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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

I hope everyone is staying safe this week with the snowy cold weather! Today I want to use my message to share a resource. *Philly's 7th Ward*, a blog by Sharif El-Mekki, has been sharing about a different Black Educator every day this month. Here is the [link](#). I have been enjoying learning this history and thought you would too.

Sharif El-Mekki is also the founder of the Center of Black Educator Development, which leads summer Freedom Schools that some WCS students have participated in and loved. Information about the program, the application for K-2nd grade students, as well as high school/college student "servant leader" positions is all [HERE](#).

Peace,
Kristi

Essential:

School Bus Route Letter

You may have received a letter from the transportation department regarding your child's bus route. If you **have not** received a letter, **STOP HERE**. If you did receive a letter, please disregard it. Students selected to attend the access center will receive an additional letter regarding their transportation route and time. Please reach out to Ms. O at a.oliphant@wissahickoncharter.org with any transportation questions.

Black History Month Activities

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.

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.

K - 2nd Grade

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Alumna Expo
2021

FEATURING WISSAHICKON'S VERY OWN:

- Ceara Pugh-Edwards | United States Army: Multimedia Illustrator
- Anjali Dyer | Future Lawyer and/or Social Worker
- Abreona Tillman | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | Subspecialty of Pediatrics
- Special Performance from WCS' former student: Anaiya Graham | Naibarss

Exploring the black excellence of Wissahickon Students: It's a tradition to learn from people who have been in your shoes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
8:30AM - 9:15AM

Zoom links will be posted by teachers

3rd-8th Grade

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Alumna Expo
2021

FEATURING WISSAHICKON'S VERY OWN:

- Jordan Williams | Quality Hands LLC
- Alanna Boston | Content Creator/ Blogger | HipHopSince1987
- La'Shay Bailey | Boutique Owner
- Special Guest & former WCS Student: Abdullah Muhammad | B.A. in Economics | Credit Representative | Loan Maintenance

Exploring the black excellence of Wissahickon Students: It's a tradition to learn from people who have been in your shoes

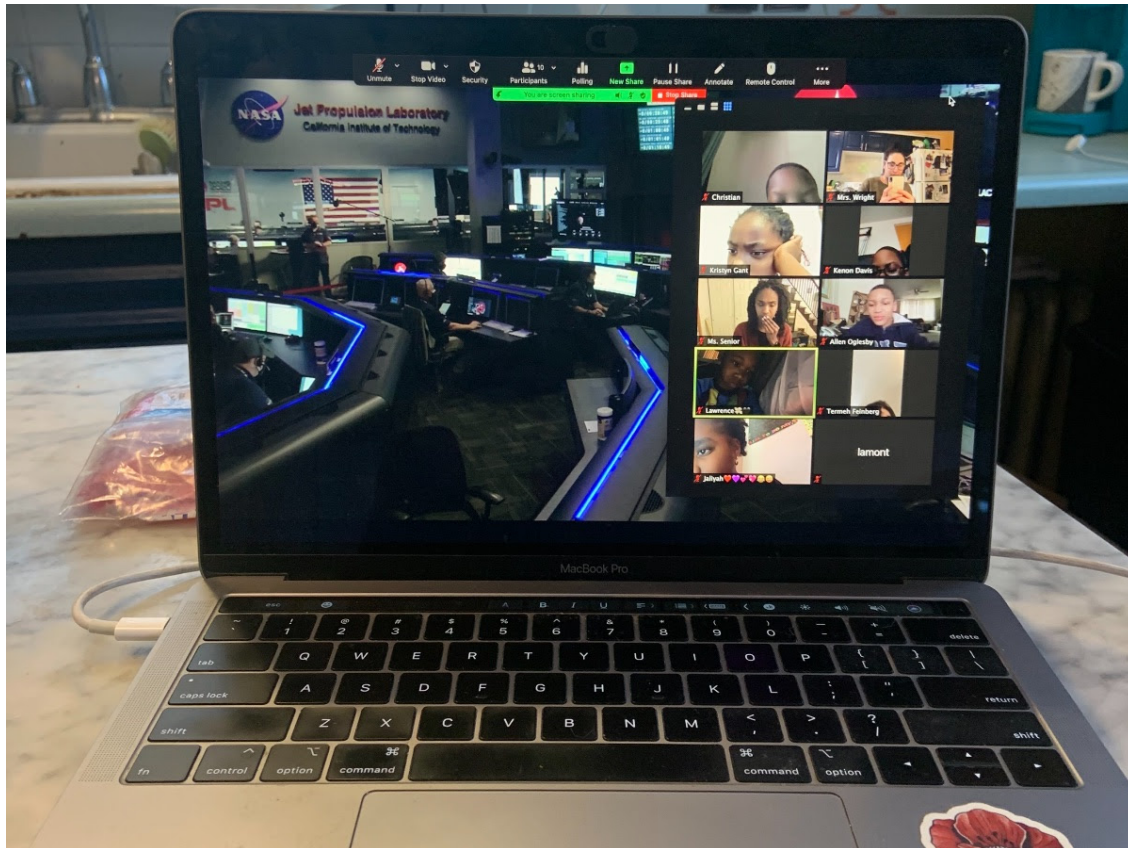
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
11:00AM - 12:00 PM

Zoom links will be posted by teachers

All School Celebration

Our Black History Month All School Alumna Expo will be occurring next Friday, February 26th. K-8th grade students will have the opportunity to speak with several Wissahickon Alum's discussing their experiences at Wissahickon, career choices, and more. This will be a great opportunity to explore the

black excellence of Wissahickon's former students and encourage our current students to work hard, dream big, and never give up!! K-2nd's expo will begin at 8:30- 9:15am and 3rd-8th grade will begin at 11:00am-12pm. We are super excited for this event and we encourage all students to be present and to participate! Zoom links will be sent out soon!



Check out some of our students enjoying a live stream of the Perseverance Mars Rover landing.

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 igrubin@upenn.edu

Black is Beautiful Initiative

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

Fact: Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African American ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

Important Date: He represented the state of Mississippi from February 1870 to March 1871

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

Wednesday 2/24 5:30-6:30pm Uplift Parent Session

Friday 2/26 8:30-9:15am K-2nd Alum Expo

11-12pm 3rd-8th Alum Expo



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