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A Newsletter for Friends of Wissahickon Charter School

A Note from Dean Kristi WCS Chief Executive Officer

Hi Friends,

Last month we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week at our two campuses. I can't think of a year where our Wissahickon employees have been more deserving of our thanks. To show some of our gratitude, we provided staff with lunches, afternoon treats, and some awesome WCS swag. We also created two "padlets," an online message board for WCS families to share notes of appreciation to teachers and other staffers. I've included some of these notes below because they really show the greatness of our employee community, the enthusiasm that they bring each day to school, and the indelible impact they have had on our students.

I share this not just to brag about our staff – though that is part of it! – but also to show you how YOUR SUPPORT has affected our community. It's a lot easier for our teachers to show up strong each day when they come to a clean and safe building, when they have a classroom that is well-stocked with books, paper, Smartboards, and laptops, when they have school counselors and behavioral specialists who can support the kids who need that extra attention, and when their students have access to art, library, PE, extracurriculars and other outlets that make them enthusiastic about school.

We are able to provide our teachers with all of this because of YOU. Your support funds the so-called "extras" that many other districts are unable to supply. Thank you for creating this joyful and appreciative community.

Dean Kristi

Ms. Shay and Ms. Haley

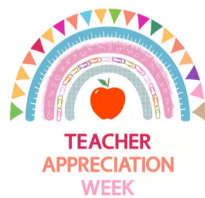
I want to let you guys know your hard work and dedication to K11 does not go unnoticed! I was so nervous for my child's first year in school and guys have done a beautiful job with him. Thank you.

Ms. Koby



We've never seen your cape or mask, but we see your superpowers every day! Thanks for being a super teacher!

WCS Teachers and Staff



With all that we dealt with throughout the last 2 years, it's amazing to still see the hard work and dedication. I can genuinely see how much you all care for the students at WCS. I love how WCS teachers and staff respects all walks of life and sets a great example for all of the students. Tatum enjoys going to school and tells me all the time how nice the teachers and staff are! I want to say Thank You. I appreciate WCS teachers & Staff from the bottom of my heart ♥

Hello Ms Carlton

Thank you Ms Carlton for being a dedicated teacher at WCS. I appreciate how you have been patient with our kids as they reacclimatized to in person learning. I value your input and insights regarding what each student needs to thrive. Asha is truly growing more academically sound in your classes and I thank you for all your help and support in her development as a strong, confident student.

Two male crossing guards



I'd like to thank the two gentlemen that cross our children every morning. Thank you keeping our children safe. You are appreciated



My family has been apart of the Wissahickon family for the past 10 years. And each year you all get greater! I drop my children off knowing they are safe, and are getting the best education. Shout out to the front desk staff, Mrs.Shonda and Mrs. Tonya. Their patience and energy is always top tier. We appreciate all of you!

Special shout out to Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Ms. Wright & Ms. Levine

Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Thanks for ALWAYS providing nutritional meals for all of WCS!!

Ms. Wright you're described as a fun special kind of teacher. Your ironic jokes and fun attitude does not go unnoticed in our home.

Ms. Levine, you are making our kids smarter with your style of teaching. From historical fiction to challenging questions for the kiddos, you are GREATLY appreciated.

Much appreciation for the after school staff who help with homework and let the kids run and play! You guys really help as an extension of the school with caring and shaping the kids lives! I truly appreciate you all!!



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Because of You: WCS's Budding Artists

Though art education is often considered an "extra" at other schools, Wissahickon provides a robust arts program as part of our core curriculum. In our well-stocked art rooms, students learn many artistic techniques, work with varied mediums, and gain exposure to a range of cultures and historical periods. Our art program has been supported over the years through grant funding from the Corrine R. and Henry Bower Memorial Trust and the Clarence Rowell Foundation as well as individual contributions from donors like you (and from our Spring LEAP Sponsors, featured on page 3!). Your gifts help budding artists develop while also giving students an outlet for creativity and expression.



This trimester, students in Awbury's art classes worked with clay. Younger students, like our second graders pictured here on the right and left, modeled and glazed their favorite animals while seventh graders (like Chloe, center) created clay self portraits. WCS students are lucky to have a well-stocked art room and knowledgeable art teachers to provide instruction and encouragement.

Thanks for Being a Friend, Penn Charter!



Our Fernhill Campus has been so grateful for the long and loyal partnership with the nearby William Penn Charter School. Not only does Penn Charter Head of School Darryl Ford serve on our Wissahickon Foundation Board, but we have also received years of support and friendship from some of their most giving high schoolers. They have built a wonderful partnership with our lower schoolers, who love to have these big kids visit for reading and play. In-person visits were put on hold during the pandemic, but earlier this spring we were so happy to welcome our friends back for a fun and sunny day in the campus-adjacent Fernhill Park. Thank you, Penn Charter! You've made such an impact on our kiddos!

Thank You to Our Spring 2022 Sponsors!

This time of year we would normally be putting finishing touches on our Annual Spring Benefit, an event that has served not only as a celebration of our many friends and supporters, but also as our largest fundraiser of the year. In light of Covid, we have had to cancel this beloved event for several years now, but we have been extremely fortunate to have many loyal supporters continue to sponsor Wissahickon's valuable LEAP programs (Libraries, Environmental Education, Arts & Extracurriculars, and Peace: Social-Emotional Curriculum) even in absence of a celebration.

We are so honored by your belief in these programs. We look forward to gathering with everyone at the 2023 Spring Benefit, an important year for Wissahickon Charter: It will be our 20th Anniversary!

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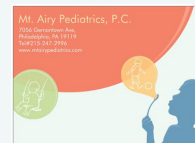
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