

PSSAs are Here!

This morning, 3rd-8th graders started their first day of the PSSAs. We're off to a really great start. Students used strategies they've been learning all year and showed strong commitment to doing their best.

Please make sure your child gets a good night sleep. In general, we've been noticing some tired students. Many say they're up late on their phones or tablets. <u>If your child has a phone or tablet, we strongly recommend keeping it in your bedroom after 8pm.</u>
This is a good practice every night, and especially during testing.

Finally, this morning, every 3rd-8th grader got a beautiful card created by the WPP (Wissahickon Parent Partnership). Thank you so, so much for these supportive messages. They mean so much!

Families are encouraged to leave short, sweet notes for kids in the morning at home, too. Sometimes, these notes are the pick-me-ups that help students have positive days.

Thanks for your continued partnership. Wishing you a happy, healthy Spring Break next week.

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

PSSA Good Luck Cards from the WPP





General news & announcements

C.A.R.E.S

Keeping the focus on Academic Excellence:

- To Taylor D, Khylie H, and Alana P in 101 from Ms. Jenn: Despite struggling to solve number stories in the past, all 3 girls each worked hard to draw the correct picture to solve a hard math problem!
- To Maya D in 401: Maya has consistently worked hard on her writing to plan out her essay, write 5 paragraphs, and check over her writing when she is finished to see if she can add more details. Nice job, Maya!
- To Makaila M in 602 from Ms. Jaide: Makaila had an awesome day. She was an excellent participant in each class, completed all of her work diligently, and used the silent fox to get others to quiet down.
- To 802 from Mr. K.: They went above and beyond to complete their work, and worked ahead on their college collages without being ask to.

Looking for Summer Programs?

Click on these links for lots of options. You can also check out local colleges & universities, which often have programs for younger students. If anyone has other links or recommendations, please <a href="mailto:emailto:mailt

- CAP 4 Kids
- Mural Arts
- Newsworks List
- Philadelphia Parks & Rec

From the W.P.P.

- Meeting update for this month: We will be moving our monthly meeting back 1 week to the week after spring break.
- Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 18th at 6pm in the library
- Come to the meeting to help us plan Screen Free Week events! Free pizza and childcare will be provided!
- Our Spring Plant Sale is coming up this month! Order forms for beautiful plants and flowers will be sent home with your child after spring break, and the flowers and plants will be delivered the week before Mother's Day!
- Great News! Our very own Fernhill Park has been selected as the signature park for this Spring's LOVE Your Park Event! The Event will be May 13th, and we will share more details as they come available.

- This Saturday, April 8th, is Spring Park Cleanup Day. Come to Fernhill Park to participate in this wonderful day of giving back!
- Stay tuned for more exciting updates from the WPP and how you can help this Earth Day!

Spring Break Day Camp

Don't have childcare for child during spring break or just looking for something fun for your child to do during the break... Check out this <u>flyer</u> for more information! It's for grades K-8 and open to boys AND girls!

From the Development Office:

We rely on the generosity of friends and family like you to preserve the programs that make Wissahickon a magical place to come to school --Discovery class, a fully stocked library, extracurriculars, and much more!

We are so grateful to you for all the ways you support your students and the Wissahickon Charter community. As you visit the school this week to learn about your student's progress, consider making a gift to the Wissahickon Charter School Annual Fund.

You can make your gift in person *this week* with cash or check. Alternatively, you can make a gift *right now* with your credit card on our <u>website!</u>

For Lower School

For Middle School

Upcoming Overnight Trips for Middle School Students:

- -These are required trips as they are an essential part of meeting WCS's environmental mission.
- <u>6th Grade-</u> PEEC (Pocono Environmental Education Center)- May 8th to May 9th- forms and information given out Week of April 3rd- forms must be in to Ms. Mary no later than Thurs., April 20th in order to participate.
- <u>7th Grade</u>- <u>Girls'</u> Backpacking Trip- Wharton State Park in NJ- May 18th to 19th- forms and information to come week after Spring Break
- <u>7th Grade</u>- <u>Boys</u>; Backpacking Trip- Wharton State Park in NJ- May 22nd to 23rd- forms and information to come week after Spring Break
- <u>Behavioral Reminder</u>: Because ensuring the safety of all students is a priority on overnight trips, students' behavior leading up to the trip determines whether or not a student will participate in this trip. <u>The school staff will consider each student's behavior for the month prior to the trip (including any TAB Outs and write-ups) and may determine that a student will not be able to participate on the trip. Students have been informed of this as well.</u>

Calculators < Very Important>

All 6th-8th students should have their own TI-34 or TI84 calculators with them every day. They need them for class, and they will definitely need them for PSSAs. Make sure you child comes prepared with theirs, with their full name written in Sharpie on the calculator and cover.

Students Run Philly Style

We will hold Tuesday and Thursday running practices as scheduled unless you receive an email from Ms. T stating otherwise. In bad weather, we train indoors.

6th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: Mr. Josh (601) & Ms. Thomas (602).
- Daily homework updates here.
- PEEC trip permission forms due no later than Thurs. April 20th. No signed form by this date means no trip!

7th Grade

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

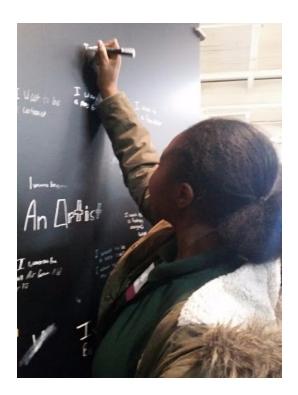
Eth Grade

- Homeroom teachers: Mr. C. (801) & Ms. Polite (802)
- Daily homework updates <u>here.</u>
- High school charter application deadlines are <u>here.</u> See email from Ms. Allyson for details.
- Give class dues to Ms. Shonte asap!

MS Cool Jobs Art Career Field Trip









Important Dates

Tues. 4/4 - Fri, 4/7: PSSA English Language Arts Testing, grades 3-8

Thurs. 4/6 MS Boys College

Fri. 4/7 1st grade trip to Walnut St theater

****4/10-4/14; SPRING BREAK- SCHOOL CLOSED****

4/20; Hearing tests

Kindergarten Parent Workshop; 3:30pm

4/21; Earth Day Celebration

April 25-27: PSSAs (Mathematics: Grades 3-8)

Check out this amazing calendar of family events this year. Thank you, WPP!



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