



WEEKLY WISSAHICKON

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CELL PHONES

We are noticing that more and more issues are starting due to students' use of cell phones and social media apps. Some students are writing inappropriate things, bullying others, and texting or messaging friends late at night. There are more than 30 students on some group texts and that creates a lot of drama! As a school, we are not allowed by law to get involved in what happens online outside of school. We suggest that you reach out to each other when you see hurtful or inappropriate things. Here are a few tips to support your child's appropriate use of cell phones:

- Make sure your children know it's YOUR phone. You pay for it. It's a privilege that they have it.
- Make sure the phone is in your room at night. If you keep the power cord in there, this will make sure they put it in there.
- Check your child's phone regularly to see what app they're using, who they're writing to, and what they're writing.
- Keep them off social media. There is no reason for them to have access to this and this is where most of the hurtful things happen.

Ms. Kate, Ms. Gina and Ms. Tammy

FROM THE DIRECTORS

BHM Dress like the Obamas Day: This Friday, March 3rd, we will celebrate the end of our celebration of the Obamas for black history month with a Dress like Barack or Michelle Obama Day! Students do not need to be in uniform if they're dressed like the Obamas. We will take a group picture of everyone dressed up!

Morning Drop Off: Please make sure students are ready to get out of the vehicle when you come on campus, so we can keep traffic moving smoothly. Thank you!

Ms. Kate and Ms. Gina

8th grade class fees are past due! Graduation fees are \$275.00 per student. Please follow up with me via email, g.minor@wissahickoncharter.org or phone, 267-774-4370 ext. 2259 ASAP. Thank you.

Also, for any Middle School girls who are interested in participating, please see the attached flyer regarding the 2017 Girls Climate Summit.

Ms. Gina

Every six years the Special Education Department is monitored by the state for compliance. This year is our monitoring. One piece is to survey parents about services. If your child has an IEP, please take 5 minutes to complete this survey. All feedback is valuable and we appreciate your time. Go to https://apps.leaderservices.com/_parentsurvey/app/lea/index.aspx.

Ms. Michele (Learning Support Director:Fernhill Campus)

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Dear Families: We are still collecting Box Tops for Education" to help raise funds to support our various classes and programs. While you shop, keep an eye out for the small pink items found on many grocery items. Clip them off and send them in with your child to drop off in the collection bin in the office.

We are also still collecting any slightly used footwear and donating them to our Shoe Box Recycling program. All donations will help raise funds to support WCS and all of our wonderful classes and programs. Thank you for your support!

Ms. Shonda and Mr. Justin

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT COUNCIL DRESS DOWN DAY: March 17th will be a Rainbow-themed dress down day. Each homeroom has a color assigned and we will take a picture on the lawn at the end of the day in celebration of diversity.

Red: K11, 311 and 611

Orange: K12, 312 and 612

Yellow: 111, 411 and 711

Green: 112, 412 and 712

Blue: 211, 511 and 811

Violet/Purple: 212, 512 and 812

Ms. L

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Dear Families: As you do online shopping on Amazon, visit smile.amazon.com and choose Wissahickon Charter School as your preferred organization. Each time you shop on the site, Wissahickon will receive 0.5% of most purchases.

Ms. Allie

FROM THE WPP

Wissahickon Families, it's time for our Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Catalogs will be sent home with your child this week, and the sale runs this week, and it will run March 1st-30th. Items will be delivered in time for Mother's Day, and online ordering is also available.

Your support is very important! Last year we raised over \$3200, and proceeds this year will be used to fund extracurricular school activities.

Mark your calendar for our "Wissahickon's Got Talent" talent show on Friday, May 12th. Sign-ups will be held late March, and participation is open to all WCS-Awbury students and staff.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, March 3rd: WCS Dress like the Obamas Day**
- **Friday, March 10th: Staff Only: Professional Development**
- **Friday, March 17th: WCS Rainbow-themed Dress Down Day, 12:45pm Dismissal for Professional Development**
- **Tuesday, March 21st: 6:30pm Board Meeting (to be held at the Awbury Campus)**
- **Monday, March 20th-Friday, March 24th: Book Fair**
- **Wednesday, March 22nd-Friday, March 24th: 12:45pm Dismissal for Report Card Conferences**

WCS Basketball Playoff Schedule

- **Tuesday, February 28th: Awbury Campus, girls play at 4:15pm.**
- **Wednesday, March 1st: @ Discovery Charter, 4700 Parkside Ave., boys play at 5:15pm.**
- ***Thursday, March 2nd: If either or both teams win, they will advance to the Championship round. Location is TBD. Girls will play at 4:15pm, boys will play at 5:15pm.***
- **Friday, March 3rd: All-Star Game @ Kipp West, 5700 Baltimore Ave., girls play at 4:15pm, boys play at 5:15pm.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ***If your child is sick, please keep him/her home until illness ends. ***
- **All students are considered late as of 8:21am everyday.**

- Our early dismissal cut-off times are 2:30pm on regular dismissal days and 11:45am on half days.
- In the event your child(ren) are picked up after 3:45pm and 1:00pm on half days, you will be charged \$1 per minute.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK #24

Repurpose glass jars as leftover containers and bulk storage, especially in the kitchen. *Have any Green Tips you want to share? Then send them to jtrot@wissahickoncharter.org.*



GIRLS CLIMATE SUMMIT 2017

WHAT

The Girls Climate Summit is a one-day FREE conference that focuses on the immediate impacts of climate change in the Philadelphia area.

WHEN

Saturday April 22nd, 2017
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

WHERE

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
8000 Cherokee Street, Philadelphia PA 19118
SEPTA's Chestnut Hill West - St. Martin's Station

WHO

Middle and high school girls from the greater Philadelphia region

WHY

Eat awesome local food. Meet other interesting, passionate students. Learn from local and global speakers about the effects of climate change on our city and world. Create your own climate action plan to improve your life, school, and city. Build a network of local climate leaders!

SIGN UP NOW.

Register for the Girls Climate Summit 2017 by typing "Girls Climate Summit 2017" in the Eventbrite search-bar.

Like the Facebook Page: Girls Climate Summit

Questions?

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