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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 this important message from Mr. Thomas:

Good Day WCS Family,

I hope this message finds you all in good health!! I wanted to reach out and inform our families about some great upcoming activities to celebrate Black History Month! We will be doing two activities:

1) Family & Community Black History Video - interviewing an inspirational Black citizen in your family or community who has made an impact on your life, on the world or in Black culture.

2) Black History Month Virtual Zoom Background
- You can change your background to:

Any African-American person that has made an impact on society

An important place to Black communities

Any thing (ex. movement or art or sport or object) coming from or important to the Black community

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and ask!

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essential:

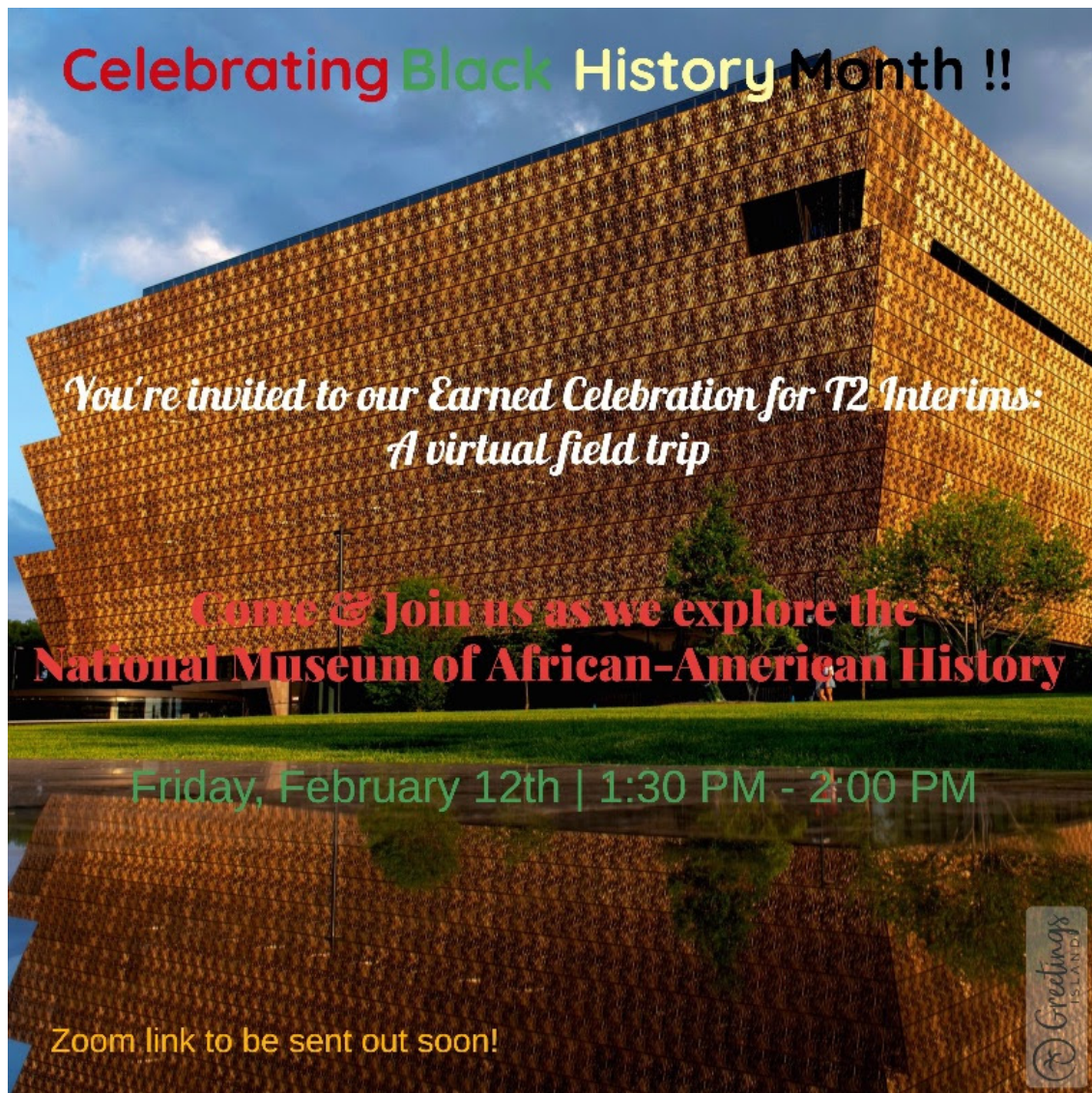
Vaccine Zoom Info Session Recording

Recording of Vaccine Info Session with Dr Kisha Martin From this Week

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

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.



In honor of black history month and our hard working students at Wissahickon, we are taking a virtual field trip next Friday, February 12 at 1:30pm! Come and join us as we explore the National African American History Museum! This virtual field trip will be for K-2nd students who have been attending their classes, participating in class, and turning in their assignments on SeeSaw. 3rd-8th grade students who have received C's or better, 1's or 2's, and a 95% rate or better in attendance on their interim

reports will also be welcomed. Please look out for the link soon, your teachers will be posting it for the students soon!

On Radar:

Summer Camp Opportunity

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 jgrubin@upenn.edu

Black is Beautiful Initiative

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

Fact: Journalist Ida Wells-Barnett refused to give up her railcar seat for a white man in 1884, and bit a conductor on the hand when he tried to force her. She sued the railroad and initially won, but the decision was overturned.

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, 2/8 3:30-4:30pm Social Justice Club

Wednesday 2/10 Lottery

Friday, 2/12 1:30-2pm Earned Celebration for T2 Interims

Families notified of Lottery results



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