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Message From Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the chance to get outside in the snow this week! On this short week, the main thing I want to share is news that Governor Wolf recently announced that he would like to drastically cut funding for public charter schools. A good way to get involved and share your voice in support of schools like ours is to sign up to JOIN THE MOVEMENT at [143K Rising](#). By signing up, you will receive updates on potential threats to public charter schools like ours, and be given ways to share what our school means to you.

I also want to share that next week is Black Lives Matter Week of Action in schools. As a school we will use Morning Meetings to discuss the 13 principles of BLM, do a special project in each class, and have an art celebration for students and families to celebrate Black lives. On Wednesday, February 10th, our whole community is invited to wear t-shirts that celebrate BLM!

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials: Important Dates

Friday, February 5, 2021- School closed for Professional Development

Monday, February 15, 2021 - Presidents Day, Administrative Offices and Schools Closed

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**

Recording of Vaccine Info Session with Dr Kisha Martin From February 2nd

[Click this link for the recording.](#) Passcode: %+Vr4*fK

On Radar:

Black History Month Projects!!

In celebration of Black History Month, students will be receiving a 2 part at home project to complete. The project will be shared with families/students next week and is due February 22nd!! Please see below for the category assigned to part 1 of the student project.

Themes by Grade

K	Just Like Me
1	The Arts: writers, artists, musicians
2	Science and Technology
3	Biography
4	Sports and Wellness
5	Present Day Agents of Change
6	Politicians
7	Just Like I Wanna Be
8	Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You (Book Figures)

In addition to the project, we will also be celebrating the month with a Black History Month Assembly & Black Lives Matter Week celebrations!

Workshop for WCS Families

Wissahickon is partnering with [Uplift Philly](#) to host a workshop for families on supporting kids/teens through grief and loss. The workshop will help families understand how children express/deal with loss at different ages and also give you tools/techniques to support your children when dealing with trauma and loss.

Date: Wednesday, February 24th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Zoom link: TBD

Morris Arboretum summer camp scholarships

The Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania, located in nearby Chestnut Hill, works with Wissahickon each summer to offer some of our students the opportunity to attend their camp. The Morris Arboretum will select one student per week (for a total of six weeks) to receive a scholarship to their Summer Adventure Camp. If you are interested in applying, please use the link [here](#) to access the application and submit it to igrubin@upenn.edu

Restorative Justice at Home: Tip of the Week

Restorative Justice at Home Tip of the Week:

Developing a peace corner in your home. Peace corners can be used to help children self-regulate, but should not be confused with a time-out corner. They can be used to relax while processing feelings and emotions. Peace corners

can be used for moments of deep breathing, reading, coloring, or journaling about one's feelings and emotions. One peace corner can be used for everyone in the household or each person can create their own individual peace corner.

(<https://project-nia.org/news/restorative-justice-at-home-a-new-resource>)

Extras:

African American Children's Book Fair

This Saturday, February 6th The 29th Annual African-American Children's Book Fair will be taking place virtually from 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm. There will be free book giveaways, workshops and presentations. Use the link below to register for the free event.

<https://www.theafricanamericanchildrensbookproject.org/>



Cares Champions:

Congratulations to this week's Cares Champions!

K-5

3rd Grade: Charley Keel has shown great responsibility and academic excellence these past weeks by completing all seesaw assignments and attending all zoom sessions. She is even beginning to navigate remote learning with more confidence and independence! Charley brightens everyone's day with her endless enthusiasm and killer sense of humor. DJ Charm, you are a rockstar!

The February Activities Calendar is In!!

Click the link below to check it out!

[February Activity Calendar.](#)

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