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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

As I write this note on Thursday, we still do not know the results of our presidential election. Know that I'm thinking of our community as we all wait on the news of who will lead our country for the next four years. One thing I'm certain of is that regardless of the outcome, our community's values and priorities will stay focused on racial justice, conflict resolution, the environment, learning, partnership, mutual respect, and love.

Couple of items to note this week:

- As we all know, Covid-19 is spreading more rapidly in our area and families are suffering with a wide array of needs. This [link](#) outlines what the city has to offer in terms of support for healthy and safety, food access, housing, and more.
- Please remember to wear a mask when in public or when with people outside of your own household. I know that lots of us changed our behavior this past summer, showing more openness to be with others because cases were dropping. Unfortunately, as the cases are rising, our behavior must shift again.
- One last health item-I want to encourage our community to get flu vaccines. Almost all drug stores can give them on a walk-in basis for free with most insurance.

Take care,

Kristi

***NEW* Updates**

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 to receive assistance and/or to have your child's attendance excused if needed. Copies of the emails sent

to helpis@wissahickoncharter.org will serve as proof of your child's attempted attendance on that day.

4th-8th Grade Harry Potter Movie Club!

Join Mrs. Wright Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm to watch the full Harry Potter movie series. We will meet for 16 Thursdays and watch approximately half a film per session. These films are rated PG & PG 13 so the attached permission slip needs to be sent back to me. You may either print it and send me a picture of it or emailing me permission (L.Wright@wissahickoncharter.org) with all of the information necessary on the slip. Once I receive your permission I will send you the zoom information so your child can attend. Super excited to share my love for these books and movies with you.

The dates we will be meeting are:

11/12/20, 11/19/20, 12/3/20, 12/10/20, 12/17/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21, 1/28/21, 2/4/21, 2/11/21, 2/18/21, 2/25/21, 3/4/21, 3/11/21, 3/18/21, 3/25/21, 4/8/21, 4/15/21

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Starts Monday for Middle School

Some interested 8th graders will meet with teachers Monday afternoon to think about how to lead a remote GSA for middle schoolers. This is meant to be a safe space for kids who identify as LGBTQ + allies to talk, get support as needed, and have fun. Staff leaders are Ms. Revell, Ms. Levine, Ms. Kim, Ms. Rebecca. Feel free to contact Ms. Rebecca for more info.

Special Middle School Outward Bound Zooms Start Today!

Families, [here](#) is a contract for you for your child to participate in special Outward Bound team building sessions on Nov 6, 13, 20 and 23 (last date = Monday). Students will get the links then from their teachers. You do NOT need to sign anything, but please email Ms. Rebecca if you have any questions or concerns. Also, ALL middle school students will be on Zooms till 12 noon on these Fridays.

Black is Beautiful Initiative

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

Fact: Bessie Coleman was the first African American woman to earn a Thurgood Pilot's license and fly an airplane.

Important Date: 1922

WACKY MISMATCH DANCE PARTY

**CELEBRATING ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK, JOIN US
AS WE DRESS UP IN OUR WACKIEST MISMATCHING
OUTFITS AND DANCE OUR FRIDAY
AFTERNOON AWAY!!!!**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2020 @ 1:30PM

LINKS WILL BE SENT OUT SOON



It's that time of the month again, the all school celebration will take place next Friday November 13th, at 1:30pm. Join us as we dress up in our wackiest mismatching outfits and dance our Friday afternoon away!!! K-5 will be with DJ Ms. Bree and 6-8th will be with DJ Mr. Will. Links will go out on Monday, November 9th so please keep an eye out for them. See you next Friday in those wacky outfits!!!

Important Reminders

Materials Pick-up Next Week

For 3rd-8th grade students: Mon, Nov 9, Tues, Nov 10, and Thurs, Nov 12, 9am-3pm
(NO pick up on Veterans Day, Wed)

Your Chromebooks will be ready!

All 3rd-8th families can pick up Chromebooks! Please make your appointment [HERE](#).

*** If you have a device to return, please bring it and the charger when you pick up the new device. If you cannot bring the old one for any reason, the deadline to return first round devices is Monday, November 16. ***

*** Special request that 3rd grade families pick up just on Thursday, Nov 12th to allow for set-up of 3rd graders' computers.***

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

BEFORE YOU COME FOR MATERIAL PICKUPS:

For the health and safety of everyone we are asking that you self-check *before* you come to one of our schools. If you are experiencing or have experienced any of the following within the past 14 days: fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, lost of smell, lost of taste, chills or body aches, PLEASE STAY HOME. Arrangements can be made for you to pick up your child's supplies at another time.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR MATERIAL PICKUPS:

A member of our staff will do a temp check and ask you the following questions when you arrive at the school. We will also provide a pump of sanitizer, and provide a well-fitted face mask if needed.

1. Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days: sore throat, cough, chills, body aches for unknown reasons, shortness of breath for unknown reasons, loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, headache
2. Have you or anyone in your household had a fever at or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit or had to take fever meds in the past 14 days?
3. Is anyone in your household sick?
4. Have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
5. Have you or anyone in your household traveled outside PA in the past 14 days?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you will not be able to enter our schools at that time.

Resource for Talking About Injustice & Protests with Young Kids

[Here it is.](#)

Recess Club

We are offering a yoga club for 4th & 5th graders with Ms. Christine. Yoga will be every Tuesday from 12-12:30 (don't worry, you'll still have time for lunch!) and it is drop-in, just like our regular recesses. No need to sign up or bring anything, just wear comfy clothing! [Here](#) is the link, and it is shared on Classtag as well.

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!

Important Dates

Friday, 11/6 MS Outward Bound 10:45am -12pm

Saturday, 11/7: Hiking Meet up @ Bluebell Meadow 10-11am

Wednesday, 11/11 Veteran's Day School is **Closed**

Thursday, 11/12: Hiking Meet up @ Bluebell Meadow 4-5pm



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