

# AWBURY CAMPUS WEEKLY WISAHICKON

### FROM THE DEANS

WCS Families: Thank you for adhering to and working hard to abide by the dress code. So far there seem to be \*(3)\* areas where our students aren't following the dress code. Those areas are:

- 1) Leggings and tights-Leggings and tights can only be worn if they are under dresses, shorts, or skirts. They can't be worn independently.
- 2) Ripped jeans-They are not allowed.
- 3) Tank tops or sleeveless shirts-Are not allowed.

We will enforce the dress code with fidelity moving forward and ask for your cooperation in making sure your child(ren) follow the dress code.

If you have any questions please contact me directly and thank you in advance.

Dean Jamal

#### FROM THE DIRECTORS

#### Choir for Grades 2-8

WCS will be partnering with Singing City to host the Singing City Children's Choir at WCS for our second season! Students in grades 2nd-8th are invited to apply to be in the choir. The choir will meet during morning meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:20-9am, beginning on October 3rd. Students who apply to be in the choir must commit to attending all rehearsals. Choir is free for all participating students and there are no auditions. Fill out the electronic application at the link below or students can pick one up at the front office. WCS Singing City Children's Choir

# <u>Application</u>

## Morning Arrival

Parents, it is imperative that when arriving onto campus in the morning that parents <u>remain in</u> <u>their cars</u>, children should be ready to go with all of their belongings and let out onto the sidewalk, not in the street. You do not have to drop off at the door, anywhere along the sidewalk is fine.

# Parents should not leave their cars to let children out and/or park on campus.

The gate is open everyday at 8:00am.

If you have a meeting or need to come in the building, please park on Washington Lane and walk onto the campus. Parking in the back is for faculty only.

Finally, no left turns are permitted on campus. This is a huge safety issue with many of our walking students and their families.

We ask that you please adhere to this policy to keep all of our little ones safe and to ensure the morning arrival goes smoothly and efficiently.

Ms. O'Shea and Ms. Gina

## FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Dear Awbury Families: Late fees are now being enforced for late pick up. The charge will be \$1 per minute starting at 3:45pm on regular dismissal and 1pm on early dismissal.

Also, please disregard any letters sent to you from the School District. Refer to the letter that was sent home with your student. These are your bus stops and times. Also, as the year begins, we understand that waiting for your child's bus is a bit hectic and frustrating. We are asking that you please be patient as the process gets to a steady and more accurate pace. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Ms. Shonda

#### FROM THE LIBRARY

Dear Wissahickon families: Last year, our library collection doubled from 6,000 books to almost 12,000 books! Wissahickon Charter now exceeds state standards for number of books per child, which supports growth and confidence in reading skills.

Moving forward, our goal is to keep the collection strong for everyone in our community. We will do this by developing good habits early on. While book circulation will begin during the second week of school, all students will check out only one book at a time during September. Each book must be returned before another can be checked out. Regular checkout will start in October.

Here are some other tips to support your student in staying on top of their library books:

- -Help your child develop a plan for storing library books at home. We recommend returning books to their backpacks any time they are not reading them.
- -Know your student's weekly library day. (A schedule will come home in your child's folder later this week.) Books should be returned or renewed then.
- -Encourage your child NOT to let other students borrow their books-this is the biggest reason books go missing. Let the library do the lending!
- -Confirm that we have your correct email address in PowerSchool, as you will receive regular

email reminders about your student's checkouts.

I look forward to seeing students continue to grow as readers this year!

Ms. Kate

#### FROM THE DISCOVERY ROOM

Dear Wissahickon families: On Friday, October 20th and Saturday October 21st, WCS staff and students will spend the day in Awbury Arboretum to celebrate the fall season with our community. In small groups, students will participate in many activities exploring the Arboretum and enjoying fall. If you are interested in helping out by assisting with a nature activity or chaperoning please make sure your clearances have been turned into the front office. A volunteer slip will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Also, Earth Explorers is an after school club designed for students that are interested in exploring and learning more about the natural world. Activities will include working in our school garden, exploring Awbury Arboretum, and investigating local plants and animals. The club will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3:15-5pm for students in grades second-fifth. Students can get a permission slip from me. Families will be notified about their child's participation by Monday, October 2nd. The club will start on Thursday, October 16th and run up to Winter Break. If you have any questions, please contact me at liz@wissahickoncharter.org.

