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Weekly Wissahickon 1-22-2021

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Message from CEO

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. [Here is the city's official site.](#)
- 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:

[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 will close **January 25, 2021**. Click [here](#) to apply.

[Health Screenings for K, 1st and 6th Graders](#)

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.

[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 Survey](#)

Hello Families, we have enjoyed celebrating our **Black is beautiful facts** for Trimester 1 and 2. We would like to celebrate for trimester 3 all of the ethnicities are that represented in the Wissahickon Community. Please fill out the survey below to help us as we 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.

[Acts of Service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)

Please note videos are due tomorrow. Please submit your video [here](#)

[On Radar:](#)

[Talent Show](#)

The Talent Show will be taking place on Zoom on **Friday, Jan 29 at 11:30**. All are welcome to come and be entertained! If you participated in the audition, you are all set to perform! Flyer to come.

[All School Celebration](#)

Our "All School Celebration: Movie Afternoon" will be taking place next Friday January 29th beginning at 1pm. As black history month approaches, join us as we watch a young African American male overcome his fears becomes Spider-Man. The film Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse helps us to learn the importance of relying on people and fighting through life's adversity to save ourselves and the world. Resilience is the process of adapting to adversity, the ability to bounce back after difficult experiences throughout life. K-8th are welcomed! Bring your snacks, comfy blankets, and let's enjoy the movie! See you soon!

[4 Great lessons from the movie](#)

1. The importance of mentoring
2. Accepting social responsibility
3. Discovering your unique gifts and talents
4. Emphasizing the power of teamwork

Link will be sent out soon

[Black History Month Assembly](#)

Good Day Wissahickon Family!!! As Black History Month approaches, We want to give our families a heads up about our upcoming Black History Month Assembly that will take place Monday February 1st from 8:30am - 9:00am. We have some exciting and very interactive activities that we will introduce to celebrate Black History Month along with some good music, also with a special premier of our WCS MLK Day of Service. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!!

[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](#).

[Black is Beautiful Initiative](#)

This week's Black is Beautiful fact is from our **6-8th** grades.

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

white passengers.
Important Date:1955

Reminders:

Front Office (Closed)

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

FH- t.sumner@wissahickoncharter.org

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 to receive assistance and/or to have your child's attendance excused if needed. Copies of the emails sent to 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!

Important Dates

Monday, 1/25 3:30-4:30pm Social Justice Club

Thursday, 1/28 6-7pm WCS Open House

Friday, 1/29 11:30-12pm Talent Show

1-2:30pm All School Celebration



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