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## Weekly Wissahickon 3-19-2021

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### Message from Principal

Dear Fernhill Families,

One thing we've been discussing as a staff is how to ensure that *all* of our students' identities are acknowledged and celebrated, including every student who identifies as Asian-American, Latino, Native American, white, mixed heritage or international heritage, in order to promote empathy among us all. Teachers are carefully considering texts and topics that provide both "mirrors" (learning about people similar to us) and "windows" (learning about people different from us) for all students.

We've also encouraged teachers to make **time and space for students who would like to share their personal identity stories** to talk with their peers, make a video about themselves, write a piece someone else reads - whatever they feel comfortable doing... with the goals of 1) having the chance to express themselves and who they are, and 2) raising racial/ethnic awareness of their peers. Please reach out to your child's teacher and/or Ms. Rebecca if you think they would be interested in this opportunity.

It's been lovely to see some of you on screen this week.

Thank you,  
Rebecca

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### Essential:

#### T2 Honors Celebration for 3rd-8th is next Friday, March 26, 11-12

All 3rd-8th students are welcome, and families of students who earned honors were sent a separate invite. Come and cheer on our students for their accomplishments!

#### Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. Food Distribution

This event will be taking place March 20th from 9am-11am Click [here](#) for more details.

### **A Request from The Development Team**

Hi Wissahickon Families! We are creating a newsletter to share with our donors and supporters which will showcase the many successes of this past year and we want to include YOUR experiences because you are the most important part of our school! This survey is completely **OPTIONAL** for those who want to participate! Thank you so much!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xu6ZCco1NtW4as\\_5unVxLVZfg12rod5osWWuHO4TaWw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Xu6ZCco1NtW4as_5unVxLVZfg12rod5osWWuHO4TaWw/edit)

### **Free Dental Care**

Does your child need free dental care? The School District is partnering with PCCY for Give Kids a Smile Week during Spring Break, March 29 - April 2. Smile Week provides free dental care for children 0-18 years old, particularly children who are uninsured, underinsured, or haven't been to the dentist in over a year. This year dental care is also available on additional days throughout April.

Please call PCCY at 215-563-5848 extension 21 to make an appointment. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3eIPiMk>.

### **Blue Light Blocking Glasses**

Blue light blocking glasses have specially crafted lenses that are said to block or filter out the blue light given off from digital screens. Utilizing a pair of blue light blocking glasses has several benefits such as: better sleep, reduced eye strain, fewer headaches, and it reduces symptoms following prolonged exposure to screens. As we wish to protect everyone's eyes from such exposure, please check out the links below where you can purchase blue light blocking glasses for your child as well as yourselves at reasonable prices.

[Blue Light Blocking Glasses for Kids](#) - \$4.99

[Tonykey Kids Blue Light Glasses](#) - \$4.99

[XVZ Blue Light Blocking Glasses for Women & Men](#) \$5.99

[Blue Light Blocking Computer Glasses](#) \$5.99

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## **On Radar:**

### **Report cards are coming, that means so is the Book Fair!!!!**

Shop the Scholastic Book Fair... from Home!

Our Virtual Book Fair, hosted by Scholastic, will run online from Monday, March 15 through March 28, 2020. Your purchases support our library and your child's love of reading.

The book fair site will go live for shopping on March 15, 2021. You can go to the following link to shop:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/wcsfh>

Browse the Book Fair Flier here: <https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/F20-online-booklist/F20-online-booklist.html>

**\*Breaking News! We have a limited number of gift cards available for the Book Fair! If you would like to win a gift card for the Scholastic Book Fair, families or your scholars can email Ms. Kourtney at [kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org) your student/s favorite book and I will alert you if you won!\*** Shipping is free for book orders(non-book orders will charge shipping) over \$25! Shipping this season is even more strained, shipment will likely take at least two weeks to arrive.

Thank you as always for supporting our school library and your student's love of books!  
Ms. Kourtney  
WCS Fernhill Librarian

### **The Caribbean is Beautiful Initiative**

This week's Caribbean is Beautiful fact:

**Fact:** Some of the world's greatest sporting stars come from the Caribbean like Usain Bolt, born in Jamaica, and cricket legends Garfield Sobers (Barbados) and Viv Richards (Antigua and Barbuda)

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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## Important Dates

Friday 11am-12pm T3 Honors Zoom

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