



WISSAHICKON CHARTER SCHOOL

**AWBURY CAMPUS
WEEKLY WISSAHICKON**

ALL SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES, 2018 SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS.

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!!

Dress Code REMINDER:

A quick reminder that jeans/pants can't have rips in them, even if the student has tights, or leggings underneath. Ripped jeans/pants are not allowed per our dress code. If you have any questions about the dress code please reach out to Dean Jamal at the school.

Health Update

In the last few weeks, the number of flu cases has been on the rise. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, as of January 20, the flu is considered to be widespread in Pennsylvania. Here at WCS, we now have several confirmed cases. We also have seen a number of instances of upper respiratory and stomach viruses.

As a reminder, if your child has a fever over 100, please keep them home until 24 hours after the fever has resolved. If your child has diarrhea or vomiting, please also keep them home for 24 hours after their last bout. Students can return to school once 24 hours have passed, they are eating and drinking normally, and their energy level has returned to normal.

Please contact the nurses' office if your child is diagnosed with any infectious illness, as the nurses keep track of illness trends at school.

Following these guidelines should allow your children to heal more rapidly and should also allow our school community to remain as healthy as possible!

The nurse will be conducting annual screenings for weight, height and vision for all grades. If you have any questions please contact the nurse.



REMINDER: Don't forget to RSVP for the Parent Cooking Class.

Please save the date for our first parent/caregiver Culinary Classroom experience on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6 pm. Join Vetri Community Partnership for an evening, 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 Tuesday, February 13th. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Look at our children work. Verti Community Partnership hard at work helping our students prepare one of their delicious lunch dishes. Every student enjoyed a cooking class with Vetri last week!



Basketball

Congratulation to our WCS Boys and Girls basketball teams. Both are undefeated and going to the playoffs.

Our WCS Girls/Boys basketball teams will be playing the first round of Playoff games at HOME next Tuesday 2/13!

Girls - 4:15pm

Boys - 5:15pm

Our WCS Boys/Girls Basketball Teams are selling "WCS B-BALL/GO FOXES!" silicone wristbands to provide supporters with some cool WCS gear and also to help raise funds for new uniforms. Each wristband will be \$2.00

We appreciate the support we've received from you all thus far and look forward to seeing you at the games next week!

See Ms. Adriane, Mr. Justin or myself for your "WCS BBALL/GO FOXES" wristband if you haven't gotten one yet.

Adult/Youth sizes are available

Wristbands will be sold at Home Games and also at the Front Office! Purchase yours today!



Thanks for your support!

Important dates

- February 8, 2018, Super Bowl Champions Philadelphia Eagles Victory Parade. Administrative Offices and School closed.
- February 16, 2018, early dismissal at 12:45. Professional Development for teachers and staff.
- February 19, 2018, President's Day. Administrative Offices and School closed.
- February 20, 2018, Flex Day- School closed (unless there are more snow days). Administrative Offices and School closed.

"The PSSAS begin the week of April 9th for students in grades 3-8. The testing windows are as follows:

- April 9-13: English Language Arts
- April 16-20: Mathematics
- April 23-27: Science (Grades 4-8 only)
- May 8-12: Makeups as needed

We are excited to report that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has made a significant reduction to testing time, with the English Language Arts and Mathematics tests each having one fewer day of testing.

Some parents have expressed interest in having their children "opt out" of the PSSAs due to religious beliefs. While a family can opt a child out at any point, we are requesting this year that you provide us with notice by the end of February so that we can make adequate preparations for how they will spend testing time.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the opt out process, please contact Paul Vande Stouwe, Assessment and Accountability Manager at p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org or [267-774-4370 ext. 2541](tel:267-774-4370)."

Black Lives Matter Week

February 5-9th, WCS will be participating in the Black Lives Matter week of action again. It's now a national movement with over 20 cities participating! Below is a link to an intro video, the facebook site for Philly, and the citywide calendar. There are really awesome panels and events going on in the evenings and over the weekends.

At Awbury, we will be reading quotes during morning announcements, students will respond to a themed share at Morning Meeting, and they will respond to the prompt, In a School where Black Lives Matter, we.... We are inviting parents to write in to the prompt as well with the attached paper.

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to order a Tshirt and wear them on Monday, Feb 5th. Thanks!

Introductory Video: https://www.facebook.com/workingeducators/videos/1532392796859754/?hc_ref=ARSjBRd2iqHPFHIGAy3FmPRWssCgj9SHq7PYvhuz528mRwxhUqlyGYLaDQiVgXpS6L4

Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMPhIED/>

Calendar: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14p3UL4O5cAsIFSeZbff1-XjKfM16pkZWHYiASTuxiMI/edit>



Black Lives Matter Week of Action, February 5-10, 2018

Join the Caucus of Working Educators and several other organizations for powerful racial justice organizing - happening this year in more than 20 cities across the country - that will connect educators, students, parents, community leaders, and allies. #BLMPhIED



[Events and Organizing](#) [Curriculum](#) [Local and National Demands](#) [T-Shirts: Link to come](#)

[Sign up](#) to start organizing, learn more about the week, and to get resources for your school.

