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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

I hope this finds you all well as we head into this four day weekend. Remember that your child(ren) do not need to log on again until Wednesday, February 17th. I hope you enjoy the time and get the chance to get outside.

Please keep your eyes out for a Class Tag message from me today as well. It will be long but it's important to read it completely.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essential:

Earned Celebration

Today at 1:30 there will be a Virtual Trip to **National Museum of African American History and Culture**. Students that earned the celebration have the links. If your student did not earn the celebration but would still like to attend please contact Ms. Rebecca or Ms. Chamaine.

iPads & Zoom

K-2 Families, Please note that Zoom requires a lot of power when in use on our iPads. These power requirements are multiplied when Zoom is used in conjunction with other applications. Our recommendation is to make sure the iPad is charging every night (5-7 hours to fully charge) so that it's at 100% and ready to go in the mornings. During school hours, we also recommend plugging the iPad in before it gets to 50% battery level to avoid the battery level getting too low.

Enabling iPad Parental Control

Please [Click Here](#) to see a video on how to enable Parental Controls on the iPad

[From Ms. Aitiya](#)

Uplift Center for Grieving Children is hosting workshops for Wissahickon Charter School families that teaches how grief can affect a child's body/brain and how the adults in their lives can support them. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

[Black History Month Note](#)

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!

Mr. Randall

[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.

[On Radar:](#)

[Girls Inc. Virtual Opportunity](#)

This Spring, Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey will bring local girls in our area together! Girls in grades K-12 from both Pennsylvania and New Jersey can participate in virtual after school and Saturday programs. The Girls Inc. Experience allows girls and young women to be a part of a movement and community that embraces all girls. For program details and how to apply, please see our [flyer](#) and [application](#).

[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 **4-5th** grades.

Fact: Allensworth, California: is the only California community to be founded, financed and governed by African Americans. Created by Allen Allensworth in 1908, the town was built with the intention of establishing a self-sufficient, all-black city where African Americans could live their lives free of racial discrimination.

[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.

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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, 2/15 School Closed Presidents Day

Tuesday 2/16 School Closed Flex Day



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