



# Wissahickon

## CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear families,

Rebecca and I couldn't have been prouder of the perseverance and focus our 3rd-8th grade students showed during the reading/writing PSSA tests last week. Thank you for supporting these hard-working kiddos at home by facilitating good sleep, healthy breakfasts, and timely arrival at school -- we had excellent attendance last week!

Most students have just one more day of math testing tomorrow, while our 4th and 8th grades will additionally take the science test next Tuesday 4/24 and Wednesday 4/25. Any students who missed any days will have make-up testing during the week of 4/30.

With PSSAs nearly behind us, we begin to see the end of the school year in the distance. These next two months are an important learning time, when Lower School classes explore juicy new topics and work on projects to consolidate their learning from the year. One way we do this is through our Sustainable Environmental Curriculum (SEC) Projects. Each class at Wissahickon will spend time in the coming months learning about a topic related to sustainability. First grade studies waste, second grade agriculture, third grade animals, fourth grade water, and so on. Students then design a service-learning project in which they use what they have learned to help the earth.

Speaking of the Earth, our Earth Day celebrations are coming up this Friday (01 classes) and next Friday (02 classes)! K-4th grade students must return their permission slips by tomorrow, Wednesday, April 18, in order to participate. Please note a change to Middle School: Both 7th grade classes will go this Friday, 4/20, and both 8th grade classes will go next Friday, 4/27.

We look forward to celebrating the spring together!

Jenny Lunstead  
Lower School Director

102 has fun with Flat Stanley and receives a note from Misty Copeland!  
Good job, 102!



## General News & Announcements

### A Note from Dean Kristi

Just a reminder that the next board meeting is today 4/17 from 5:30-8:30 at the Awbury campus.  
Kristina P. Littell

### WCS Parent Partnership Corner

- **WPP Plant Sale** forms will be coming home this week. Order some beautiful flowers and plants for your home, for your Mother, and to benefit our school! Delivery will be early May.
- Our **hoop-a-thon** spring fundraiser and family day is **Saturday, April 28th**. We will be raising money for school field trips! Meet us at Fernhill Park from 1p-4p on Saturday, April 28th. **Please help your children fill out their pledge forms and collect donations** this week and next to help our school raise money! All forms and money are due back to your teacher by Friday, April 27th.
- **Screen Free Week** starts April 30th! Stay tuned as we finalize the schedule of great activities for your family to join (like bowling, art night, hiking and more!)
- Our next **WPP meeting** is, **May 8th**! Come & get involved!
- Email us with any questions or to get involved: [wppfernhill@gmail.com](mailto:wppfernhill@gmail.com)

### Vetri community partnership

Join us for a final evening cooking class with Vetri Community partnership on May 8th immediately following the WPP meeting. We will make a recipe or two, talk about seasonal vegetables and what is being served in the cafeteria, we will enjoy our recipe and of course there is a giveaway! Please click [here](#) to see the attached flyer for details. I look forward to seeing everyone there.  
Carrie Suarez, Chef Mentor, Vetri Community Partnership

### Jolley's Parent Event Corner

Looking for something to do? Something free? Come to the Canoe Instruction Fair! The nonprofit Philadelphia canoe club will hold a free instruction fair Sunday April 23, from 12-3pm at its clubhouse located 4900 Ridge Ave for more information please follow this link [here](#). Have an event you would like to share please email me at [j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org).

### Green Tip of the Week

Our green tip of the week comes Santino Matthew Holmes from our Awbury campus:

**Don't ask for ATM receipts** - If everyone in the US refused their receipts, it would save a roll of paper more than two billion feet long. Have a green tip ? Please feel free to share for our next Weekly Wissahickon. Send me a email [j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:j.jolley@wissahickoncharter.org).

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## For Lower School

No new updates

## For Middle School

### 6th Grade PEEC Trip

Permission slips went home for the Poconos Environmental Education Center (PEEC) trip on May 3-4. This is a required, whole-grade trip. Please fill out the form & return to Ms. Boss asap and no later than April 26. We're really excited about it.

### 8th Grade Dues

All 8th graders owe \$35 in dues asap to pay for graduation, the t-shirt and the class gift. All other money is optional for the dance, trip or additional shirts. We are coming down to the wire with needing to pay for events. Please make checks or money orders out to Wissahickon Charter School, and students should drop them off to Mr. Justin. The full information is in this letter.

### Temple University STEM Camps for Middle and High Schoolers

Temple has a variety of science/tech/engineering/math programs, some residential and some free, for kids entering 6th-8th grades. Please contact Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Polite (7th/8th), or Ms. T. (6th) for detailed information and applications. Special thanks to Hope Feldman, parent of a 7th grader who's participated in one of the programs, for sharing the information.

### WCS After School Program at Morris Arboretum



## Important Dates

Tues, 4/17- Math PSSA 12:45 dismissal  
Tues, 4/17 WCS board meets @Awbury campus 5:30-8:30pm  
Wed, 4/18- Math PSSA 12:45 dismissal  
Thurs, 4/19 - Math PSSA make up day  
Fri, 4/20 - Earth Day celebration (01 classes)

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Mon, 4/23- 3rd grade trip to the zoo 9am-2pm  
Tues, 4/24- Science PSSA for 4th & 8th  
Wed, 4/25- Science PSSA for 4th & 8th  
Thurs, 4/26- PSSA science make up day

Thurs, 4/26- 3rd grade field trip 9am-1:30pm

Fri, 4/27- Earth Day celebration (02 classes)

Sat, 4/28- Hoop-a-Thon 1-4pm



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