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A Message From Dean Kristi:

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.

The deadline for signing up for conferences is Friday, December 4th after which a conference will be assigned for you.

Warmly,

Kristi

Important Dates

December 9-11, Report card conferences

*****School During Conference Days, 12/9-12/11**

In order to have more time with parents during conferences, December 9th, 10th and 11th are no longer ½ days. Students will begin the day with a Zoom morning meeting from 8:30-9:00 and then will move to asynchronous (off Zoom) work. It is vitally important they attend the morning meeting for attendance credit and to get directions for all asynchronous work. Please plan accordingly.

Report Card Conferences

Reminder!!

PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR REPORT CARD CONFERENCE BY TODAY. ANY CONFERENCE NOT SCHEDULED WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED.

Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 9th-Friday, December 11th. The "My Conference Time" site is available for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s teacher. Follow these steps to schedule:

- 1) Go to <https://myconferencetime.com/wissahickoncharter/>
- 2) Click on the name of your child(ren)'s teacher.

3) Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."

4) Submit the requested information.

Please be advised that you are only scheduling for your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. If you want to schedule with any additional K-6 teachers, please contact them directly. This year our 7th & 8th teachers are also offering 10 minute office hours slots, from 3-4 on conference days, for any families who sign up in advance!!

Attendance

If your child will be absent, late or you need to send in a note or any documentation pertaining to attendance please do not send them to your child's teacher. Please email all correspondence and documentation to aw.attendance@wissahickoncharter.org



Grief/Loss Support Groups for Students

We know that the past year has been truly difficult for our students and families, and many students have lost loved ones. Beginning in January 2021, Ms. Abby (Counselor) and Ms. Sherrie (Social Work intern) will be facilitating grief groups for students. We hope to provide students with support and skills to help the healing process. Groups will meet weekly for 6-8 weeks. Scheduling will

depend on the number of students and grade levels - students will be organized based on age/grade.

If you are the family member of a student who recently lost a loved one, we offer this service to your student. Please email Ms. Abby a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions or if you are interested in your child participating and Ms. Abby/Ms. Sherrie will reach back to you to discuss. Contact a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org 267-551-0780

The Environmental Committee presents....

An Activity Calendar for the month of December!!

The environmental committee has spent some time brainstorming ideas for off-screen opportunities for the WCS community. Our outcome is a December activity calendar for students and families filled with at home crafts and experiments, as well as some Philly outdoor events.

Here is the link: https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1_xY7CGp_H1l-5mhkUIEBSVNdmsel6gzANaHUVd-JKqk/edit?usp=sharing

Free Desk Resource!!

Need a desk for your student or an excellent opportunity to give back by donating time/skills/funds? If so, please click on the link below.

<http://www.tinywpa.org/stories/2020/desksforphillystudents>

CARES Champions!

Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!

K-5

3rd Grade: Richard Martin shows his CARES values every day, in every lesson. Not only does he complete all of his assignments on time, but he shows academic excellence in all that he does. He is always ready to share his thinking, ask questions, and participate in class conversations. Richard helps make 312 shine!

4th Grade: Maddie Cooper is such a wonderful member of the 411 family. She is always logged into zoom for all of our classes and is ready to participate at a moment's notice. Even when she has technology troubles, Maddie tries her best and asserts herself if she needs help. Maddie shows enthusiasm for her

learning, which makes her a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work, Maddie!

6-8

7th Grade: Ayana Sanders consistently shows academic excellence, empathy and responsibility in remote learning. She keeps carefully track of her learning and grades and makes sure to complete her work to the best of her ability. But she is also always looking out for her peers, making sure that students hear directions, reposting links and directions in the chat, and alerting teachers when someone needs help. Ayana has basically become an assistant teacher this year, and her presence in 712 makes everyone's learning stronger!

8th Grade: Tyshay Davis is always showing Academic Excellence in 811! She is a phenomenal student, who takes pride in her work every day. She focuses hard and participates in every class. In addition to her amazing work academically, Tyshay is a great friend and classmate. She puts a smile on everyone's face and loves to have fun. Thanks for making 811 even better Tyshay!

Lower School News

Important Reading Growth Information for K-2nd Grade Families

As we prepare for report card conferences, we want to share general information about your students' reading progress this year. Please read the letter(s) relevant to your child(ren) to learn more about reading growth & how to support this at home. Teachers will also share specific information at conferences.

Links:

- [Kindergarten letter](#)
- [1st grade letter](#)
- [2nd grade letter](#)

Middle School News

This weeks art display:

Check out this layered Paper Collage inspired by Papel Picado from one of our 8th graders!!



As well as a one-point perspective names from one of our 7th graders!!



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