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Happy New Year!

We hope all of you are staying warm and feeling healthy as we start 2018! After the snowy, slushy, icy mix of the past week, here's hoping we're able to slide into our school routines in the coming days.

Also, here's important info. from the WPP:

- TONIGHT is the **WPP meeting at 6pm** in the library. We will be looking forward to the Spring to plan some fun school events as well as our next fundraiser. Join us! Childcare and pizza is provided.
- Equal Exchange Holiday Fundraiser was a great success and raised over \$1,250 to go towards our extra-curricular programs! Thank you to all of you whom participated.
- Email us with any questions or comments: wppfernhill@gmail.com

Middle School families, please see the section below for middle school new morning arrival information.

Rebecca Benarroch
Middle School Director

Happy 2018!



General News & Announcements

Slime, play dough, clay, glue balls, etc.

Please make sure students do NOT bring these gooey substances to school. They have been extremely distracting to learning and proving a mess to clean up from classrooms, hallways and various other spaces. No more warnings. If an adult sees this, it will be taken & thrown away.

Picture re-takes will be Thursday, January 18.

If you are interested in having your child(ren) take their photo over, please bring in your initial set of un-cut pictures or, if your child(ren) did not take pictures on the first Picture Day, make sure you complete a picture form available at the office.

Morning drop-off

Families: As a reminder the doors to the school open at 8am. Please don't drop your students off before then, especially during the winter months. The school does not have staffing to monitor students before school, and we are concerned about students standing out in the cold for long periods of time. I thank you in advance, and if you have questions please contact me at the school. -Dean Jamal

Early pick-up procedure

Please be advised that early pick-up is over after 2:30pm and 11:30am on a scheduled early dismissal day. If there is an emergency, please call ahead so that we can have the children ready for arrival. Please also note that children can not be dismissed without the presence of a parent or approved adult along with a signature and ID. In the event there is a change in pick up, i.e. on or off the bus, please call the front office by 2:45 to ensure we are able to relay the message to the student.

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 your washing machine has a setting for the amount of clothing you're washing, choose a low setting. You'll use less water and clothes will get just as clean. Using cold water can save up to 80% of the energy required to wash clothes.

For Lower School

Two new after school clubs!

- We are starting an after school Chess Club and Scrabble Club.
- Both clubs are free of charge and open to all 3rd-5th grade students.
- Clubs will meet after school on **Monday's from 3:30-4:30.**
- Students must have transportation home at **4:30** in order to participate.
- Tournament opportunities will be offered!
- Permission slips will be sent home tomorrow, and are **due Wednesday, January 17.**
- Please contact Ms. Pnina with any questions: pnina@wissahickoncharter.org

Reminder: New Online Math Program

WCS has purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency. DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/puw5/wissahickoncs>

DreamBox can also be used as an iPad app. Search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store, and download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of lessons. When prompted in the app, use this School Code: puw5/wissahickoncs

Your child will need their username and password, which they should have received from their teacher. Please contact the teacher if your child does not know or remember their password.

For Middle School

Middle School Start Time

Starting Tuesday, January 16, the Middle School arrival schedule will change slightly as follows:

- * 8:10 - Middle School dismissed from loading dock & cafeteria to MS Commons
- * 8:15 - 1st bell rings. Students walk to homeroom
- * 8:20 - Homeroom begins. (Students are late after 8:20.)

No other changes will occur.

8th Grade End of Year Events

Reminder to families of 8th graders: If your child has a second consecutive month (after the warning month) with multiple adults concerned about her/his behavior, s/he will lose one of their end of year events. Contact Ms. Rebecca or Ms. G. if you have any questions.

Sharing meals together at the end of 2017



Important Dates

Tues, 1/9 - Girls & boys b-ball games @ Awbury

Wed, 1/10 - 5th History Hunters trip

Thurs, 1/11 - Girls & boys b-ball games @ Awbury

Fri, 1/12 - Martin Luther King Jr. poetry celebration; 12:45pm dismissal (alternate schedule)

Mon, 1/15 - Martin Luther King Day, no school

Tues, 1/16 - Kindergarten family meeting after school

Wed, 1/17 - Girls & boys b-ball games @ Sankofa

Thurs, 1/18 - Kindergarten family meeting after school

Fri, 1/19 - Girls & boys b-ball games @ Belmont



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