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## Weekly Wissahickon 11-13-2020

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Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 9:21 AM

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All School Celebration Today at 1:30pm!!!

K-5 with DJ Ms. Chamaine: <https://zoom.us/j/5109505197>

Password: fox

6-8 with DJ Mr. Will: <https://zoom.us/j/96952883585>

Password: fox

\*Remember to wear your wacky outfit!

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### Message from CEO

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 Meet Ups on Fridays, as well as Fernhill Hikes 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.

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 Director of School Operations](#)

Dear Families,

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.

#### 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)

FH- [t.sumner@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:t.sumner@wissahickoncharter.org)

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

Tiffany



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

### **Weekly reports and grade updates for week of Nov 16-20**

Families, teachers will be working on final grades for the end of the trimester, so there won't be weekly reports or grade updates next Friday, Nov 20th.

### **Reminder: Cameras ON**

As of yesterday, each and every Wissahickon student has had the chance to pick up a new tablet or Chromebook with a working camera. So... **we are requiring that students' cameras are ON when teachers need them on for students' participation.** Please contact your child's teacher if an exception needs to be made for Wi-Fi or other reasons.

### **Trimester 1 Family Feedback Request <please complete 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.

[FEEDBACK SURVEY HERE](#)

### **Trimester 1 Report Card Conferences, Dec 9th-11th**

On these days, your children will have required Morning Meeting from 8:30-9, and asynchronous work for the rest of the days. You'll receive links to sign up for conferences soon. This will allow conferences to be longer and not rushed, as well as allow families of 5th-8th graders to meet with more than one teacher.

### **After School Club Update**

We are no longer continuing the rap & music club for K-2 on Thursdays due to low attendance. In its place we will be starting a social justice club. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Vetri Community Partnership**

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. See [here](#) for more info.

### **Black is Beautiful Initiative**

This week's Black is Beautiful fact is from our 2nd-3rd grades

**Fact:** Octavia Butler was an prominent and award winning African-American science fiction author.

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**Student Spotlight:** Charmed by AYKO is a personalized jewelry company started by 10 year old Amiyah Y. Key Ogawa during a time when creativity had become her way to cope. During a short period of time, Amiyah experienced what many do not within a lifetime. On top of the stressors of a global pandemic, Amiyah endured several other traumatic experiences including the loss of some close family members. Searching for an outlet, Amiyah turned to making jewelry...but not just any jewelry, these pieces are things to be remembered! As a token of love and remembrance, Charmed by AYKO hand makes photo charms so that you can keep your loved ones close. The jewelry includes inspirational quotes and other special touches that give meaning to each and every piece. Charmed by AYKO is here to inspire and ensure that those that we love are never forgotten!

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**\*Facebook: Ayko Charmed**

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**Bling Chains \$20**  
Color option: Gold, Silver, Black and Rose Gold  
\$5 up charge for snake chain only available in gold and silver

**Leather Photo Bracelets \$12**  
Colors: Black, Brown, Blue, Dark/light Pink

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## Important Reminders

### Absences Due to Tech Issues

Families, if you are experiencing tech issues (i.e. trouble logging in, lost internet connection, etc.) please be sure to communicate that tech issue *in the moment* to [helpis@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:helpis@wissahickoncharter.org) to receive assistance and/or to have your child's attendance excused if needed. Copies of the emails sent to [helpis@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:helpis@wissahickoncharter.org) will serve as proof of your child's attempted attendance on that day.

### Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2021-22 SY

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. The application is open now and will close January 25, 2022. Click [here](#) to apply.

### 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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## Important Dates

Friday, 11/13 MS Outward Bound 10:45am -12pm

Wednesday, 11/18 WCS Board meeting 6:30pm-8:30pm

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