- [Black Lives Matter Week of Action Kickoff, Friday, February 2, 4:30-6:30PM, Maximum Level Lounge \(5118 Sansom St\)](#)

Saturday, February 3	Monday, February 5	Tuesday, February 6	Wednesday, February 7	Thursday, February 8	Friday, February 9	Sat, February 10
<p>Opening Panel: LGBTQ Youth Conversation: Stigmas and Misconceptions of Race and Gender</p> <p>Time: 12:30 - 2:30 pm</p> <p>Penn LGBTQ Center 3907 Spruce Street</p> <p>Facilitator: Naomi Leapheart</p>	<p>Guiding Principles: Restorative Justice, Empathy, Loving Engagement</p> <p>Curriculum Links: -Elementary (link) -Middle & High (link)</p> <p>Wear your BLM T-Shirts and Buttons and take a solidarity photo with everyone in their gear!</p> <p>Immigration in Trump America: The power and importance of Ethnic Studies: Screening of Precious Knowledge</p> <p>Facilitators: Edwin Mayorga, Jazmin Delgado, and Ismael Jimenez 6-8PM LaSalle Univ. Holroyd 190</p>	<p>Guiding Principles: Diversity, Globalism</p> <p>Curriculum Links: -Elementary (link) -Middle & High (link)</p> <p>Roundtable on Colorism: Women of the African Diaspora</p> <p>Facilitator: Angela Crawford</p> <p>Co sponsored by CCP Women's Outreach and Advocacy Center and CCP Diversity Certificate Series</p> <p>5-7PM Community College of Philadelphia(Center for Business and Industry at 18th and Callowhill, C2-28)</p>	<p>Guiding Principles: Trans-Affirming, Queer Affirming, & Collective Value</p> <p>Curriculum Links: -Elementary (link) -Middle & High (link)</p> <p>It Takes a Village: Black families - An intergenerational talk about schools, community, curriculum and more</p> <p>Facilitator: Kendra Brooks</p> <p>6-9PM King High School (6100 Stenton Ave)</p>	<p>Guiding Principles: Intergenerational, Black Families, & Black Villages</p> <p>Curriculum Links: -Elementary (link) -Middle & High</p> <p>Wounded Feathers Healing Circle: addressing and providing healing practices to address trauma from racial injustice and inequity</p> <p>Facilitator: Angela Crawford</p> <p>Co sponsored by Sable Collective</p> <p>6-9PM Duafe 3133 North 22nd St.</p>	<p>Guiding Principles: Black Women, Unapologetically Black</p> <p>Curriculum Links: -Elementary (link) -Middle & High (link)</p> <p>Black Women: Suffering in Silence - Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Survivors and Stigma)</p> <p>Facilitator: Mary May, LSW</p> <p>Co sponsored by the Philadelphia Home School Council, Philadelphia Writing Project, and the Mazzoni Center</p> <p>5:30-8:30PM 440 North Broad St.</p>	<p>Closing Panel: Our Demands and Next Steps</p> <p>Co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Black History Collaborative and Black Lives Matter Philly</p> <p>2:30 - 3:45 Kensington CAPA (1901 N. Front St)</p>

All of our students are thinking, writing, and sharing about this prompt: In a school where Black lives matter, we...

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[illegible]

Summer Camp Scholarship Opportunity!

Morris Arboretum is offering scholarships to Wissahickon students ages 5-10 for their Summer Adventure Camp! Read more about the camp at http://www.morrisarboretum.org/ed_summerAdventureCamp.shtml, and fill out the attached registration form to apply for the scholarship!



**SIX WEEKS OF
FUN!**
June 25 – August 3
9:00am – 3:00pm
Daily

Explore, Experiment, Experience!

**Little Lightning Bugs (Ages 4 & 5)
Bloomfield Buddies (Age 6-10)**

Discover, learn, and play in the beautiful
natural setting of the Morris Arboretum!



Ready, Set, Register!

For more information about
this year's weekly themes
and to register, go to
www.morrisarboretum.org

Registration opens February 6

Sign up by March 1 to receive an
Early Bird Discount!

Located in the Chestnut Hill
section of Philadelphia

WCS is starting a new tradition!

In honor of Black History Month, all of our students will now be doing projects at home to research a person they select from Black History and do a presentation on class on that person. Each grade will focus on a different theme so that when students move up from the Lower School, they will have learned about and can take pride in the many of the achievements of African Americans in the past and in the present. More info will be coming home from your child's classroom teacher about their project. We are excited for families to support this new project. Thank you!

