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Dear families,

This week marks the start of our second trimester, which continues till March 8. With it, we hope that all students come to school showing their best CARES values and showing these crucial mindsets for learning:

- "I can learn and grow in every class and at all times of the school day."
- "I have something to teach everyone, too. I have strengths that I use and share."
- "Everyone has a fresh start in Trimester 2. No grades carry over. If I'm not satisfied with how I did in Trimester 1, I can improve now."
- "I'm in the driver's seat of my education. I use appropriate assertion to ask for what I need from others in order to learn & grow."

If you haven't already, please sign up for report card conferences following the instructions below. If you don't sign up by **December 1st**, a date/time will be assigned to you by Mr. Justin & Ms. Jolley. Don't forget about the annual book fair, too!

Also, if your child earned honors in Trimester 1, the breakfasts are Thursday, Dec 14 for Middle School and Friday, Dec 15 for Lower School. Mark your calendars.

We look forward to seeing all of you next week,

Rebecca Benarroch
Middle School Director

First grade working hard on sorting sentences.



General News & Announcements

Report Card Conferences - Sign up by Friday, Dec 1

Dear WCS Parents: Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 6th-Friday, December 8th. The "My Conference Time" site is up and running for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s teacher . If you have used the previous link please check your rsvp because some of the teachers schedules have changed and dates have been corrected. Follow these steps below to schedule:

- 1) Go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/wissahickoncharter>
- 2) Click on the Fernhill campus
- 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 then you will receive a confirmation email of your scheduled time.

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

Grateful for Giving

We are so grateful to you for all the ways you support your students and the Wissahickon Charter community. As you visit the school next week for Report Card Conferences, consider making a gift to the Wissahickon Charter School Annual Fund. You can make your gift in person next week with cash, check, or credit card. Alternatively, you can make a gift right now with your credit card [here](#). P.S. As you do your holiday shopping on Amazon, visit smile.amazon.com and choose Wissahickon Charter School as your preferred organization. Each time you shop on the site, Wissahickon will receive 0.5% of most purchases.

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

Equal Exchange Holiday Fundraiser is still going! We will be raising money for extra-curricular activities and sports at the school by selling 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/7RWfEIVnR>

Cooking with Verti

Please join us for our first caregiver/parent cooking & nutrition class on December 12, 2017. There will be two sessions held here at the Fernhill Campus and please note that space is limited and this is an adult event. For more information and to RSVP please click [here](#) .We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Green Tip of the Week

If you have any slightly used running shoes that you want to get rid of, you can bring them to the school

and donate them to our Shoe Box Recycling program. You can also check out Recycled Runners for shoe recycling facilities and organizations in your area. Have a green tip you want to share? Send them to j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org
Ms. Jolley

For Lower School

No lower school updates this week.

For Middle School

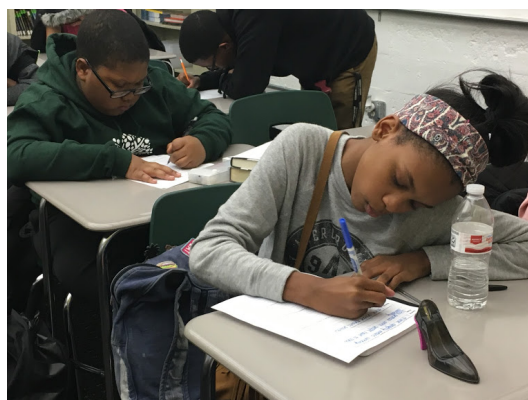
Opt Out Forms for Guidance

Yesterday, 6th grade students received "opt out" forms for the puberty unit in Trimester 2. They are due by Friday, December 1 ONLY if you are choosing for your child not to participate in these classes. (S/he will have alternate assignments for the class on a different topic.)

Reading Levels & Report Cards

We have removed the separate reading level section on middle school report cards because 7th & 8th grades are using different measures (internal benchmarks) to show students' reading progress. 6th grade teacher comments will still include reading levels, and any 7th or 8th grader who continues to take reading level assessments will have their level in the teacher comments section.

Midday Meditation & Fun, Focused First Days of T2 in Middle School



Important Dates

Nov 28th- Kindergarten parent meeting at 3pm.

Nov 29th- 5th grade field trip History Hunters to Stenton at 9:30am.

Nov 30th- 4th grade field trip to Bells Mills hike 9am-1:30pm.

Dec 6-8th- Report card conferences, 12:45 Dismissals

Dec 8th- Middle School Decades Dance (tentative)



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