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## Weekly Wissahickon 1-08-2021

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### Message from CEO

Dear Families,

It's been a week of so many feelings. I hope you saw the ClassTag I sent out on Wednesday night about our response to the attack on the Capitol. Please reach out if you need anything from us or if you ever have questions about how we decide to process world events with students. It feels appropriate this week to draw your attention to the important note about Social, Emotional, and Physical Wellness. Take good care.

Peace,  
Kristi

### Social, Emotional & Physical Wellness

In December conferences, some of you shared (and we've observed) that some students are really struggling with feelings of isolation and sadness. It's winter, it gets dark early, and we're in **month 10 (!!!)** of a pandemic.

Kids need social interactions, and in a typical school day, they have hundreds more than they can on Zoom.

So, here are a few suggestions:

- Arrange **virtual playdates**. Use Facetime, Whatsapp, GoogleMeet or Zoom. Kids can chat with adults nearby, play video games, play real games, play pretend (we recently heard about a few students playing "Zoom school" with each other, including real assignments!), or have show & tell. The app House Party also has socialization and games built into it. We are happy to help if you're stuck. Email Mr. Ish or Ms. Rebecca. (Or ask kids.)
- Many older kids are into [Discord](#). Serves lots of purposes.
- If you feel safe, organize an **outdoor, masked playdate** at a park or yard. Even an hour of seeing a friend can be an emotional boost!
- Children need time to **move**! Really encourage them to **sweat during P.E. class**. Take a **daily walk**. Play frisbee or another socially distant sport. Or **do a free workout at home** if getting outside isn't possible. Here's a fun **4-minute [Black Panther workout for kids!](#)**

## [Weekly Wissahickon Format Revision](#)

The Weekly Wiss is now arranged into three sections: essential, on radar, and reminders. They are color coded based on the area and arranged in order of importance. We hope this new format is easier to follow and helps you identify items that matter to you and your family.

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## [Essential:](#)

### [Health Screening Reminders](#)

K, 1st, and 6th grade families: Please remember to sign up here for your child's health screening any Friday (from January 11th - March 19th). As a reminder, even if you have submitted your child's physical, they still must be screened by the school nurse. For more information, please refer to the Classtag message forwarded on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

### [FH Attendance Initiative for 2021!](#)

Hello families! We're kicking off 2021 with a weekly homeroom attendance competition that will turn your child's Zoom attendance into literal cash money donations to nonprofits that each winning homeroom chooses! Watch this [4 minute video](#) to learn more. So many students want to make a positive difference in the world, and now they can (just) by doing their jobs as students!

### [Social Emotional Learning For January](#)

Each month as a school we have a Social Emotional Theme and teachers are given a suggested curriculum for that theme to use in class during Friday morning meetings. This month's theme is motivation. We are using the new movie Soul as our movie of motivation and inspiration. The students will be watching the movie in 4 parts throughout the course of the month. Due to religious reasons if you do not want your child to watch the movie that is fine. We will come up with an alternative activity.

### [Talent Show Auditions!](#)

Will take place this Friday, January 8 at 12:00pm.

All grades are welcome. Students should be ready to demonstrate their amazing skills and talents. If they are performing to music, they should play a CLEAN song from their own device/room.

Come one, come all! Password: fox

<https://zoom.us/j/82657151109?pwd=UElWdE9qTUNGUW53RmNMNDYya3d1UT09>

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## [On Radar:](#)

### [Math+: An Advanced Learning Opportunity for 6-8th Grade Students](#)

Math+ is an online Advanced Mathematics class for boys and girls in the 6th to 8th grades. This season's course will be taught on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 pm Eastern time starting on Tuesday January 12th for six weeks. The program will cost \$250. Click [here](#) for more details.

### [Mighty Writers at Home Workshops for the Whole Family](#)

Are you looking for something fun for you and your children to do? Mighty Writers is offering free remote workshops for all ages in the spring of this year. For more information about the workshops, click [here](#). You can [register here](#).

### [Off-Screen Opportunities](#)

January Activity Calendar. Click [here](#) for more information

### [Vetri Community Partnership](#)

*Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables* virtual sessions for the month of January. Click [here](#) for more information.

### [Black is Beautiful Initiative](#)

This week's Black is Beautiful fact is from our 2nd-3rd grades.

**Fact:** Octavia Butler was an prominent and award winning African-American science fiction author.

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## **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.

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### **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.

### **Meals Distribution Mondays**

Meals will continue to be distributed on **Mondays only from 8am-6pm**. Families will receive a meal kit for the week that includes hot entrees that can be reheated. Please continue to follow the Meal Pick up procedures as outlined outside the school.

### **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.

### **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**

**Monday, 1/11 3:30-4:30pm** Social Justice Club

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