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Dear Families,

At WCS, students and staff look to Thanksgiving - and November generally - as a reminder to give thanks for each other, as well as give to others as we can.

Student Council is holding a canned food drive for a Philly food bank, and each homeroom is accepting donations till this Friday, November 17.

Also, Middle School Student Council is selling "appreciation grams" this week. Any middle school student, K-8 staff member or K-8 family member can buy one to give to anyone else. Want to surprise your child? A teacher? We have grams available at the front office if you stop by school. Sales end this Friday. Deliveries will be Monday, November 20.

Finally, we're heading into the home stretch of Trimester 1 and are grateful to you, families, for partnering through both fun and challenging times. The last day of Trimester 1 for students is Mon., Nov 20. Tues., Nov 21 is a staff-only day. All of us are off from Wed., Nov 22 - Sun., Nov 26.

Ending with a Thanksgiving wish for all of us:

May you always have enough happiness to keep you sweet; enough trials to keep you strong; enough success to keep you eager; enough faith to give you courage; and enough determination to make each day a good day!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Benarroch
Middle School Director

5th grade fun and team building at the Horsham Outdoor School!



General News & Announcements

Report card conference sign up

Dear WCS Parents: Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 6th-Friday, December 8th. The "My Conference Time" site will be available for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s teacher on Sunday, November 19th. Follow these steps to schedule:

- 1) Go to www.myconferncetime.com/wissahickoncharter
- 2) Click on the name of your child(ren)'s teacher.
- 3) Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."
- 4) Submit the requested information.

Please sign up by **Friday, December 1st**. Any conference that is not scheduled by then will be automatically assigned to you. Note that you are only scheduling for your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher. If you want to schedule with any additional teachers, please contact them directly

Volunteer/Parent Clearance Requirements *New Changes*

Please be advised that parents who volunteer occasionally to chaperone a field trip are not required to have their clearances as long as they will not be solely responsible for a child/a group of children's well-being. Parents/guardians who chaperone trips on a regular basis throughout the year and any parents/volunteers for outdoor trips must still have their clearances. In addition, any person (parent or otherwise) who volunteers at the school on a regular or scheduled basis must still submit their clearances. Parents who wish to observe their children in class may do so without clearances now. If you need to direct a parent or volunteer to the process for obtaining clearances, the information can be found on our website at <http://wissahickoncharter.org/volunteer-clearances>.

Calling all current and former WCS choir students!

WCS students have the opportunity this December to perform on a major stage in Philly! Mr Jimmy will be performing music from the Charlie Brown Christmas Special at the World Cafe Live in West Philadelphia on Sunday, December 10th 6pm, and they need student voices. Ms MB will be running rehearsals at the school at times to be determined. If your child is a current or former WCS choir member and you would like them to participate, please reach out to Ms. MB at mbaliamusic@gmail.com

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

- Hoodies and shirts are in this week! Our plan is to have orders distributed and sent home by the end of this week.
- **TONIGHT** is the **WPP meeting 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.
- Equal Exchange Holiday Fundraiser is kicking off this week! We will be raising money for extra-curricular activities and sports at the school by selling these wonderful, organic and fair-trade

chocolates, teas, coffee and more! Please share these order forms with your neighbors, families and friends to raise as much money for the school as we can!

- Email us with any questions or comments: wppfernhill@gmail.com

Book Fair Save the Date!

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

We're in need of Volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair begins Monday, December 4th-11th. Sign up to volunteer: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/7RWfElVnR>

Bus Route Correspondence

As a reminder to all parents/guardians, please disregard any letters that come to you in the mail from the School District of Philadelphia regarding school bus information. If there are any changes, WCS will send you information

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.

For Lower School

No lower school updates this week.

For Middle School

No middle school updates this week.

7th & 8th Graders Visit Drexel Medical School! They had the chance to visit labs, and observe & interact with real bodies!



Important Dates

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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