



Wissahickon
CHARTER SCHOOL

Finishing Strong

This week you should receive your child's Trimester 3 interim grades* in the mail. The year will come to a close sooner than we realize, but we are doing anything BUT winding down. These last seven weeks of school will be some of the busiest -- and hopefully the most fruitful -- of your child's year. This is the time when all of the learning of the year begins to come together -- students are doing research, preparing service learning projects, putting together performances, going on field trips and outdoor program trips, as well as working through the final units of math, reading, and writing for the year. Please save the date for our Celebration of Learning on the night of June 8th, when students will present some of this work for their families. Please also reinforce with your child the importance of continuing good academic habits, completing their homework and nightly reading log, and continuing to follow school rules through the end of the year.

*grades 3-8 only; K-2 will receive a written report if there are areas of concern

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Lower and Middle School Directors

PS: Reminder to 4th & 8th grade families: Science PSSA tests are tomorrow, Wed & Thurs, May 3 & 4.

Lower School Students enjoy an assembly by the National Theater for Children about saving energy.





General news & announcements

From the W.P.P.

- Happy Screen Free Week! [Click here](#) for all the details of what is happening this week. We hope to see many families join us this week as we come together to keep screens off!
 - **Wednesday 5/3 - Roller Skate Night** at Rolling Thunder. \$5 gets you skates and entry from 5p-8p ***ART NIGHT has been cancelled***
 - **Thursday 5/4 - Hike in the Wissahickon.** Meet at Blue Bell Meadow by 5:30 for a lovely & easy hike. Bring Water!
 - **Friday 5/5 - Ice Cream Social** at Trolley Car Diner. Get your coupon from WCS and enjoy from 3p-8p!
- **The Spring Plant Sale** has ended so make sure all your orders are in today. Plants will be delivered and ready for pick up at WCS on May 11th.
- **Love Your Park Day** is May 13th! There will be a wonderful event at Fernhill Park this day starting at 10am. [Click here](#) for more details and how to get involved!
- **WPP Meeting** is next **Tuesday, May 9th** at 6pm. We hope to see you all there. Childcare and pizza will be provided!

Coming in Uniform

Please check your child's jeans to make sure they're not ripped, and please check shirts to make sure they're collared and hunter green. Thanks!

For Lower School

4th & 5th Grade Invitation to Tour Middle School

Any family of a 4th or 5th grader who would like to visit the middle school is welcome to set up a tour with [Ms. Rebecca](#) (click to email). If there are special classes you'd like to visit or questions you have, let me know.

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Wednesday, May 17, 5:45-7:30pm

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For Middle School

April Surprise Special Event

Students who earned it will find out this week. The special event will take place next Thursday, May 11 during the school day. Families will find out via email this week.

Middle School Hippie/Hipster Dance

Friday, May 12, 6-8pm. Come dressed in the theme. Families, please pick students by 8pm.

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Lots of Grade Specific Info. for Middle School Students

See the lists below.

6th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Mr. Josh](#) (601) & [Ms. Thomas](#) (602).
- Daily homework updates [here](#).
- **PEEC** - Trip May 8 & 9; \$20 due May 4
- Behavior counts!

7th Grade

- Homeroom teachers: [Ms. Izzy](#) (701) & [Ms. Sandler](#) (702)
- Daily homework updates [here](#).
- **Girls'** Backpacking Trip, May 18-19; forms due May 4
- **Boys'** Backpacking Trip, May 22-23; forms due May 4
- Behavior counts!

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.
- ***New* Graduation & Dues Information**
- All dues are DUE now.
- Also, the Fernhill class of 2017 will be the first class in Cap and Gowns. Students are permitted to wear any color of choice under gowns.
- Students will receive 5 tickets each. Additional tickets will NOT be sold.

High School Matters Night, Wednesday, May 18, 5:45-7:30

HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS!

REQUIRED for ALL 5th, 6th and 7th grade students & families!



Wednesday May 17th, 5:45-7:30pm



Fernhill Campus, 4700G Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144

5th graders & families

5:45-6: Registration

6-6:30: "Middle School Matters": A new and improved transition to Middle School

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7th graders & families

5:45-6: Registration

6-6:30: "The Best Fit": A new interactive workshop for students and families

6:35-7:30: "High School Matters": High school applications, expectations and a special presentation

*** Extra credit applied to lowest subject for all students who attend! * Door prizes! ***

Important Dates

Mon, 5/1: Trimester 3 Interim Reports mailed this week

Wed, 5/3: 3rd grade trip to Schuylkill center

Wed, 5/3 - Thurs, 5/4: PSSA Testing (Science: Grades 4 & 8)

Fri, 5/5: 12:45 Early DISMISSAL (alternate schedule)

Mon-Fri, 5/8-5/12: PSSA Make-ups; Screen Free Week

Mon & Tues, 5/8-5/9; PEEC 6th grade Trip

Tues, 5/9; WPP meeting

Thurs, 5/11: MS special event for April (earned)

Fri, 5/12: Kindergarten Muffins for Mommies

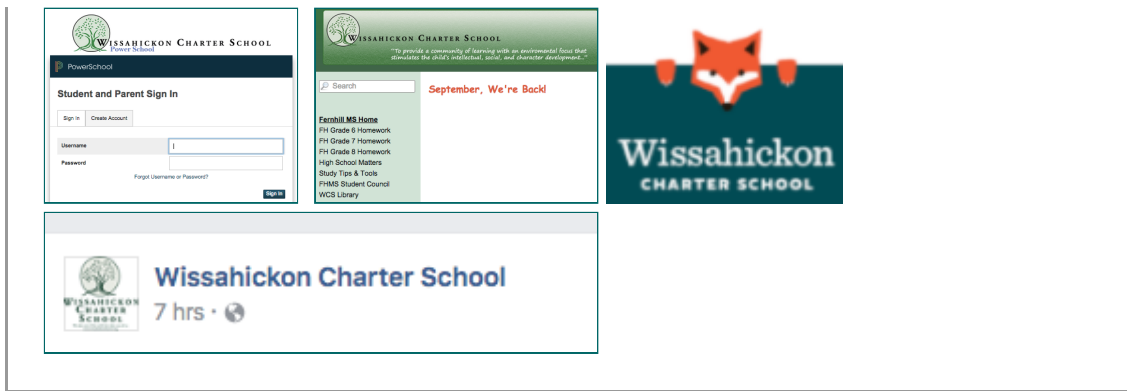
1st grade Arbor day field trip

MS Hippie/Hipster Dance

Sat, 5/13: WCS Spring Benefit & Silent Auction @ Awbury

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

Links We Love!



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