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A Message From Dean Kristi:

Dear Families,

This week is one to celebrate as Kamala Harris, the first Black, Asian-American female Vice President, was sworn into her new role. She is the first but she will not be the last. I'm glad that our students get to see barriers to the highest offices being broken as children, so they can see that they have a role to play anywhere they want to be.

I'd also like to shine a light on Amanda Gorman, the first young person to serve as Poet Laureate. Here's [a link](#) to her inauguration poem. I would encourage you to watch it with your children. It was inspiring!

A few WCS updates:

- We are halfway through the second trimester. Interim reports will be going out soon. Please review them and reach out if you have any

questions.

- We learned this week that the site shared last week about how to pre-register for a vaccine is not being run by the city. This is now the city's [official vaccine form](#) to sign up for a vaccine.

Last week we let you know about our new filter, Securly. After more thought, we have decided that as a school we will not receive alerts about student activity on Wissahickon devices. The filters will still block inappropriate sites at all times and you as the parent have the ability to receive alerts. If you have any questions about how best to use Securly as a parent/caregiver, please let us know.

- Finally, the admin team is working to determine when and if we will offer a hybrid model of instruction. Trust that I will share more as soon as we know more.

Warmly,
Kristi

Essential:

Vaccine Zoom Info Session on Tuesday, February 2nd

Please come out to hear from Dr Kisha Martin about the COVID vaccine, to understand the Science of it, and to ask any questions. Dr Martin is the Head of the emergency room at Holy Redeemer Hospital with over 20 years of experience. Time and Zoom link to come soon!

Family Culture Survey

We have enjoyed celebrating our Black is beautiful facts for Trimester 1 and 2. In Trimester 3, we would like to celebrate all of the ethnicities that are represented in the Wissahickon Community. Please fill out the survey below to help us so that we can provide daily facts to our students about the cultures that exist within our households. This survey is a way for us to not assume and to not leave anyone out.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/126fKgC4sTV26sFPX7_K_6HDbm7ueifJ1XJvcUs47uyc/edit?gxids=7628

8th GRADE FAMILIES

Return High School Offer Letters: You must return your offer letter to the School District by Monday, January 25th at 3:00 pm. If you do not accept an offer, they will rescind it.

Charter School Application Deadline: Monday, January 25th, apply [HERE](#)

Contact Ms. Abby, Counselor with any questions at a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org | 267-551-0780

Health Screening Reminders

K, 1st, and 6th grade families: Please remember to sign up [here](#) for your child's health screening any Monday or 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.

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**

On Radar:

Free Reading Workshops for Parents

Thursday, January 28th, 1-3 PM

Learn more about ways to support your child's literacy education at home, what or how they are learning in school, how to best engage in home literacy projects, and more.

These days are typically 2-3 hours long, composed of a series of 15-minute small-group presentations. Parents and caregivers can choose the workshops that match their needs and are free to come for one workshop or many. A schedule will be sent before it starts to those who register.

Sign up here:

<https://tcrwp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJludu-orzMrGdUN0IyGUGksRGCvS2Sjp9E5>

EXTRAS:

CARES Champions!

Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!

K-5

4th Grade: Nahfi Rothwell is an awesome member of the 412 community. His positive attitude and participation have really helped our classroom. Nahfi asks great questions, works to complete all of his assignments with strong quality, and cooperates with others in breakout rooms during group projects. Great job Nahfi!!

6-8

6th Grade: Sair Berry brings his awesome personality and positive attitude to class every day. He is willing to make mistakes and fix them, and as a result his work always looks really great. Sair is also willing to help other students, and will come to office hours just to offer his help to others. Thanks for all the hard work you do Sair!

7th Grade: Ishmael Van Patten is the prime example of what it means to be a superstar! He is thriving while so many are struggling to do remote learning! His can do attitude radiates throughout the classroom and so does his laugh! He often keeps a class discussion going with thoughtful and passionate input! I am so proud of his growth! Ish, keep being great!

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