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Message from CEO

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

Technology Note from Mr. Ish

Hello WCS Families,

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,
-Ish



#MaskUpPHL Campaign

Last week the City of Philadelphia Department of Health launched the #MaskUpPHL campaign. We are proud to partner up with the city as we fight this virus together. "Most important step for everyone is to mask up," the city's health commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said Thursday.

The masks are available at [Bit.ly/maskupphl](https://bit.ly/maskupphl). Proceeds from the masks will go to support the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. The group is conducting community-based testing across the city.

#MaskUpPHL is a community initiative for wearing masks. 15% of the proceeds will go to support the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. [Click here](#) to view the masks available for purchase.

NEW Updates

K-8 Remote Learning Orientation

What to bring to your orientation conference:

- Summer reading and math assignments (finished or as close to finished as possible)
- Any WCS library books (no fines will be charged)
- Any class book your child took home in the spring
- Any WCS tablet or laptop, with charger
- If it's portable, the computer your child will use for remote learning

- Any grade-specific health & vaccination paperwork
 - Any questions you have about your child's fall schedule
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Important Reminders

Summer Reading & Math

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.

We'll be grading summer assignments for completion, not getting everything "right". We hope to see each individual student showing effort and engagement with this work and practicing skills. This means completing the packets to the best of their ability. It could also mean talking about the reading & math assignments with family & friends (we know sometimes people learn best together!), and writing down specific questions for parts of assignments if they don't understand.

Additional resources

- Please click [here](#) for a list of sites providing summer meals for students this summer.
- Look [here](#) for updated information about the Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
- Check [here](#) for financial support and eligibility requirements through the PA Department of Human Services.
- During the summer, feel free to reach out to [Ms. Rebecca](#) for any additional support as needed.

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