Ms. Liz

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- · Monday, October, 9th: Columbus Day-School is Open
- Friday, October 13th: 12:45p Dismissal for Professional Development
- Tuesday, October 17th: 6:30p Board of Trustees Meeting (To be held at Fernhill Campus:
- 4700 Wissahickon Ave., 19144)
- Thursday, October 19th: Awbury at Awbury for Grades 1,2,5,7&8
- Friday, October 20th: Awbury at Awbury for Grades K,3,4&6
- Friday, October 27th: 12:45p Dismissal for Professional Development
- Tuesday, October 31st: WCS Picture Day

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

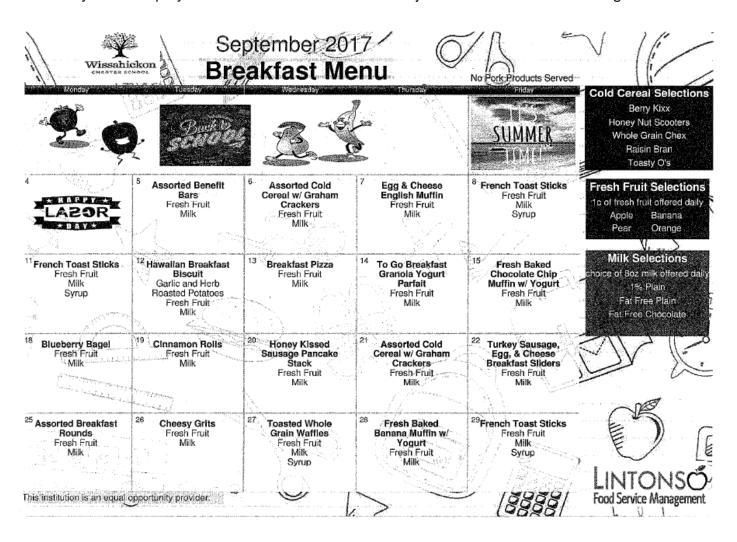
- All students are considered late as of 8:21am everyday.
- Our early dismissal cut-off times are 2:30pm on regular dismissal days and 11:45am on half days.

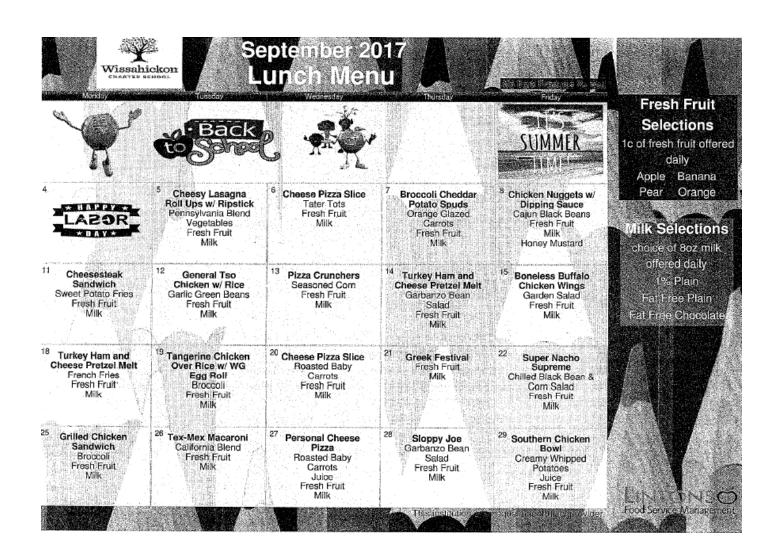
• In the event your child(ren) are picked up after 3:45pm and 1:00pm on half days, you will be charged \$1 per minute.

# **GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK #3**

Replace paper napkins with cloth napkins.

\*Have any Green Tips you want to share? Send them to jtrot@wissahickoncharter.org.













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