



Wissahickon
CHARTER SCHOOL

Thank You, Families!

At WCS, parent involvement is built right into our mission statement, and we've been lucky this year to have some incredibly committed volunteers. We'd like to take a second to shout out just a few, knowing there are many others who are also doing great things. Thanks, M'B Singley, Jimmy Coleman, Jesse Keenan, and Rosi Barbera for leading lower school electives, so that every single week our kids have the opportunity to make music, go for a run, or learn a bit of Spanish. Thanks, Sarita Johnson, Carly Schulman, and Jafina DeVoe for helping out with every possible thing around the kindergarten rooms every single day. Thanks, WPP Leadership Crew Aubrey White, Dominique Billingsley, Cheryl Amaya, and Christina Holley for keeping our parent organization running and enabling many other parents to get involved.

Thanks, also, to awesome classroom parents up and down the building. You are our go-to parents who we *know* we can always call for help, and who show up for field trips and potlucks and celebrations. Thanks to every parent who calls with concerns and questions, helps their child with homework, and makes sure that reading log is signed every night. Truly, we are grateful.

One quick way to get involved this week? Complete the survey at this [link](#) with your thoughts on how we as a school can recognize Black History Month.

Want to make a deeper commitment and have skills or time to volunteer? Consider teaching an elective! Both Lower School and Middle School begin new elective cycles in March. Middle School electives are Fridays 11:15-12; contact Ms. Rebecca. Lower School Electives are every day during recess (11:15-1:15); contact Ms. Jenny.

Finally, tonight's WPP meeting will be in the Library, starting at 6pm.

Ms. Jenny Lunstead & Ms. Rebecca Benarroch
Lower and Middle School Directors

Kindergarten Gingerbread Man Play



General news & announcements

C.A.R.E.S Highlights...

- To Renee Howard and Chanera Montgomery (7th grade) for Academic Excellence, from Ms. Polite. Renee and Chanera have been working hard to stay focused during class in order to master each week's objectives.
- To Jamir Elliott (5th grade), for Responsibility, from Ms. Annabel. Jamir chose to remove himself from a situation that he thought was likely to not end well. Great forethought and choice!
- To Jayvyn Flowers, Nailah Bint-Saylor and Mu'adh Tuten (Kindergarten), for Cooperation, from Ms. Mary. Jayvyn, Nailah and Mu'adh carried their lunch bin very nicely together. Good job, friends!

Morning Intake

Parents/Guardians:

Please refrain from dropping your students off inside our front gate. We close the gate down from 8-8:30 because students are walking in from busses and drop-off. You can only exit out the back during this time and it's dangerous. I ask that you drop your child off at the curb. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

Dean Jamal,

Chief Operating Officer

Picture Re-Take Day - RESCHEDULED

Due to a scheduling conflict, picture re-take day has been moved to this Thursday, January 12, 2017. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused and hope that all students who wish to re-take their pictures can do so during the new scheduled time.

Ms. Shonte'

Front Office

From the Development Office

Congratulations to **Myron W.** for winning a snowblower in this year's Winter Raffle! Myron is a grandparent of a WCS kindergarten student.

Thanks to all the students and families who participated in the Winter Raffle! Together we raised over \$1,800 toward preserving the programs that make Wissahickon a magical place to come to school. We are continually grateful for your support

Allie DiTucci

Development Office

Free Admission to the Kroc in January!

Looking to be active and stay healthy in 2017? The Kroc Center across the street is not charging enrollment fees during the month of January. You can swim, gym, spin, and more, all right next door.

Box Tops for Education = \$ for Discovery Class & the Outdoor Program

W.C.S is collecting "Box Tops for Education" to help raise funds to support our Discovery classes and the Outdoor Program. The "Box Tops" are the small pink item found on many grocery items including *General Mills* cereals, *Welch's* jelly, *Old El Paso* items, *Kleenex* and *Scottpaper* products, *Avery* office supplies and more!

Please, while you shop, keep an eye out for these. Clip them off and send them in with your child to drop off in the collection envelop on the bulletin board near the fish tank outside the lunchroom. Thanks in advance for the support!

For more information about the program go to the bottom of this newsletter, in the "Links we Love!" section.

For Lower School

No news this week

For Middle School

Goal Setting in 2017

MS students have a new, special routine in the new year that keeps them focused on learning & personal goals.

