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## Weekly Wissahickon 12-04-2020

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Fri, Dec 4, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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### [Message from CEO](#)

Dear Families,

As the new trimester begins, we are all taking the chance to pause and take stock of how we're doing in remote learning. Now is a good time to sit down with your child(ren) and talk with them about school. Some questions you could ask your child in this moment are:

- How is school feeling for you right now? Do you look forward to joining in the morning?
- What's your favorite part of school? Your least favorite?
- What is something you have learned this year? What is something that you are working on learning?
- What could make it better for you?

Next week we have report card conferences and talking with your child(ren) now is a great way for you to prepare. All three days of report card conferences start with a morning meeting but then ask students to do their work asynchronously (on their own, off screen). This has made it possible for our conferences to be a little longer so teachers and families have the time they need to share and listen. We're looking forward to the chance to connect.

Please note: If you didn't sign up for a conference by close of business, Wednesday, December 2 one has been scheduled for you and you will be notified via email. If you mistakenly schedule a conference with the incorrect homeroom teacher, a new conference will be scheduled for you. The initial requested date and time is not guaranteed.

Warmly,  
Kristi

[Report Card Conference Days, Wed, Dec 9 - Fri, Dec 11](#)  
[Student Schedules](#)

[8:30-9am](#)

Morning Meetings (REQUIRED for each day's attendance)

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9am-3pm

Independent work. No Zoom classes. Students are encouraged to join their Zoom conferences. 8th graders are required & will host their conferences.

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Want your child to have Zoom time with a teacher for academic support on conference days?

Fill out [this very short survey](#) by Monday night to sign them up, and a teacher will be in touch with you with a day, time & link to meet.

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## **Report cards are coming, that means so is the Book Fair!!!!**

Shop the Scholastic Book Fair... from Home!

Our Virtual Book Fair, hosted by Scholastic, will run online from Monday, December 7 through December 20, 2020. Your purchases support our library and your child's love of reading. The book fair site will go live for shopping on December 7, 2020. You can go to the following link to shop:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/wcsfh>

Browse the Book Fair Flier here: <https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/F20-online-booklist/F20-online-booklist.html>

Shipping is free for book orders(non-book orders will charge shipping) over \$25! Shipping this season is even more strained, shipment will likely take at least two weeks to arrive.

**\*Any families struggling financially throughout this crisis, please reach out to Ms. Kourtney, my email is [kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org)**

Thank you as always for supporting our school library and your student's love of books!

Ms. Kourtney

WCS Fernhill Librarian

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

### **Honors Zoom Assembly, Friday, Dec. 18, 11-12pm**

ALL 3rd-8th graders will be invited to join. Students who earned honors (all As, As/Bs, and/or 1's) will receive a special invite to a fun Zoom assembly on Friday, Dec. 18th. Families, if you find out your child earned this, please reserve the date & time. (This is in addition to the earned art show assembly on Dec 11th described below.)

### **3-5th Grade Club Update**

Rap & Music club for 3-5th grade is now on Thursdays (moved from Mondays previously)! The link is the same and can be found [here](#).

### **WCS Parent Partnership (WPP) Corner**

Please complete the two question survey to help us help you.

[Link to WPP Family Survey](#)

Please also see attached an article about coping with COVID, written by Dr. Holly Sawyer, a WCS parent!

[9 Ways to Cope with COVID](#)

### **Vetri Community Partnership**

*A Taste of African Heritage* with Vetri Community Partnership. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Family Resource**

Do you know someone who is in need of a desk during virtual learning? Click [here](#) for more info. Please note the deadline to apply is today!

### **Black is Beautiful Initiative**

This week's Black is Beautiful fact is from our 4th-5th grades.

**Fact:** Claudette Colvin-was arrested nine months prior to Rosa Parks for not giving up her bus seat to white passengers.

**Important Date:** Montgomery Alabama-1955

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"Now that's the way you do it, congratulations on completing Trimester 1 virtually!! We know that it wasn't easy, but you did it! We have definitely noticed all of your hard work and just know that we are proud and rooting for you throughout trimester 2. For such terrific work, students who have earned C's or better, 1's or 2's , and a 95% attendance rate are being invited to an earned art show next Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at 1:30pm with Justin Green, founder and owner of J Green Multimedia LLC. Nothing is needed for this event, just come as you are. We look forward to seeing you there!"

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### Important Reminders

### **Front Office (Closed)**

The Front Office and our buildings will be closed to the public **until further notice**. Please email the Front Office staff if you need anything.

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

### **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**

**Wednesday, 12/9- Friday, 12/11** - Report Card Conferences: Students on Zoom 8:30-9am; asynchronous independent work 9am-3pm

**Thursday, 12/10 @ 1:30pm** - Monthly Earned Celebrations - Art Show



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