



Wissahickon

CHARTER SCHOOL

Hello Fernhill Families,

We are excited to be participating in Black Lives Matter Week with schools across Philadelphia and across the nation. We know that there will be a variety of opinions about this topic amongst families in our community, and we also know that issues of racial justice impact every one of us. Research shows that students of all ages and backgrounds have ideas about race and fairness ([here's an interesting link about this!](#)). By starting the conversation, we're letting them know it's okay to share their ideas and feelings.

Programming includes the following:

- Each homeroom has discussions & activities during morning meeting
- Morning announcements include current Black youth making a difference in the world
- Staff and middle school students can choose to wear Black Lives Matter t-shirts [tomorrow, Wed, Feb 7](#)

We also invite YOU to join our students and teachers in envisioning what racial justice looks like at our school by participating in the national writing prompt, "At a school where Black lives matter, we..." Students at WCS will respond to this prompt in class; we invite you to respond on the paper sent home with your child today or [email Ms. Jenny](#) with your ending to the sentence.

We imagine you're already having important conversations at home about what your family values - and hope you'll continue them with each other & with us.

In solidarity,

Jenny Lunstead, Lower School Director

Rebecca Benarroch, Middle School Director

Congratulations, Eagles!



General News & Announcements

Parade Plans

Wissahickon will be closed Thursday February 8, 2018 because of the Eagles Super Bowl victory parade. Enjoy the day and the parade if you decide to attend! Go Birds!!

Dean Jamal and Dean Kristi

Absent Note Procedures

Please be advised if you have doctors, parent or family emergency notes, make sure to direct them to me at the front desk or email them to me at j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org. Also please note that non-school related events are not excusable.

Welcome Note from Art

Hello from the art studio! My name is Ms. Revell, and I'll be Ms. Wooley's substitute while she's on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students of WCS and creating some awesome art! You can email me at i.revell@wissahickoncharter.org.

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

- WPP monthly meeting is on Tuesday, February 13th, at 6pm in the library. We will be looking forward to the Spring to plan some fun school events as well as our final hoop-a-thon fundraiser. Join us - we want to hear from you! Childcare and pizza are provided.
- Help us keep the momentum going to fight the the Septa Gas Plant across the street from where our children play every day. Here is how you can help:
 - Join the Facebook Group "Neighbors Against the Gas Plants"
 - [Sign the Petition](#)
 - Watch this awesome [57 sec video](#) about it

- Come to our next WPP meeting and help write cards and make more to write with your children!
- Email us with any questions or comments: wppfernhill@gmail.com

Cook with Vetri - Family Culinary Classroom Tues, March 13, 2018

We will enjoy making a new recipe or two and find out more about what your children are eating daily in the cafeteria. Bonus: There is, of course, a giveaway! Please RSVP to Carrie Suarez, Chef Mentor: carrie@vetricommunity.org no later than Wednesday, March 7th. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

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

This weeks green tip comes from Good Housekeeping: Brew "certified" coffee. A USDA Certified Organic label means it was grown using sustainable standards. If you have a green tip you would like to share please send it to me at j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org

For Lower School

Summer Camp Scholarship Opportunity!

Morris Arboretum is offering scholarships to Wissahickon Charter students ages 5-10 for their Summer Adventure Camp! Please click [here](#) to read more about the camp and [here](#) to fill out the attached registration form to apply for the scholarship!

For Middle School

Guest Speakers for Guidance Classes

Ms. Allyson is looking for folks to come in to **speak about your chosen professions** with our 8th graders this trimester on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 11:15 am - 12 noon. This is has been a really successful series in the past and we'd love to invite new speakers this year! Please let me know if you have any contacts who may be willing to speak to our students! Email: a.black-foley@wissahickoncharter.org

Boys & Girls Basketball Playoffs!

Come support our #1 teams: Next Tuesday, February 13, 4:15 & 5:15 at Awbury!

First graders reading to tenth graders from Penn Charter, and then they read to us!



Important Dates

Thurs, 2/6 - No school, Eagles parade!

Fri, 2/7 - 5th History Hunters trip, MS Jan celebration

Tues, 2/13 - K family meeting, girls & boys b-ball playoffs @ Awbury, WPP meeting

Thurs, 2/15 - K family meeting

Fri, 2/16 - 12:45pm dismissal



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