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Awbury Summer Weekly Wissahickon 7/2

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Dear Families,

I hope this finds you all safe and well and able to enjoy some aspects of summer. As you know, Wissahickon will follow guidance on reopening schools that is provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Education and the School District of Philadelphia. At this point, we have some general guidance from the CDC and PDE. We are pursuing & expecting more detailed information, especially from the city, at some point in July. In the meantime, I'm writing to share some of the key principles on which we are basing our fall program.

While it is impossible to eliminate all risk related to the spread of COVID-19, we believe the following guiding principles can help us in minimizing risk for our students, families, and employees.

Physical Safety & Cleaning/Disinfecting

- As long as it is being recommended, we will maintain social distancing of 6ft between individuals at school.
- Classes will be broken into smaller cohorts that will be housed in separate classrooms. Each group will only interact with the students in its own group to limit the number of people students are exposed to.
- With this guidance for spacing, our buildings are not large enough to have everyone in person every day for learning. We will work to provide some combination of in-person and remote learning for all students, with a priority on serving our youngest and most vulnerable students in person the most.
- Students and staff will wear reusable masks. Masks will likely be kept on campus to be laundered.
- Portable hand washing and sanitizer stations will be distributed throughout the buildings. Handwashing schedules will be developed to ensure increased hand hygiene.
- Cleaning and disinfecting practices will be increased and aligned to all recommendations for schools. This will include cleaning spaces between different cohorts' use of them as well as regular wiping down of high-touch surfaces.
- Visitor, as well as drop-off and pick up protocols are being developed.
- Some form of health screening (e.g. symptom reporting, fever scans, etc.) will happen daily for students and staff.

Curriculum & Programming

- Breakfast and Lunch will be in the classrooms. Plans & spaces for specials are being discussed.
- Students will stay in their own classroom throughout the day with the exception of trips outside, to the restroom and to receive special education services.
- A fully remote learning option will exist for all K-8 students whose families are not comfortable with sending their child(ren) to school.
- The social-emotional health of students is a high priority. We will work on ways to actively continue to build community and relationships between students and staff, whether they are working remotely or in person.
- Large events will not be held in person until there is guidance that confirms that it is safe to do so.

We will show flexibility and adapt our model as the conditions and guidance for our area evolve. We will share a model later this summer, once we have seen the School District of Philadelphia's plans. We strive to have plans that align with the different colored phases (e.g. *If the city moves to the "red" phase again, WCS will move to a fully remote model and there will be a plan for exactly how that model looks.*) so all members of our community know what to expect.

Thank you for reading this and for your patience. I know it's hard to not know what things will look like exactly, but I hope this also gives you something to hold on to in the meantime. We will continue to use the Weekly Wissahickon for updates so please be sure to check it each week.

Take care,
Kristi

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer FAQ for Families:

Please click [here](#) for FAQ regarding the P-EBT card. If you have not received your card yet they are mailing them out throughout the month of July. Once you receive your P-EBT card, if you are having problems activating the card because of the child birthday please contact [Ms. Tonya](#). Families with questions outside of the date of birth should go to the [DHS website](#) with any questions.

Summer packets were mailed out June 22nd. It's full of reading & math, a letter from Principals Kate and Polite and the forms we all love.

If you have not received the packet by July 6th, please email [Ms.Tonya](#)

This year's summer reading and math are more important than ever before to keep students' skills sharp. The assignments have been created to be highly engaging. A nationally respected curriculum writer who saw our summer math packets called them a "great, helpful resource", one of the best she's seen.

Students can complete the paper packets by hand, and if you need access to them or any of the websites online, **you can find everything** [HERE](#), including

helpful videos that walk you & students through the work.

Additionally, here are two useful resources related to racial justice & healing. The first is a [17 minute talk](#) by local professor Howard Stevenson, about how to handle racially stressful situations. The second is a [one-pager](#) with language to use when faced with offensive comments. Please share helpful resources you find with us, too.

Hope summer is treating you well so far, and you & your kids are staying safe, healthy and cool,

Principals,
Kate and Polite

Summer iPad & Chromebook information and guidelines

LINKED [HERE](#) <very important if you borrowed a WCS device>

If any issues come up with your device, please email helpis@wissahickoncharter.org **ASAP**. Don't wait till the end of summer.

Personal Information

Parents if any of your information has changed...phone number, mailing address, email, etc., please email all updated information to Ms. Tonya @ t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org. The Weekly Wissahickon, phone calls and mailings will be going out throughout the summer. We want to make sure everyone is in the know so please keep us updated on any changes.

Follow Wissahickon Charter on Social Media

Follow WCS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important school updates and to see student learning and fun in action! And don't be shy, we love it when you like, comment, and share our posts!

Let's continue to be safe, practice social distancing, keep your hands away from your face and please, please, please Wash Your Hands!



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