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Dear families,

At Wissahickon, our school lunch program has long been a point of pride. Our healthy and delicious meals, sitting around small tables together, composting and recycling our waste... all are reflections of our environmental mission and our focus on the whole child. This year we have two new reasons to be proud:

- This year WCS will participate in the Eatiquette 360 program through the Vetri Organization. This means all lunches will be from scratch, and we will have a chef onsite 4 days of the week working with the kitchen and lunch staff as well as the students. This is a very exciting move towards family style dining.
- All WCS students are now eligible to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge through the CEP - [see below for details!](#)

Have a healthy and delicious week!

Ms. Jenny, Lower School Director

PS: Don't forget to vote today, and remember that Friday is Veterans Day (no school).

Fun at the fall festival!



General News & Announcements

Septa Gas Plant Update and Activism Opportunities

As many of you know, our Fernhill campus is neighbors to a Septa facility. Septa is hoping to build a gas plant at that site. We are concerned about how this facility will impact the health of our school community and neighbors. The Energy Justice Network says that according to the World Health Organization, gas-fired power plant emissions contribute to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases,

preterm delivery and the risk of low birth weight babies, eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, skin problems, and premature mortality, especially among the elderly and other vulnerable populations.

Recent studies have found that ultrafine particles emitted from gas plants directly enter the bloodstream through the lungs, travel to tissues, and create plaque in the blood vessels and brain, leading to heart disease, and cognitive dysfunction among children and older adults.

Please join in signing this [petition](#) to halt this project. There is also a potential lawsuit to halt the project. Plaintiffs include: families with children who have a doctor's diagnosis and suffer from asthma or cognitive growth issues and who have lived for all, or most of their lives, within a few blocks of SEPTA's bus depot on Wissahickon Avenue AND children with asthma or learning disabilities who are a vulnerable population which will be at risk of having their illnesses worsen. Please contact Dean Kristi at littell@wissahickoncharter.org if you would like more information about the lawsuit.

Free lunch for the 2017-2018 school year

Great news! All Wissahickon Charter school students are able to receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2017-2018 school year (Hooray!) as of November 1st. Please encourage your children to take advantage of the delicious meals that we will be serving. Please note that if you had a balance prior to the November 1st start date you are still responsible for clearing this up. Please see Ms. Kellie Coleman for any concerns and for more information about our schools lunch program please click [here](#)

Late Pick-up Fee

Please be reminded that late pick up enforcement charge will be \$1 a minute starting at 3:45pm on regular dismissals and 1pm on early dismissals.

Book Fair Save the Date!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Fernhill Dec.4th-11th!

To preview the titles featured at the Book Fair, to sign up to be a volunteer, and to find out how you can purchase titles online starting November 29th (yes, this year, we'll have an online store, too!), visit the link below.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=wissahickonchrtrsfernhill>

Student Council Canned Food Drive

Student Council is having a canned food drive for a food bank in Philadelphia. So, please donate any canned food until Friday, November 17.

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

- Hoodies and shirts are coming in at the end of this week! Our plan is to have orders distributed and sent home by early next week.
 - WPP Fernhill Family Hikes are planned for the 2nd Saturday of each month - so the next one is this weekend, the 11th of November! This will be a family friendly hike through the Wissahickon and we encourage all parents and kids to come out! We will meet at Blue Bell Meadow at 11am. Bring your water bottles and good shoes!
 - Next WPP meeting is **November 14th at 6pm** in the library. We will be hearing from Kellie on some new cooking classes and food service updates, talking about the upcoming holiday fundraiser, and learning more about the state of the Septa Power Plant. Join us! Childcare and pizza is provided.
 - Email us with any questions or comments: wppfernhill@gmail.com
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For Lower School

No lower school updates this week.

For Middle School

Subject Routines

Classes have typical routines as follows. They might change, though, with notice to students and posts on the MS Wiki homework site. Also, these do not include major tests, writings or projects.

6th Grade

- Thursdays - LA - Text dependent analysis (short writing pieces) & reading quizzes
- Fridays - Math & Science - Quizzes (alternating weeks)

7th/8th Grades

- Wednesdays - Math - Quizzes
- Thursdays - Science - Exit slips (quizzes on weekly concepts)
- Fridays - LA - Vocabulary quizzes (every two weeks)

Upcoming Surprise Celebration

There will be a very unique surprise event to celebrate students earning all Cs or better, having fewer than 5 teacher led consequences and no discipline referrals in November + December combined. Encourage your child to go for it! It will be in December close to winter break.

Appreciation Grams

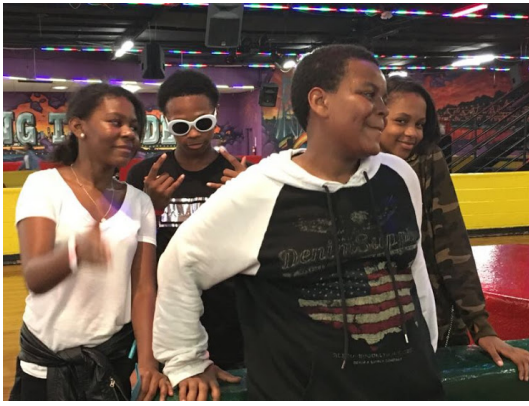
Student Council is selling them Nov 13-17 during the school day. If you're around, ask to buy one to show gratitude for someone you appreciate.

8th Grade Events & Expectations

8th grade families, click [here](#) for the letter that is being shared with students and was sent home last week.

Middle School Roller Skating Trip!





Important Dates

Mon, 11/6-Wed, 11/8 - 5th Horsham Outdoor School

Fri, Nov 10th - School closed, Veterans Day

Mon, 11/13-Fri, 11/17 - MS Appreciation Grams

Mon, 11/13 - 7/8th Drexel Trip

Tues, 11/14 - K trip to Wissahickon

Thurs, 11/16- First grade trip to Italian Market at 9:30

Mon, 11/20 - Last day T1 for students

Tues, 11/21 - Staff only; MS basketball try-outs at Awbury

Wed, 11/22 - MS basketball try-outs at Awbury.

Tues, 11/21-Sun, 11/26 - Thanksgiving Break



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