeable future until the virus is more contained. This means that Kindergarten Forest Days on Fridays, as well as Specials in the Park by our Awbury Specialists will stop immediately.** I'm sorry to share this news. I know that our students, families, and staff have so valued the chance to be together safely. Know that we plan to start these up again as soon as the virus is more contained. Stay tuned for more news about the plan for remote Specials on Wednesday-Friday.

I hope you have had a peaceful week, perhaps celebrating history in the making as our first Black, Asian, Female Vice-President was elected. Representation matters and it makes me hopeful for our future.

Take care,  
Kristi

### ***Message From Tiffany Days-Harris Director of School Operations:***

As Dean Kristi mentioned above for the safety of everyone, beginning Monday, November 16th the following changes will go into effect:

#### **Meals Distribution**

Meals will now only be distributed on **Mondays from 8am-6pm**. Families will receive a meal kit for the week that will now include hot entrees (see pictures below) that can be reheated. Please continue to follow the Meal Pick up procedures as outlined outside the school.

 Hot Meals Pic # 2.jpg  Hot Meal Pic # 1.jpg

#### **Material Pickups**

Material Pickups will now occur **every Monday from 8AM-6PM**. Your child's teacher will alert you via ClassTag if you need to pick up anything for your student that week. The timeframe has been extended to allow families who work

an opportunity to pick up much needed items. During this time families can also grab meals. Bins for book returns will be outside every Monday during this timeframe for families to return books.

### **Front Office**

The Front Office will *only* be open to the public on **Mondays, from 9am-3pm**. Please email the Front Office staff if you need any support outside those times. AW- [t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org)

Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we all navigate through these challenging times together!

Tiffany Days-Harris  
Director of School Operations

### **Attendance**

If your child will be absent, late or you need to send in a note or any documentation pertaining to attendance please do not send them to your child's teacher. Please email all correspondence and documentation to [aw.attendance@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:aw.attendance@wissahickoncharter.org)

### **Trimester 1 Report Card Family Feedback Request <Action Required> "Please complete survey by November 20th"**

As partners in your student's education, we are asking for your feedback to help us develop a total picture of your child as we wrap up Trimester 1 and write report cards. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability to help us do so.

If you have more than one student, please complete one form for each child.

[REPORT CARD FEEDBACK SURVEY HERE](#)

### **CARES Champions!**

***Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!***

### **K-5**

***Kindergarten: Bahari Boyd*** brings amazing energy to our class each day. He

is always willing to be vulnerable when he participates and shares about how to be a great person and friend. He loves Forest School and is always ready to explore when we get there. Bahari is an amazing addition to our class! Keep up the great work!

**4th Grade: Zaria Wilson** is an active and thoughtful participant in our zoom classes. She goes above and beyond on all of her classwork responses and is currently publishing an amazing realistic fiction story. On top of this, Zaria goes out of her way to help others, even going into breakout rooms to help other students complete their work. Thanks for your awesomeness Zaria!

**6-8**

**7th Grade: Damon Allen** has been doing an awesome job during virtual learning! He's been showing assertion by emailing teachers for help and academic excellence by keeping up with his work and having all As and Bs. He's also always bringing a smile to class that is infectious!

### **Just Say Yes with Vetri Community!**

Vetri Community Partnership is excited to bring Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables workshops to our school communities. JSY will be offered as a live cooking series for adults.

Check out the flyer. If you would like to join please use the QR code or join Vetri via Zoom. Here is the actual Zoom link- [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocOqgpzouGNS12CIYzQmfkmlNMZljoA31](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAocOqgpzouGNS12CIYzQmfkmlNMZljoA31)



*Join us for a*

**Just Say Yes to  
Fruits & Vegetables**

*20-minute Cooking Demo*

**Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 12 pm**  
 November 9th: Fiber  
 November 12th: Portion Size  
 November 16th: Meal Planning  
 November 19th: Beans

**Use this link to join us via Zoom.**



[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAocQqgpzouGNS12CIYzQmfkmlNMZjjoA31](https://zoom.us/join/9152554647)

## Middle School News

### **Upcoming Excitement with Outward Bound!!**

Starting on Friday, November 6th and continuing Friday, November 13th, 20th and Monday, November 23rd, the Middle School will be partnering with Outward Bounds virtual programming!! The sessions will be focused on supporting the ongoing community-building/peer connection goals of the school, providing a space for students to engage in a manner that supports our Social Emotional Learning curriculum and providing students with a space to work through the progression of activities that support the growth and connection with their peers and teachers!! Sessions are from 8:45-10:00 and are mandatory. As we prepare for these sessions, please read through the attached Statement of Understanding and Consent.

[Here](#) is the link with the Statement of Understanding and Consent.





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