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Message from Dean Kristi:

Dear Families,

I'm using my space in the Weekly Wissahickon this week to share my personal sadness and anger over the Anti-Asian and Anti-Asian American racism that has been reported so widely in the news and that has been on the rise during the pandemic. As a community, Wissahickon stands firmly against all kinds of bias, discrimination, and actions rooted in hatred and fear. I encourage you to talk with your children about what is happening and am sharing articles with more information, as well as an attachment on bystander intervention that can help guide us all when we observe any kind of harassment. This is an issue we feel is crucial to address as we stand in solidarity and support with any group targeted because of their race. We will be discussing age-appropriate ways to address this with staff and students in the coming weeks.

Articles:

[How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism](#)

[Lesson of the Day: A Rise in Attacks on Asian-Americans](#) : This article is written as a lesson plan but contains a powerful video made in a school setting last March.

Show-Up_CUPxHollarback:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14opXpYlqsSawps-qmNFc_vR-p-TvChAQ/view?usp=sharing

In Peace,

Kristi

Essential:

Important Dates:

Thursday March 4th - Last day of Second Trimester-School is in session

Friday March 5th - No school for students-Professional Development Day for staff

Report Card Conferences

Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 17th-Friday, March 19th. The "My Conference Time" site will be available Friday March 5th @ 2:00 pm for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s teacher. Instruction will be sent through Class Tag.

Vaccine Information

If you weren't able to attend our vaccine info session with Dr Kisha Martin, attached are the key takeaways!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VX56Ha4m3KQqRygc-0r0kpFefW8EA6ievq-IlaAQEFo/edit?usp=sharing>

On Radar:

Restorative Justice at Home Tip:

Use talk it out at home. Students learn this practice of using "I statements" to talk through conflicts at school: "When you _____, I feel _____, because _____, so what I would like is _____." You can use this same structure at home, where each person has a chance to share how they feel; and what they need.

<https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/a-conflict-resolution-protocol-for-elementary-classrooms/>

Stay tuned for more tips in upcoming Weekly Wissahickon!

Grief and Loss Workshop

We wanted to share out some great resources from last week's Grief and Loss workshop for caregivers by Uplift Philly.

- [Philly HopeLine](#) is a confidential hotline for students and caregivers who feel isolated due to the coronavirus pandemic or who are struggling with loss.



**Call or Text 1-833-PHL-HOPE
(1-833-745-4673)**

Do you or your loved ones feel lonely, stressed, sad, angry, or confused? Do you miss your friends and routines?

Philly HopeLine is a free helpline sponsored by Uplift Center for Grieving Children and the [School District of Philadelphia](#). It is staffed by Masters's level clinicians from Uplift, and is open to all School District of Philadelphia students & families. Service is available in both English and Spanish.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Holidays: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

- In addition to the student grief groups being offered at WCS, Uplift also offers virtual grief groups for caregivers. See [their website](#) to learn more.
- If you are looking for ways to discuss grief and loss with your children, we recommend the [Uplift Philly Youtube channel](#). It features read alouds, guided meditations, and more to process the loss of loved ones.

Black Lives Matter Art Show (Deadline to submit is March 12, 2021)

The Wissahickon Parent Partnership is hosting an art show to celebrate the Black Lives Matter Week of Action. Art has a way of turning our feelings into the physical through visual art, spoken word, dance, and music....We invite you, WCS students, teachers, staff and family members to use this space to share your own original creative expressions or work of a well known artist that has inspired you. Everyday is Black History Month and BLM week of action so we are asking you focus your work on the celebration of Black Life, Culture, Magic and Joy...and/or create a piece of artwork that expresses how you feel living in this moment in history. Use this [padlet link to post your art!](#) To submit your artwork hit the plus sign at the bottom of the screen and choose from the following 1. Post a photo of your drawing, painting, or sculpture 2. Write out your poetry, short story or quote 3. Post a video of yourself reading your writing, singing a song, rapping, dancing or short film.



Extras:

Cares Champions:

Congratulations to this week's Cares Champions!

6-8

6th grade: Jaylin Hook Peltzer rules! Jaylin is a hard and creative worker, and loves to challenge her classmates on their ideas. Jaylin loves participating in class conversations, and always has a unique perspective. All of her teachers have been impressed with how independently driven she's been this year, and can't wait to see where that drive takes her.

8th Grade: Za'Airra Geiger-Gray is a student who quietly leads by example - she is always prepared for class, comes ready to work, always participates and offers great insight for her peers, and has improved in her writing in Guidance this trimester. Za'Airra's consistent hard work is what makes her a future leader. She doesn't need the attention to reach her goals because she has determination.



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