



Wissahickon
CHARTER SCHOOL

*** Fernhill families, we and our neighborhood had a power outage at the end of the school day. All went smoothly. At this time, we expect we WILL have school tomorrow, Wednesday, March 8. If anything changes, we will post a notice on our website and will call you. ***

Report Card Conferences

Trimester two wraps up at the end of this week, and report card conferences are right around the corner. Family involvement is central to our mission here at WCS, and our teachers spend many extra hours each trimester not only grading but also writing narrative comments so that they can share a whole-child perspective with you. We appreciate the time you take out of your work day to come in and talk with us every trimester.

You have the opportunity to sign up for a conference time that works best with your schedule -- please go to the link below and sign up today!

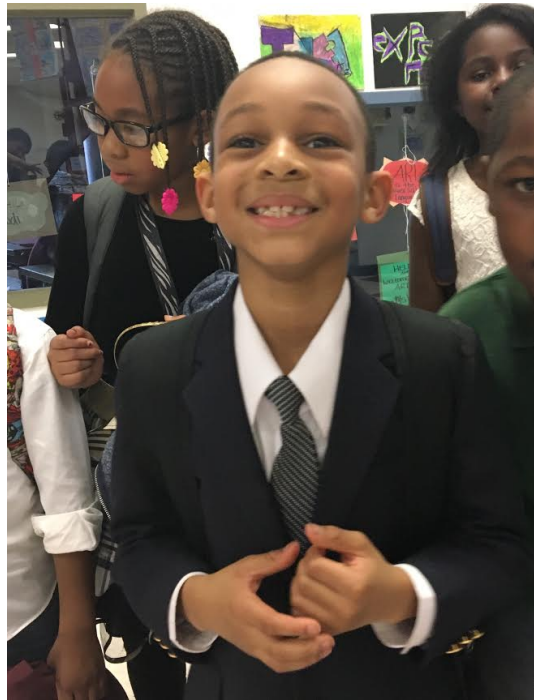
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The conference sign-up page will close next Wednesday, March 15, after which time you will no longer be able to sign up. We will assign times for anyone who has not signed up by the March 15 deadline.

Have a great week,

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

Students dressed as Barack & Michelle Obama in honor of Black History Month



General news & announcements

CARES awards

- To Sahanna and Mischa in 102 from Ms. Sarah for responsibility -- For offering to clean the classroom & the school during their center time. Thank you for keeping our space beautiful!
- To Jaquill in 402 from Ms. Julie for academic excellence -- He worked really hard to finish his writing work.
- To Hanif Vann from Ms. Davis for cooperation -- For being a huge help during his visit to 302. He worked with students on academics and even helped out a student that was having a difficult moment.

- To Isabella, Nylah, Derrick and Morgan in 101 from Coach B. for responsibility -- While at the park for PE, they all chose to take care of our environment by picking up litter.

Bathroom use

Recently, you may have heard about changes to the law about transgender students' bathroom use. Now, according to the U.S. federal government, public schools are not required to allow transgender students to use the bathroom that matches their gender identity.

At Wissahickon, our policy has been and will continue to be to discuss the bathroom preference of any student who identifies as transgender with the student and their family. We always work towards each individual feeling safe within our school community.

Feel free to contact Ms. Jenny or Ms. Rebecca with any questions or concerns.

Important Note regarding Early Dismissals...

This is just a friendly reminder that there are no early dismissals permitted after 2:30pm on regular school days or one hour prior to dismissal time on early dismissal days.

Please see Parent and Student handbook for more information*

-From front Office

Wissahickon Reads is TOMORROW @ 6pm!

There will be snacks, crafts, activities, a school-wide scavenger hunt, and a prize raffle. Every student will receive a homework pass just for attending! We hope to see you there! If you have any questions about the evening, contact [Ms. Jess](#).

From the Development Office

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.

Green Tips...from Frances Bradshaw, 7th grader

Washing your car in a commercial car wash is better for the environment than doing it yourself- Commercial car washes not only use significantly less water per wash- but they often recycle and reuse rinse water.

For Lower School

No news this week

For Middle School

Check the grades below for new information for 7th & 8th graders!

