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Dear Families,

I hope this finds you all well. I want to thank everyone who took our surveys last week. It has been great to see the feedback and I know it is already proving helpful.

I also wanted to share some good news with you today! A generous friend of the school has offered us a **\$50,000 matching gift**. For every dollar we raise, up to \$50,000, this friend will make a matching gift. We're quite close to hitting our goal with about \$4000 more to raise. If you have the ability to make a donation or know someone who does, please consider it. You can give at our website: <http://wissahickoncharter.org/giving/give-now>.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Attendance

If your child will be away for any reason, please notify their classroom teacher to make arrangements.

Interims (3-8th) were mailed out this week!

Please keep an eye out for them in the mail! If you do not receive it by the end of the week, please contact the front office.

Reminder to 4th-8th Families about Fridays

Beginning today, students will now only be meeting in Zoom with their core teachers for half of the day on Fridays. This will provide our students with a little less time on screen, give them time to get caught up on their work and also give teachers a little more planning time. Please check your students Google Classroom for a copy of the updated schedule if you haven't already.

Office of Culture



Action Karate is a character-based Black Belt martial arts program
Learn real life martial art moves and skills next
Wednesday,
October 28th 3:00 pm

October's Earned Celebration will be a martial arts lesson and demonstration by Action Karate. Action Karate is a character-based Black Belt martial arts program based here in Philadelphia. Superhero training is happening just in time for Halloween with real martial arts moves and skills. Students who complete the special event will even get the chance to earn their white belts.

To earn the celebration Lower School students must have good attendance and

A's and B's. For Middle School, students must earn at least 16 Kickboard Points in the month of October.

Specials Reminder

This is a reminder that there are not any zoom specials Wednesday-Friday. Specialists meet with your students on Monday/Tuesday and launch them into the asynchronous work that they are to do Wednesday-Friday.

Voting Corner

The voter registration deadline for this year's election has now passed, so at this point your focus you should be on making a plan to vote and helping your friends and family do the same. How you vote has to be a personal decision based on your own circumstances. Voting in person [is generally safe](#) when the proper precautions are in place, most importantly wearing a mask and avoiding sustained close contact with others.

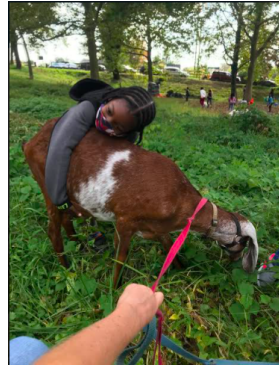
Voting using a mail-in ballot is another great option. While you can still request a mail-in ballot through next Tuesday, October 27, it is important to submit your ballot as soon as possible. At this point, all [17 satellite elections offices](#) are open; you can drop off a completed ballot or request and receive one on the spot. Remember to follow all instructions, including sealing your ballot in its security envelope before placing it in your return envelope and signing your return envelope where indicated. [This video](#) is a good guide if you are not sure, and elections officials at the satellite offices can also help. While mail-in ballots cannot be opened by elections officials until 7:00am on Election Day, elections officials in Philadelphia and elsewhere have increased staffing hours and purchased machines to expedite vote counting, and ballots submitted earlier have a good chance of being counted within 24 hours. Dropping off your mail-in ballot will also help shorten lines on Election Day for voters who were unable to plan ahead, making it more likely that everyone who wants to vote this year can do so.

If you previously requested a mail-in ballot but now want to vote in-person, you must bring your mail-in ballot and both envelopes to surrender at the polling place (see all locations [here](#) and find yours using your address [here](#)). Otherwise, you will have to submit a provisional ballot, which might take even longer to process than a mail-in ballot. You will also need to fill out an affidavit surrendering your ballot, so it might take longer than a typical trip to the polls. Keep in mind that many polling places will be staffed by first-time workers, so

consider voting during off-peak hours if you are surrendering a mail-in ballot.

Specials in the Park Registration is live for October 28, 29 & 30!

Registration for Specials in the Park is now live on Eventbrite as of 12pm today! [Click here to register](#). Last week Specials in the Park partnered with The Goat Walking Project for loads of cuteness!!



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 (and a map of where to meet us), [check out our FAQ!](#) Or reach out to us on ClassTag.

Indigenous People's Day

In honor of Indigenous People's Day in art class, students listened to the story Rainbow Crow and painted their own crows with watercolors! Also, check out one of the identity mandalas from last week that 5th and 6th grade students created. They looked at mandalas from around the world, then created their own mandalas that represented different aspects of their identity.

Peyton 5th grader



Juniper 6th grader



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

A Note from Ms. Polite

Middle School families, if you haven't already, please designate at least 2 nights a week that you and your student are going over their PowerSchool Grades and assignments. Building routine around this is key! To access PowerSchool, follow these steps:

1. Go to the schools website....<http://wissahickoncharter.org/>
2. Click on "Family Resources" (at the top of the page)
3. Scroll down to "Middle School" & click on "PowerSchool Login"
*There is login information for your student and for you in the student password letter that you received at your orientation. If you need this information again, please reach out to your students' homeroom teacher.
4. Once you enter your credentials, you can click on your students classes to see their grades as well as individual assignments and teacher comments.

Please note that we will still be sending reports home for students who we have concerns about in more than two areas (attendance, behavior, engagement, grades etc.)

For 6th Grade Families only:

A Message From Breakthrough Philadelphia!!

My name is Debra Stevens and I am the Student Recruitment Coordinator at Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia! Breakthrough is an Academic Enrichment Program that is located on the campuses of Germantown Friends School and Drexel University. Our program is year-round, with separate

schedules for the school year and the summer. During the school year, our program is held every other Saturday from 10 am -2 pm. During the summer, we hold an intensive six-week program with four days of academics and electives and one day of special events and field trips. We are recruiting current 6th-grade students who have A's and B's in core subjects, a Basic or better on the PSSA exam, and highly motivated. Breakthrough students participated in a six-week virtual summer program this past summer, but our school year program is in person at Germantown Friends School this fall. I would love to schedule a call or virtual meeting to tell you more about nominating a Breakthrough Scholar. Please visit the website to learn more:

www.breakthroughphilly.org

Quick summary on Breakthrough:

- Students and families apply during the sixth-grade year for entrance in the summer before seventh grade.
- Once selected, students participate in six-week summer programs for the next three years taking classes in math, science, writing, and literature. Additionally, students take teaching fellow designed elective classes such as dance, foreign language, photography, debate, etc.
- During the school year, all students between 7th and 8th grade, participate in Saturday classes twice per month with a focus on enrichment academics. The classes include Financial Awareness, Social Justice, Writing and Public Speaking, and STEM Enrichment.
- Additionally, Breakthrough provides education and case management services to support students and families in applying to high schools, (Public, Charter, Parochial, and Independent Schools).
- 94% of Breakthrough 8th graders are admitted to college prep high schools, 100% of Breakthrough students graduate high school.

Debra Stevens, 267.423.3847

Student Recruitment Director

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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