



Wissahickon

CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear families,

T2 Report card conferences are next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Last week you received an email detailing how to sign up (myconferencetime.com/wissahickoncharter). Make sure you get a preferred time by signing up before the deadline -- *this* Friday, March 16. And remember, in grades 6-8, sign up for your child's homeroom teacher only.

Have you ever wondered how your child's grade is calculated?

In K-2nd grade, grades reflect mastery of core content knowledge and skills relative to grade-level expectations; students' skills may be Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Below Basic.

In 3rd-8th grade students receive traditional letter grades. While there is slight variation between grades and subject areas, the guidelines for grading are:

Content mastery 40-60% of the grade

Have students mastered the big concepts/skills for the class?

Examples: quizzes, tests, projects, writing pieces, reading levels, etc.

Content practice 20-40% of the grade

Are students practicing the concepts/skills at home and at school?

Examples: homework, daily classwork, daily checks for understanding.

Learning habits & skills 20% of the grade

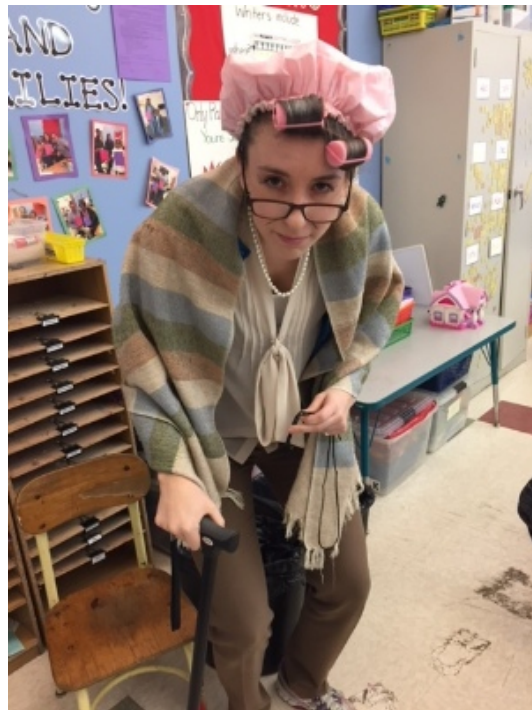
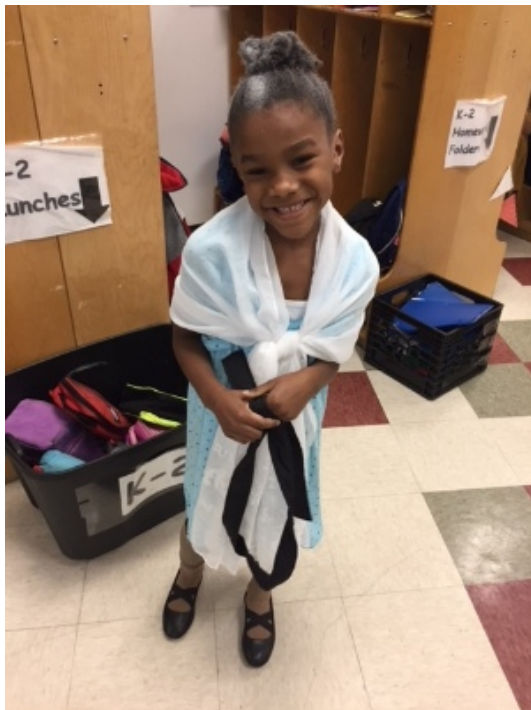
Are students participating, showing strong independent and group work skills, showing CARES, meeting deadlines, coming prepared to class?

We are excited to see you all next week!

Jenny Lunstead, Lower School Director

PS. Don't Forget that this Friday 3/16 has been changed to a full day of school!

Kindergarten students and their teachers celebrate the 100th Day of Kindergarten by dressing like they are 100 years old (and doing lots of great math activities, of course!)



