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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 at 10:00 on Wednesday, November 4th. Please join your regular 10:00 class 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 which will begin the week of November 9th. **All** 3rd-8th graders will receive a Chromebook from the school.

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

Important Dates

November 3rd, ELECTION DAY, PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!!

Administrative Offices and School CLOSED

November 11th - Veterans Day - Administrative Offices and School CLOSED

Voting Corner

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 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.

Changes to Specials in the Park

Registration for November 4th & 5th Specials in the Park, live on Eventbrite at 12pm today!



By popular demand, we will continue outdoor specials into the winter! However, due to daylight savings time ending, Specials in the Park will move to Awbury campus starting next week. We will still only be outdoors, but we will have better lighting at school.

Our Wednesdays and Thursdays sessions will continue at the regularly scheduled times. Fridays will now be reserved for meet-ups in the arboretum with individual classes. Stay tuned for class invites to those sessions.

[Click here to register](#) for next week's Specials in the Park!

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, reach out to us on ClassTag.

CARES Champions!

Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!

K-5

2nd Grade: **Hayaa Hill** has consistently shown academic excellence during virtual learning. She attends all classes and small groups, actively participates, and always tries her best. She also shows great cooperation and empathy when helping or encouraging her classmates. She even taught a student how to annotate on zoom! Keep it Hayaa! You make us all proud.

4th Grade: **Ahmir Paulk** brings a positive and encouraging attitude to all of our classes. His enthusiasm for learning is contagious and it has really helped our virtual classroom succeed. On top of this, Ahmir is completing all of his work with great quality. Keep it up Ahmir!

6-8

6th Grade: **Cassiel Fagan** has really stepped up his game with online learning!! I have been so impressed with his ability to stay organized and complete his work in a timely manner. Cassiel also consistently joins his classes with a positive attitude and makes everyone smile! He also actively participates and offers insightful answers during class discussion!! Go Cassiel!!!

Lower School News

Weekly Family Updates

Students in K-5 will only get weekly updates moving forward. If we have a concern about a student or we see a dramatic change in their engagement or performance. You should check their SeeSaw (K-3) and Google Classroom (4-5) work completion regularly. If you have any questions, please message your child's teacher.

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.



The Student Council Results are In!!!

The winners of the 2020-2021 Student Council elections are...

President: Krisslynn Nellons

Vice President: Ray'id Turner

Treasurer: Jaden Williams

Secretary: Riese Hughes

Congrats!!

Know of or have a lower school student here at WCS that you think would be great at being a part of the Junior Student Council?? Well then reach out to Ms. Polite or Ms. Kate!!

For 6th Grade Families only!!

Message From Breakthrough Philadelphia

Good day 6th grade families! As previously shared, the Breakthrough application season is now open. The rep, Debrah Stevens will be hosting an informational session/Q & A for families/students who are interested in applying to the program, on Wednesday, November 4th @ 6pm. The Zoom info is below. We hope to see you there!

Topic: Breakthrough Information Session

Time: Nov 4, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://germantownfriends.zoom.us/j/8533249120?pwd=YVhUZ1ICKytMSXNQc2JRWld2MHBuQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 324 9120

Passcode: 148981

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.



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