Thursday's BOWLING trip, 12:30-3pm

[These students](#) have earned the special event for February - a bowling trip to Hi Spot Lanes!

They have Cs or better, fewer than 3 TAB Outs and no discipline referrals for February. Congratulations! Time to get our strike on!

Middle School Dress Down Day, This Thursday, March 9

Middle School has a "Black and Shady" dress down day on Thursday, March 9. All middle school students can come to school wearing all black and their coolest sunglasses (or come in uniform).

Congratulations!

These middle school students have earned awards for Library and/or Information Management for February.

- Academic Excellence: Evelyn F, Shanir F, Teora M, Sean B, Shanaira C, Caprice N, Shaylah L, Masai PE, Sydney TT
- Growth & Effort: Nate J, Ruqayya K, Nehemiah S, Jaden B, Renee H, Jayvon R, Nina C, Safara M, Tailya U

Girls Climate Summit

Click [here](#) for information about a special day for middle & high school girls from Philly to talk about the environment and what they can do to preserve and protect it.

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](#).
- New Outward Bound Info. for 7th graders: **Outward Bound's Get Out And Lead (GOAL) applications due March 15th!**
- Want more information or to apply? See Ms. Mary, Discovery teacher, or click [here](#) for more information.

8th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Mr. C.](#) (801) & [Ms. Polite](#) (802)
- Daily homework updates [here](#).
- High school charter application deadlines are [here](#). See email from Ms. Allyson for details.
- This is a friendly reminder that **the first payment for 8th grade dues are due March 10th**. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.
- Dates to remember:
- 6/2/- Class Dance
- 6/9- Class Trip

Basketball All Star Game Participants



Important Dates

Tues. 3/7; Report Card conference scheduling begins TODAY

[Click here](#) to schedule

Thurs. 3/9; Dress down day

LAST day of Trimester 2

MS dress down day (see above)

MS bowling trip

Wissahickon Reads; 6-7:30pm

Fri, 3/10; No school for students; staff only

Tues. 3/14; 3rd grade field trip to Franklin Institute

Kindergarten Parent Workshop @ 3:30pm

WPP meeting (6pm-7pm)

Wed. 3/15; 3rd field trip Drexel Med. School

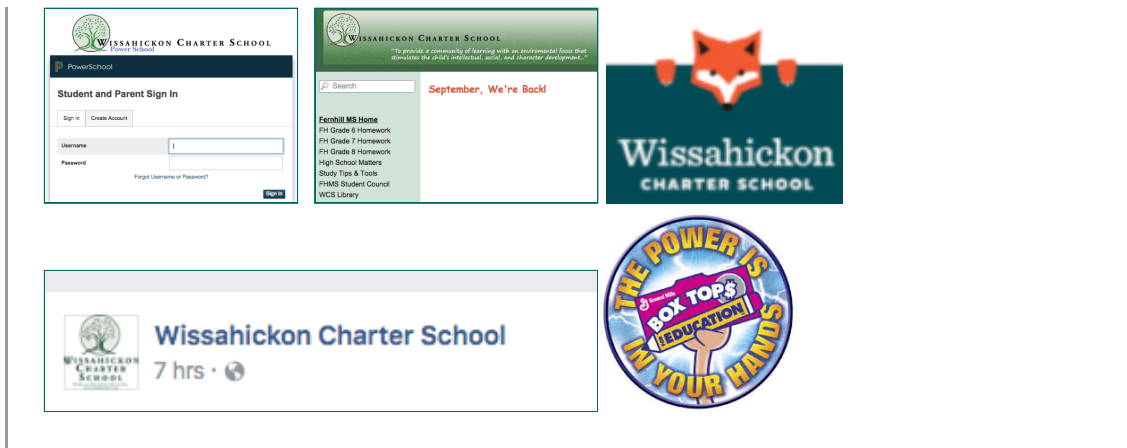
Thurs. 3/16; 4th Waste water Treatment plant

Kindergarten Parent Workshop @3:30pm

FRi. 3/17; 12:45pm EARLY DISMISSAL

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

Links We Love!



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