General News & Announcements

Report card conference sign up

Dear WCS Parents: Report card conferences will be held on Wednesday March 21st through Friday March 23rd . The "My Conference Time" site is up and running for you to schedule your conference with your child(ren)'s **homeroom** teacher . If you have uses 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 March 16th**. Any child's conference that is not scheduled by then will be automatically assigned to you and your conference schedule letter will go out to you by **March 20th**. 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

Budgeting Consultation during Report Card Conferences

Parents, please stop by and visit friends of the school from Univest Bank and Trust Co. who will be offering tips and advice about budgeting for your household. We are excited that Univest will be joining to meet many of our parents and to act as a resource! They will have a table in the hallway from **2:00p-4:00p on Wednesday, March 21st**, so please be sure to introduce yourself and talk with them! If you would like to schedule a time to speak with a representative, or have questions, please email Anne: a.pennington.wang@wissahickoncharter.org.

Snow day make up

Families:

Due to the number of days we've missed because of inclement weather we have to make up time to get to the number of hours needed in the school year. With that said, we've decided to make **Friday March 16th a full day of school instead of a half day.** Students will be in school all day and have a regular dismissal time. This will ensure that we are in compliance with the mandatory number of hours dictated by the state. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school.

Dean Jamal and Dean Kristi

Parent Survey

Recently, you may have received an email from Mr. Paul, the Assessment and Accountability Manager, providing you with a link to the School District of Philadelphia's 2018 Parent Survey. It is very important for you to complete this survey for each of your children attending WCS, as one of the District's metrics for evaluating our school is the percentage of parents responding to the survey. Be sure to use your child's district-issued ID number, which will also be in the email from Mr. Paul. Thanks for your continued support, and our apologies in advance for the multiple emails you'll be receiving about the survey in the coming weeks.

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Dear families,

Please click [here](#) to see the attached draft of our 2018-19 school calendar. The final calendar will be posted on our website by the end of March. We hope this will be helpful in your planning.

Dean Kristi and Dean Jamal

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Corner

- TONIGHT is the **WPP meeting at 6pm** in the library. The second half of our meeting will be dedicated to the Vetri Community Partnership as we learn about healthy cooking! Please join us!
- **Wissahickon Family Meet up at Fernhill Park! March 17th** will be our 2nd family meet up in the park! Join your peers and your child's friends for some family focused games and time to meet and greet more families from school!
- Mark your calendars for our **spring fundraiser** and family day on **April 7th**. We will be running a **hoop-a-thon** to raise money for school field trips! We will be meeting at Fernhill Park from 1p-4p. More information and pledge forms will be sent home in the coming week!
- **Spring Fest for Clean Air, April 14, in Fernhill Park.** It will be a child-friendly event, in honor of Mother Earth from noon until 3:00 pm with food, performances, vendors and speakers.
- Please plan to join us for our **April 10th** meeting and get involved! We will be sharing half of the meeting with the **Strategic Planning Steering Committee** as they talk with us to hear our thoughts, dreams, concerns and more!

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

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is at Fernhill next week!! Featuring hundreds of popular books at all reading levels, proceeds benefit our library. The fair runs March 19 - 23rd. Check out the interactive flyer, shop for books online now, or create an eWallet for your student to shop at the fair using a digital payment option by visiting Fernhill's Scholastic link: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/wissahickonchrtrschfernhill1>

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Boys to Men and Girls College hosted book fair reading events will not take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. We're still, however, in need of volunteers to help set up and manage the book fair. If you have any time to spare this Friday between 12-3pm to help set up the fair, or if you have time available next week during the fair (hours are Monday-Thursday from 9-4; Friday from 9-2pm) please email Ms. MG : a.mccants-green@wissahickoncharter.org.