Community Service Fundraiser

Read for the House

This year lower school students will participate in the Read for the House program. This program is a unique service-

learning project that benefits your child and school, as well as the families of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. During February participating students will seek friends and family as sponsors to pledge any amount of money per minute read during the month. 90% of funds raised will support the services that the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House provides for families of seriously ill children, and 10% goes back to our school. Your child will be coming home with a fundraising packet this week. Thank you for your support with making this program a success.

Ms. Amanda

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students are permitted to use their cell phones during instructional time ONLY if permission is given by a teacher and is closely monitored by the teacher for the purposes of:

- Listening to music while wearing ear buds so long as the music is appropriate for school and is not heard through the ear buds.
- Using the calculator function on their phone
- Researching a problem, question or define a word via the web
- Taking pictures ONLY if permission is given by the teacher, i.e. project presentations and/or yearbook
- Students ARE permitted to have their phones present during recess so long as they are using them responsibly and they are not negatively impacting anyone.
- Students are permitted to use their phones in the cafe to listen to music if they so choose to do so, however, earbuds must be worn.
- Once students enter the building, after 8:30a.m. all cell phones and ear buds must be put completely away.
- If an adult sees a student with a phone in their hand between 8:30a.m. and 3:15p.m. with the exception of the parameters outlined, the adult WILL immediately confiscate the phone and give it to the Dean of Culture. The student will be able to pick up their phone at the end of the day

8TH GRADE!

Graduation will be held at the Kurtz Performing Arts Center on Penn's Charter Campus- 3000 School House Lane- at 7:00p.m.

Graduates are to arrive at 6:00p.m.

Families will be allowed to enter at 6:30p.m.

Parking is FREE and on campus

Children 2 years and above will need a ticket

Each Family will receive 7 tickets total

Graduation Eligibility

- **DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL**
- Completion of senior project
- Passing all classes with C's or better + passing Y1 Average (Y1 average consist of all three trimesters)
- Minor behavior infractions
- If you have questions regarding your child's academic behavior progress, please see Ms. Gina
- Please note that if a student becomes ineligible for graduation or activities, dues will **NOT** be refunded

- **DUES**
- **\$295.00 DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2018**
- Checks, money order and/or cash are accepted. Send payments to Ms. Shonda
-

For more information regarding 8th grade activities, please contact Ms. Gina [267-774-4370 ext. 2259](tel:267-774-4370) or via email g.minor@wissahickoncharter.org

Ms. Gina

SAVE THE DATES

FEBRUARY 1st - CLASS DUES ARE DUE

May 4th - Formal Dance - Dance Institute of Philadelphia -

[5900 Greene Street - Philadelphia, PA 19144](#)

May, 25th - Class Trip - Location TBA June 11th - Graduation

WCS Cheerleaders and Franklin Fox

After months of hard work, WCS Cheer and Franklin Fox showed up and brought the spirit to the Boys' Basketball victory over West Oak Lane Charter School!



Front Office

Late fees are now being enforced for late pick up. The charge will be \$1 per minute starting at 3:45 pm on regular dismissal and 1:00 pm on early dismissal. Also, the nurse will be conducting annual screenings for weight, height and vision for all grades. If you have any questions please contact the nurse.

Important Shift in Volunteer/Parent Clearance Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Education's provided additional clarification about volunteer clearances. Parents who volunteer occasionally to chaperone a field trip are not required to have clearances as long as they will not be solely responsible for a child/group of children's well-being. Parents/guardians who chaperone trips on a regular basis throughout the year and any parent/volunteer for outdoor trips must still have their clearances. In addition, any person (parent or otherwise) who volunteer at the school on a regular basis must still have their clearances.

The information can be found on our website at <http://wissahickoncharter.org/volunteer-clearances>.

Important reminders

- All students are considered late as of 8:21am everyday.
- Our early dismissal cut-off times are 2:30pm on regular dismissal days and 11:45am on half days.
- In the event your child(ren) are picked up after 3:45pm and 1:00pm on half days, you will be charged \$1 per minute.

Theme Dress Days:

Friday 2/23: Career Day-- Show Wissahickon what you want to be when you grow up! Come dressed up to match a career!

Friday 5/18: Favorite Team Day-- Pull out your jerseys and the gear of your favorite team!

Ms. Shonda and Ms. Tonya

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK #16

This weeks green tip comes from Good housekeeping :

Brew "certified" coffee. A USDA Certified Organic label means it was grown using sustainable standards.

*Have any Green Tips you want to share?

