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Awbury Summer Weekly Wissahickon 8/21/2020

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I hope this finds you all well as we near the end of summer. Our new staff started professional development this week and it's been exciting to welcome them into our school community.

This week you received an important email from us that includes your child's class list as well as the link to sign up for our orientation meetings. Please make sure you sign up!

Other things to know this week:

- We are hard at work making the orientations all outdoors. To do that we've had to scale back a bit on how much we're trying to accomplish at them. You will now only need to be there for a total of 40 minutes instead of 80 minutes as we originally planned. Your start time will be unchanged from the time you signed up for.
- Everyone at the orientation will be required to wear a mask. Bandanas will not be sufficient as masks. We will provide a mask for anyone who needs one.
- Unfortunately, our order for iPads and Chromebooks is running behind schedule and the devices will likely not arrive in time for us to configure them and distribute them at the orientation. **Please bring the device you plan to use with your child to start the year to the orientation. Also, please see the note below from Mr. Ishmell, our Director of Technology.**

Take care,
Kristi

Message from Ishmell Bradley, Director of Technology

We are expecting delays in our shipment of laptops and iPads, this is due to increased demand, shipping complications as well as manufacturing production issues. As a result, we need everyone to use the devices you currently have on hand to start off the year. If you are having any issues with a WCS device you were loaned in the spring, please email helpis@wissahickoncharter.org for support. We will make every effort to resolve any issues before the start of the year. As soon as our new devices arrive we will contact you with pick-up information.

Thanks,
Ishmell Bradley

K-8 Outdoor Conferences and Orientation to Remote Learning

- They will take place from Tuesday, September 1st - Friday, September 4th. (Remember: The first day of remote school is Tuesday, September 8th.)
- Like with report card conferences, you must sign up for one time slot for you & your child to meet with their homeroom teacher. Each conference will be 40 minutes long.

- You and your child will have 40 minutes to connect with their homeroom teacher in-person, and share your experiences and hopes for remote learning. Teachers will also walk you through your child's daily schedule and give you a few additional supplies to start the year.
- Also, in that 40 minutes your child will take a short reading assessment. Please do not worry about these assessments, and encourage your child simply to try their best. They will not be graded. We're giving them to help teachers know students' strengths & gaps, and to plan appropriately for the school year.
- After your child is finished taking their assessments, we will have stations set up for you to visit. PLEASE once your conference is completed and you have visited the stations we ask that exit the campus immediately. We are practicing social distancing and are trying to minimize the number of people on campus.

What to bring to the Outdoor Orientation conferences:

- Summer reading and math assignments (finished or as close to finished as possible)
- Any WCS library books (no fines will be charged)
- Any WCS tablet or laptop, with charger. Please make sure it is fully charged.
- If it's portable, the computer your child will use for remote learning if they want to use their own. Please make sure it is fully charged.
- Any questions you have about your child's fall schedule

How to sign up for your outdoor orientation conference:

- Go to <https://myconferencetime.com/wissahickoncharter/folder/2116>
- Click on the name of your child(ren)'s teacher
- Select the desired date/time for your conference by click on " Sign Up"
- Submit the requested information

****Please note:** We can host a Zoom conference for any family uncomfortable with meeting 1-1 with teachers outside in person. You still **MUST** sign up for a 40-minute time slot on the calendar. Please just add the word **ZOOM** to your name to make it a video conference instead. The teacher will send you a link to meet. You will still need to pick up the additional supplies we're gathering for your child.

Remote Learning Schedules by Grade

Please click on the link below for each of your students to see their schedule for remote learning.

[Kindergarten and 1st Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[2nd Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[3rd Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[4th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[5th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[6th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[7th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

[8th Grade Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Community Resources

Mighty Writers Workshops on Zoom

All Wissahickon youth are welcome, and all programs are completely free to families! <https://mightywriters.org/workshops/?location=MW+at+Home&cage=none>



Abolitionist Teaching Network Presents

Radical Vulnerability: Girls of Color Alchemists Breathe

All girls, trans, cis, and gnc welcome



Dr. Nia Nunn

August 22 @ 2pm-3pmEST
Ages 10-14

August 22 @ 3:30pm-4:30pmEST
Ages 15-18

Sign up for free at
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Family Field Studies series coming soon at Awbury Arboretum!

**Every Saturday for 7 weeks in the AdventureWoods Playspace
starting Sept. 5, 10am-noon**

Come learn about butterflies and moths with our family-friendly Field Studies lesson in the [AdventureWoods](#) Natural Materials Playspace. An Educator will be there with displays, information, and hands-on activities. What makes a butterfly an insect? How are butterflies connected to



caterpillars? And what is the difference between butterflies and moths? Find the answers to these questions and more at our Family Field Studies! More information and link coming soon.

Location: AdventureWoods Playspace, [6060 Ardleigh Street](#)

Cost: Free, no registration required

Parking: on Ardleigh Street, then walk in



Upcoming Field Studies explorations:

Sept. 5: Butterflies & Moths

Sept. 12: Decomposers

Sept. 19: Water Cycles

Sept. 26: Animals at Awbury

Oct. 3: A Look Back at Nature in the 1700s (*in conjunction with the Revolutionary Germantown Festival*)

Oct. 10: Seeds, Trees, & Leaves

Oct. 17: Birds

All participants must wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines. For more information on our COVID-19 guidelines, click [here](#).

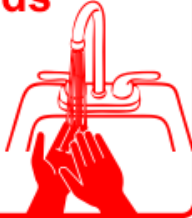
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Follow WCS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important school updates and to see student learning and fun in action! And don't be shy, we love it when you like, comment, and share our posts!

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

Wash Your Hands

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hands**



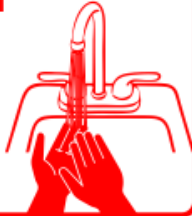
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**Wash for 20
seconds**



**Rinse
well**



**Dry
hands**



**Turn off tap
with towel**



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