- Monday in homeroom, students get an updated grade report, set goals for the week, reflect on last week's goals, and can log into PowerSchool (on phones) to note specific assignments they need to work on or make up. They also make a plan to attend office hours of relevant teachers.
- Wednesday in study hall, students have time with teachers in subject areas other than their homeroom teacher's.

- Friday in homeroom, students begin the day with study hall.

Please check in with your child on Monday evenings to see their most recent progress report, and log into PowerSchool anytime for updates.

Math & P.E. Awards in November & December

Congratulations to these students:

- Overall excellence in P.E.: Shania Pinkney, Carl Richardson, Fatimah Belgrave, Saulih Khalifah, Doug Ford, Cierra Cain, Ryiese Randolph, Alaina Tomlinson, Michael Lee
- Growth in P.E.: Josh Campbell, Anjali Dyer, Ze'Ki Darby, Elijah Jackson, Talik Birton, Brandon Bush, Kendall Whichard, Amir Walker, Hanif Basley
- Academic excellence in Math: Shanir Frazier, Anjali Dyer, Teora Milson, Kalen Davis, Shanaira Clark, Caprice Nolan, Olivia Coleman, Alaina Tomlinson, Masai Pines-Elliott
- Growth in Math: Tony Lowden, Josiah McCrea, Carl Richardson, Doug Ford, Madison Fisher, Zamyia Nuble, Kendall Whichard, Aleafa Brooks, Dajah Nash

Middle School Dance This Friday, 1/13/17

The Student Council will be hosting a New Year's Party on Friday, January 13th from 6pm-8pm. General admission is \$3 and V.I.P is \$5. Please, no outside guests allowed.

Middle School Girls & Boys College Lunch Clubs Starting Soon

On Thursday, January 12th, Girls College for Middle School female students will begin! We will discuss various issues that are important to young girls as they navigate the transition from childhood to the teenage years. Students will have the chance to sign up in the coming week. For more information, please contact [Ms. Polite](#), 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher.

Boys College will also begin soon. Here's the description: Dream big. Grow up. Be a man. Be proud. Be a leader, not a follower. Be respectful. All guys have heard these things, but what do they really mean? Why are they even important? If they are, how do we do them? If you're interested in tackling these topics and more, B2M is where it's happening. Students will have the chance sign up in the coming week. Contact [Mr. C.](#), 7th & 8th grade social science teacher, for more info.

6th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Mr. Josh](#) (601) & [Ms. Thomas](#) (602).
- Daily homework updates [here](#).

7th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Ms. Izzy](#) (701) & [Ms. Sandler](#) (702)
- Daily homework updates [here](#).

8th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Mr. C.](#) (801) & [Ms. Polite](#) (802)
- Daily homework updates [here](#).

7th & 8th Graders at Lincoln Financial Field



Important Dates

Tues, 1/10: WPP meeting (6pm-7pm)

Thurs, 1/12: MS Boys College w/ all men (12:30-1pm)

- Girls B-Ball vs. Mastery @Mastery Cleveland(4:15pm-5:15pm)

- Boys B-Ball vs Mastery @ Mastery(5:15pm-6:15pm)

Fri, 1/13: 12:45 EARLY DISMISSAL

Tues 1/17: 5th grade History Hunters field trip (12:30pm-2:30pm)

- Kindergarten Parent Workshop @ 3:30pm

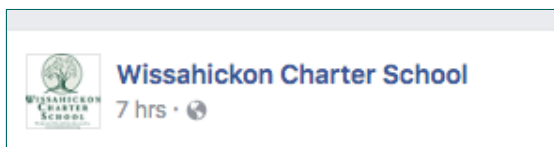
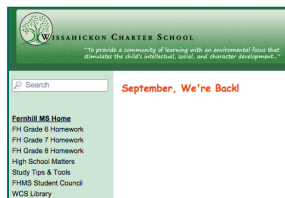
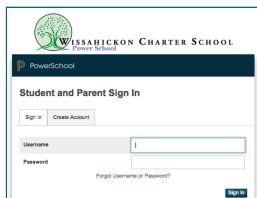
- Boys B-Ball vs World Communication@WCS (4:15pm-5:15pm)

Thurs. 1/19: Boys B-Ball vs Universal@ WCS

- Kindergarten Parent Workshop @ 3:30pm

Check out [this amazing calendar of family events](#) this year. Thank you, WPP!

Links We Love!



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