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Message from CEO

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.

In Peace,
Kristi

Essential:

Trimester 2 begins Monday, March 8th

All students have a fresh start in all classes in Trimester 3, starting Monday!

As a heads-up, we'll also have full days of Zoom report card conferences, March 17-19, like we did in December, with students doing asynchronous/independent work, and individual conferences for families and students. You can expect sign-ups for these by the end of the day on **Monday, March 8th.**

Please note that all 6th-8th graders will have electives (related to different specials) that allow them to choose topics they enjoy learning while boosting specials' grades from previous trimesters. For more about this, watch this [this 7-minute video](#). The electives 6th-8th graders choose are still required for them to attend, and will take place from Monday-Thursday, 2-2:45pm in Trimester 3.

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.

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:

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

The Caribbean is Beautiful Initiative

This week's Caribbean is Beautiful fact:

Fact: The Caribbean is a beautiful, tropical grouping of over 700 islands, islets, cays, and reefs, and is broken up into 30 territories.



Check out 1st grade celebrating 100 days of school.

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 3/8 6pm Fernhill Kindergarten Hybrid Info Session

Wednesday 3/10 6:30-830pm WCS Board Meeting

Friday 3/12 Deadline for Families Accepted in Lottery to Accept Seat



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