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Dear families,

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -- Dr. Seuss

At WCS, all K-6 students read independently in class every single day, but this is only half of the puzzle. To become truly proficient readers, they must also read every night at home. The reading log is a shared record of your child's reading life at home and at school. It lets you and the teacher know not only how long your child reads but what kind of a reader they are -- What books do they like? How fast do they read? Do they pick on book and stick with it or jump from book to book? The reading log is considered to be a part of every child's homework in every grade K-6, and it has a significant impact on their reading grade. Grades 7 & 8 have other reading related to their current language arts units, and all middle school families can find their children's nightly homework by clicking on links [here](#).

Thank you for making the time to read with your child or check in on their reading every night. We can't do it without you!

Jenny Lunstead
Lower School Director

First grade reading celebration with parents and grandparents and 402 reading like champs!





General News & Announcements

Picture Day, Tuesday, October 31

Dear Parents, Our annual picture day will be held on Tuesday, October 31st. Students are asked to come dressed in their finest attire, but please **NO COSTUMES!** Picture Day order forms will be sent home the week of the 23rd. Please send them back the day of pictures with money and form completed.

Late Pick-up Fee

Late pick up enforcement has begun. The charge will be \$1 a minute starting at 3:45p on regular dismissal and 1p on early dismissal.

Communicating about Attendance

Please submit doctor's notes, etc. if your child is absent. Also, if you receive a letter or call about your child's absences, please contact the person who was in touch with you as soon as possible.

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

- **WPP Meeting TONIGHT!** 6pm in the library. Childcare and pizza will be provided. Come share your ideas and get involved with our fundraisers and school support!
- **WCS Hoodies, Shirts and Magnets Order Forms DUE NOW!** There is still time to get your school spirit, so please send in your order form ASAP so we can place the order this week! Please click [here](#) if you still need a form and email us with any questions: wppfernhill@gmail.com
- **Pennies for Puerto Rico.** This event has gone well and we are so incredibly honored that so many families have brought in their change to go towards this charity event. We will be counting and sending on the money collected tomorrow. Thank you all for participating!
- **Friends of Fernhill** monthly meeting is Wednesday, October 11th at 7pm at RHD ([4700 Wissahickon Ave](#)). Discussions will include current fundraising efforts and planning for LOVE Your Park coming up in early November. We hope some WCS families can attend and help us push for new playground equipment and park clean up!

For Lower School

No additional announcements.

For Middle School

High School Matters Wiki Webpage Up and Running!

Attention all 8th grade families (and families of 6th & 7th graders if interested): Check out our High

School Matters webpage with constantly updated information about high school admissions, deadlines, open houses & more. New info. is added to the top as we find out about it. Click here: <http://wcsmiddlehighschool.wikispaces.com/HIGH+SCHOOL+MATTERS>

The latest update is from alumnus Zak Allen. Zak writes: *Hill Freeman is hosting an open house from 8:30-11 and as one of the tour guides and speakers, I wanted to spread the word back to WCS. If you could make and email for parents, teachers or even just an announcement to students that would be great. The school is located at 1100 E. Mount Pleasant Avenue, 19150. I hope to see some familiar faces.*

Middle School Student Council Spirit Week This Week

- **Monochromatic Monday:** Dress in different shades of the same color
- **Multiple Tuesday:** Dress up in the same way with a bunch of people
- **Wacky Wednesday**
- **DC vs. Marvel Thursday:** Dress as your favorite comic book/ super hero
- **Tie Dye Friday**
- **Spirit Link Homeroom Competition/Fundraiser:** 15 cents per link. Buy in the morning just before homeroom. \$50 of what's raised goes to Puerto Rico/Texas hurricane relief. Some staff are matching what's raised in donations.
- **Pep Rallies** (01's & 02's) last period on Wednesday
- **Nerds vs. Jocks Dance**, Friday, October 13, 6-8pm

8th Grade Outward Bound backpacking crew returns from their 5-day adventure



Important Dates

Mon, Oct 9- Fri, Oct 13th Middle school spirit week

Fri, Oct 13 Early Dismissal @12:45pm

Fri, Oct 13 Nerds vs. Jocks Dance 6-8pm

Tues, Oct 17 - 8th Barnes Art Trip; K family meetings

Thurs, Oct 19 - 4th Hike; K family meetings





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