*Send them to t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org

[http:// From the cafeteria \(VETRI\)](#)



Check out our new edition of Nutrition Nuggets (insert link to above attachment) here. Look for a new edition every month featuring great tips on children's health and fun and healthy snack suggestions. Please check out our Eatiquette 360's facebook page: [facebook.com/vetricommunity](https://www.facebook.com/vetricommunity) for great recipes and upcoming events.



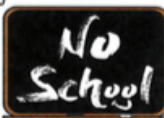
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Breakfast Menu

February 2018

No Pork Products Served



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>5 Honey Wheat Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>12 Assorted Benefit Bars Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>19  Presidents Day</p> <p>26 Honey Kissed Sausage Pancake Stack Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>6 Turkey Sausage Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>13 Mini French Toast Fresh Fruit Syrup Milk</p> <p>20  No School</p> <p>27 Popcorn Chicken & Waffles Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>7 Whole Grain Corn Muffin Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>14 Mini Cinni Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>21 Fresh Baked Cranberry Orange Muffin w/ Yogurt Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>28 Assorted Cold Cereal w/ Graham Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>1 Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk Syrup</p> <p>8 Toasted Whole Grain Waffles Fresh Fruit Milk Syrup</p> <p>15 Mini Alphabet Treats w/ Go Gurt Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>22 Cinnamon Rolls Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>2 Toasted Whole Grain Waffles Fresh Fruit Milk Syrup</p> <p>9 Assorted Cold Cereal w/ Graham Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>16 Fresh Baked Apple Cinnamon Muffin w/ Yogurt Fresh Fruit Milk</p> <p>23 Honey Wheat Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk</p>

Cold Cereal Selections

Apple Cinnamon Cheerios
Toasted Cheerios
Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Fruity Cheerios
Cocoa Puffs
Trix
Cinnamon Chex

Fresh Fruit Selections

1c of fresh fruit offered daily
Apple Banana
Pear Orange

Milk Selections

Choice of 8oz milk offered daily
1% Plain
Fat Free Plain
Fat Free Chocolate




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Food Service Management

Lunch Menu February 2018

No Pork Products Served

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			Cheeseburger Succotash Oranges 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Barbeque Sauce	Broccoli, Cheese and White Bean Ziti Carrot Crudite Strawberry Frozen Yogurt 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Italian Vinaigrette
5	6	7	8	9
Grilled Cheese Pizza Rice, WGR Romaine and Carrot Salad Whole apples 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Sherry Vinaigrette, C	Cheeseburger Cowboy Potatoes, VS Kale Salad with Ranch Dressing Bananas 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	MSA Lemon Rosemary Roasted Chicken, thighs MMA Whole Wheat Pita - Father Sam's 2016 Yellow Rice, WG Collard Greens Oranges 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Chipotle Lime Tyson Chickens MMA Green Rice Roasted Green Beans Roasted Sweet Potatoes Blueberries with Lemon 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Vegetarian Bolognese Tuscan White Beans, VBP Strawberry Frozen Yogurt 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Vegetarian Chili with Red Beans Rice Pita Romaine and Carrot Salad Whole apples 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Greek Vinaigrette	Turkey Bolognese Whole Grain Dinner Roll Roasted Zucchini with Thyme Mixed Berries 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Chipotle Lime Chicken Yellow Rice with Black Beans Southwest Corn Baked Apples with Cinnamon 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Yogurt Spiced Chicken Drumsticks Rice and Spiced Lentils Roasted Sweet Potatoes Whole Pears 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Grilled Cheese Italian Baked Zucchini Roasted Potatoes Strawberry Frozen Yogurt 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk
19	20	21	22	23
		Thai Turkey Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice Roasted Green Beans Bananas 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	Mac 'n Cheeseburger Pasta Whole Grain Dinner Roll Carrot Crudite Strawberry Frozen Yogurt 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Balsamic Vinaigrette	Egg and Cheese Sandwich Roasted Potatoes Roasted Broccoli Apples & Pears with Cinnamon 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk
26	27	28		
Cheese Quesadilla Black Bean and Corn Salsa Kale Salad Bananas 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk	BBQ Pulled Turkey Carrot Crudite Cilantro Slew Mixed Berries 1% White Milk Nonfat Milk Buttermilk Ranch Dressing	Chinese New Year Fresh Fruit Milk		

Fresh Fruit Selections

1c of fresh fruit offered daily

Apple Banana
Pear Orange

Milk Selections

choice of 8oz milk offered daily

1% Plain
Fat Free Plain
Fat Free Chocolate

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CEP Letter to Households

Please read... all Wissahickon Charter School students are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch for the 2017-2018 school year!

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Wissahickon Charter School has implemented a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2017-2018 school year.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School (Fernhill and Awbury) are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2017-2018 school year starting November 1st 2017. Please encourage your child to take advantage of the breakfast and lunch that is available to them. No further action is required of you.

Sincerely,
Kellie Coleman



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