Jolley's Parent Event Corner

Looking for a fun event? Join us for a day of fun on Saturday, March 31st, 11 AM to 1 PM, at Gorgas Park in Roxborough, located at [6300 Ridge Avenue](#). The event will include over 35,000 candy-filled eggs, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, balloon animals, an inflatable slide, and of course, photos with the Easter bunny. Egg hunts will take place every 10 minutes for age groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Register online at phillyegg hunt.com for a chance to win a \$200 shopping spree at Toys"R"Us. All activities are FREE except for pony rides which will be offered at \$3 per ride. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

Have a event you would like to share? Please email it to j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org.

Green Tip of the Week

Our green tip of the week come from earthshare.org:

Go vintage. Hold off on hitting up the mall and head to nearby thrift stores, vintage, and consignment shops first. These stores are usually well stocked with donated denim. Plus, your jeans will cost significantly less than retail and come with a much smaller carbon footprint - no production required! Also keep thrift stores in mind for donations of your gently used but still wearable old clothes and jeans. If you have a green tip please feel free to share for our next Weekly Wissahickon. Send me a email j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org

For Lower School

No Additional Announcements

For Middle School

7th Grade Family Meeting, Thursday, March 15

We'll talk about specific strategies you can use NOW to help your student have a stronger high school application, and you'll find out important information about Outward Bound partnerships & camping trips this spring and fall of 8th grade.

MS Black Panther Trip

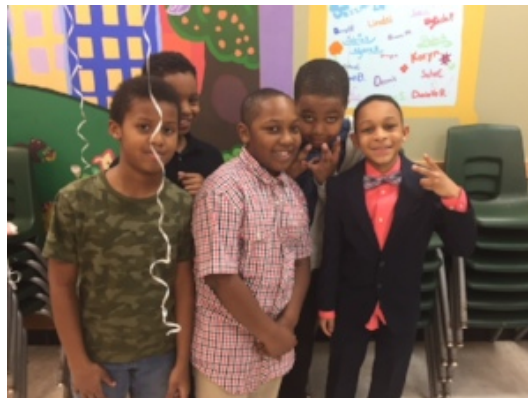
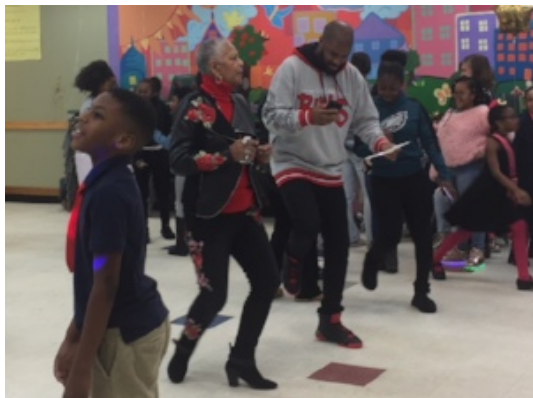
It's been rescheduled to this Friday, March 16, same time, same students. Please make sure students bring their lunches or money for concessions. Bags are not allowed in the cinema, so students will need to leave them in their lockers.

Silent Study Hall During Recess

Middle school students who had poor effort, behavior (even at recess or lunch!) or grades at the end of T2 have been assigned silent study hall at least for the next two weeks. We want EVERYONE to start T3 as strong as possible, and we hope that re-earning recess after spring break will encourage students to

respect class time and learn more starting now. So far, we've seen many students use the time very well.

4th graders and their teachers boogie down with friends at the winter party organized by lower school student council.



Important Dates

Tues, 3/13- Kindergarten Meeting @3pm and WPP meeting @ 6pm

Thurs, 3/15- Kindergarten meeting @ 3pm; 7th grade family meeting @ 6pm

Fri, 3/16- **Full day**; MS Black Panther trip

Sat, 3/17- Wpp Spring Celebration 2-4pm

Wed, 3/21- 12:45 dismissal for report card conferences

Thurs, 3/22- 12:45 dismissal for report card conferences

Fri, 3/23 - 12:45 dismissal for report card conferences

Fri, 3/23- First grade field trip 9:30 am -12pm



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