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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

I'm sure we all have a lot on our minds, hearts, and shoulders this week as our city grieves and protests and prepares for the election, as well as the aftermath of the election. I hope you are all finding ways to care for yourselves and those you love. If you are having a particularly hard time, please reach out to us at school. We may not be able to offer anything concrete to help, but you never know and then at least we can be a partner.

I hope everyone in our community has already voted or has a plan to vote next Tuesday. **Remember that school is closed on Election Day. We will open for students at 10:00 on Wednesday, November 4th. Please join the class you have regularly at 10:00 at that time.**

Some good news - our new Chromebooks have finally arrived! Mr. Ish and Mr. Mike are busy working on unpacking them and getting them configured. Keep an eye out for information about our distribution process. **You will get a special message about computer & materials pick-up, with sign-ups TODAY. All** 3rd-8th graders will receive a Chromebook from the school - just like all K-2 have new iPads.

Finally, as the city's Covid-19 case counts are going up rapidly, please stay committed to safety precautions. I know many of us are feeling weary of the new norms of life with the virus, but I encourage everyone in our community to observe recommended safety precautions of wearing a mask and social distancing.

Peace,

Kristi

***NEW* Updates**

Sorry for Zoom Limit on Today's 3rd-8th Assembly!

We thought we could host up to 500 participants, but our account didn't let us. To the students who couldn't get in- we'll fix it for next time, and we missed you!

Congratulations to all students who earned the Trimester 1 Celebration!

This is definitely the hardest year to do it, and we have more kids than ever tuning in and showing their best. Keep it up! [Here's the full list!](#)

Resource for Talking About Injustice & Protests with Young Kids

[Here it is.](#)

Special Middle School Outward Bound Zooms Start Next Friday, November 6

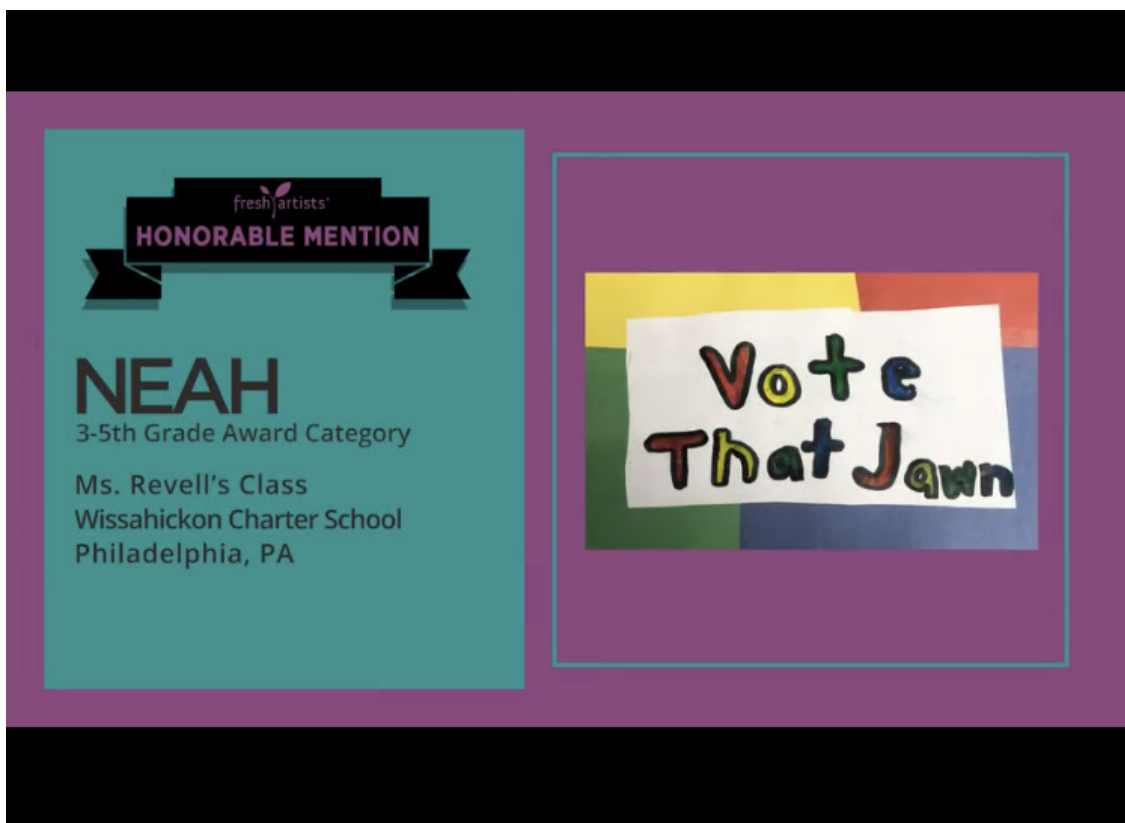
Families, [here](#) is a contract for you for your child to participate in special Outward Bound team building sessions on Nov 6, 13, 20 and 23 (last date = Monday). Students will get the links then from their teachers. You do NOT need to sign anything, but please email Ms. Rebecca if you have any questions 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 6th-8th grades.

Fact: Vicente Guerrero-First black President in North America. The second president of the Republic of Mexico

Important Date: 1829



I'm writing with some exciting news: 5th and 6th grade participated in an art contest this year for Fresh Artists (www.freshartists.org), a local Philly organization. The art contest was to design a logo for Vote That Jawn (www.votethatjawn.com), an organization that encourages young people to vote. Out of the hundreds of designs that were sent in by Philadelphia students, our 5th grader Neah Long's design won an honorable mention for the 3rd-5th grade category!!!! Go Neah!!!! 🏆

Ms. Revell

Important Reminders

8th Grade Families (LAST WEEK!)

Please remember to schedule your students' high school interviews if applicable. If the student does not attend a required interview, the student will automatically be disapproved for that school. Contact Ms. Aitiya at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or 267-482-0578 if you have any questions or help to schedule the interview(s).

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.

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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!

Over the past few weeks, this space has been filled to the brim with information. For this final edition before Tuesday's election, we will try to keep things short(-ish) and sweet.

- **VOTE** in-person on Tuesday. You can find your polling place [here](#). Be sure to bring your mask if you have one, but single-use masks will be available to anyone who needs them.
- **VOTE** with a mail-in ballot if you have one, but don't mail it! Instead, [use a dropbox or go to a satellite election office](#). A mail-in ballot received by 8pm on Election Day ([signed and placed in the proper envelopes](#)) will be counted despite current court challenges to late-arriving ballots. If you requested a mail-ballot and never received it, the satellite offices are still able to print a new ballot for you on the spot.
- **VOTE** the way that works for you. If you have a mail-in ballot but want to vote in person, be sure to bring your ballot and both envelopes to surrender them at your polling location. Be mindful of others waiting in line and go during off-peak hours (after 9:00am and before 5:00pm) if your schedule is flexible.
- **VOTE** and don't let anyone stop you. If you experience or witness voter intimidation at the polls, you can call the Philadelphia District Attorney's Election Task Force Hotline (215-686-9641) to report any issues. Read more about your rights at the polls [here](#).
- **VOTE** and help your family and friends make a plan to do the same.

Important Dates

Saturday, 10/31: Hiking Meet up @ Bluebell Meadow 10-11am

Sunday, 11/1: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tuesday, 11/3: Election Day; School Closed - **VOTE!**

Wednesday, 11/4: School starts at 10am

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



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