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## Weekly Wissahickon 5-20-2022

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**Wissahickon**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL**

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### Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I hope you have had good weeks. There's still lots of important and fun left in our school year as we head into the last month! There is also once again an increased risk of Covid in our city and in our schools. As of Thursday (5/19) we have had 7 cases at the Fernhill campus. This is up from 2 cases last week which was up from 0 cases the week before.

Please read and follow the guidelines below:

- We have returned to mandated masking until further notice.
- You should send your child to school with two KN95 or medical grade 3 ply masks every day.
- Keep your child home if they have Covid symptoms.
- Many people who are testing positive have stomach and digestive issues. Do not disregard these symptoms.
- Continue to complete RUVNA every day even if your child is at home.

We are working hard to keep everyone in school in person but I will share that staffing and coverage are a challenge as more people test positive.

Many thanks,  
Kristi

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## Essentials

### Water Bottles

Any students who lost their WCS water bottle needs to bring one from home for the remainder of the year. The school does not have any additional water bottles for students.

### Late Pickup Fee & ASP Outstanding Fees

Now is the time to resolve any outstanding late pick up or after school balances. Unpaid balances will carry over to the 2022-23 school year and will affect your child's ability to participate in school sponsored recreational activities and events. Please reach out to the front office staff with any questions about your late pickup balance, and to the ASP Coordinator at [a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions about your ASP balance. All families with an ASP balance have also been emailed directly.

### From the Library

Dear Fernhill Families,

It's the time of year to get the Library books back to their home! We have just finished our last week of checkout.

Calling all families to look in closets, underbeds, on bookshelves and in backpacks for WCS books!

All library books have a barcode that says Wissahickon Charter School. If you find them please start sending them in with your children. **\*There will be overdue charges if books are not returned.\***

Look for an overdue notice in your email inbox with the books on your child's account or you can email me at [kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org) if you would like to know if any books are at your home.

Thank you so much!!  
Ms. Kourtney

### Flat Rate Program 2022-23 SY

The Department of Transportation Services will continue the Flat Rate Program for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. The payment amounts remain the same.

Parents/guardians are required to apply through the following link in order to participate in the program: [www.philasd.org/transportation/parent-flat-rate/](http://www.philasd.org/transportation/parent-flat-rate/). There will be two enrollment periods. The first one will be open from **May 16th to Wednesday, June 15**. Please find more information [HERE](#). Please note that the District expects to have similar bus challenges during the 2022-23 SY because they are still experiencing a driver shortage. If you choose to opt out of the program later in the year, your student will **ONLY** be assigned to a route **IF BUSING IS AVAILABLE**.

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## To all 5th, 6th, & 7th Grade Students and Families,

You are all invited to our annual High School Matters Information Session happening this year on Zoom. You will receive information on how your student can prepare now for

the high school application process that they will complete in 8th grade. Please see this [FLYER](#) for more information. Contact Ms. Aitiya at [a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org) or Ms. Meskun at [l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions or concerns.

**WISSAHICKON CHARTER SCHOOL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
MATTERS**

**MAY 31, 2022  
AT 6:PM  
ON ZOOM**

**5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A  
MANDATORY EVENING OF LEARNING ALL  
ABOUT HIGH SCHOOLS IN PHILADELPHIA**

**ZOOM LINK**  
**HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81667701073?**  
**PWD=ADUMRTJPNL6DXUJMDJBA2LMBG9LUT09**  
**MEETING ID: 816 6770 1073**  
**PASSCODE: FOX (ALL CAPS)**

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**On Radar**

**Celebration of Learning IN-PERSON for K-4 families!**

When: Thursday, June 9th from 6-7:30pm

Where: In-person at WCS

Who: Families with students in K-4

We are celebrating our learning this year with an *in-person* event! Come see classrooms and outdoor set-ups with some culminating projects our students have worked on!

### **Shoot Basketballs Not People**

Here in Philadelphia regular people are doing something important. We're slowing gun violence by getting local youth involved in basketball. Kids and teens have fun, learn teamwork, discipline, and share solid values while enjoying one of America's most beloved sports. It's an important alternative path that gets our youth off the streets with a rewarding group activity that gives them experiences and skills they can be proud of.

Please click the link below if you are interested in registering your child for this program:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOVhzw2fwOBQq1cqjzPj4KsQm\\_Qkpbyf5Uu3xEqIGvSgmbUw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOVhzw2fwOBQq1cqjzPj4KsQm_Qkpbyf5Uu3xEqIGvSgmbUw/viewform)

Learn more about the Shoot Basketballs NOT People player development program at [www.joinsbnp.org](http://www.joinsbnp.org).

### **School Meals**

All menus and their nutritional information can be found [HERE](#) this year.

### **WPP has organized an End of Year Party at Smith Playground FREE for all families!**

When: June 15th (*last day of school*)

Time: 4-8pm

Where: Smith Playground (*the whole park!*)

More details coming soon, but President Christina Holley has been hard at work gathering vendors, a DJ, activities, etc. to make this an amazing celebration!

[Planning to attend? Please RSVP here so we can begin to estimate how many attendees we'll have!](#)

### **Free and Low-cost Summer Camps in Philadelphia**

To all families, summer is quickly approaching, and plans may be underway. Please see the following [link](#) for a list of current free or low cost summer camps across the city.

Also check out this Summer Camp Guide [Our 2022 Summer Camp Guide](#). There are dozens of online and in-person summer programming offerings. Sort by location, subject matter, dates and age groups.

Lastly, Play it Safe PHL Summer Program Info:

<https://www.phila.gov/programs/playitsafephil/>

## **Reminders**

### **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! You can also follow WPP (Wissahickon Parent Partnership) on [Instagram](#).

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## Important Dates

Mon, May 23- May27th: 8th grade Outward Bound Trip

Weds, May 25th, 4:30-6pm Incoming Kindergarten Family Orientation

Mon, May 30th: School Closed- Memorial Day

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