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### [Message from CEO](#)

**NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCES WILL NOW BE ON ZOOM, NOT in PERSON. MORE INFORMATION BELOW.**

Dear Families,

It has been an incredible week for our staff as we prepare for the start of the school year. Professional development in social-emotional wellness, dismantling white supremacy culture, curriculum, new technology platforms, and more will all help make our team ready for the important work ahead.

This morning we suspended all of our professional development to discuss, reflect, and share our feelings and thoughts about the shooting of Jacob Blake. This was powerful time together as a staff. Please know that we have an incredible commitment to addressing racial injustice and holding up Black lives, stories, and joy throughout our schools.

Here are some important updates for this week:

- **Next week's conferences will NOT be in person at the schools. THIS IS A CHANGE.** Your time is still the same. Please be on time. We had intended to use the conferences to meet in person and to distribute many materials (chromebooks, math tools, etc.). Conferences will now be on Zoom and you will get a link from your child's teacher next week.
- Next week, there will be more news about picking up materials. We made the change because of delays in shipping for many of the items we need to distribute.
- The city is providing some childcare support for families as school starts. You can learn more about this at the [City of Philadelphia website](#). This is being provided by students in K-6th grades who need childcare five days a week. Space is limited and registration in advance is required.

Peace,  
Kristi

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## **\*NEW\* Updates**

### **Fernhill Family Meeting; BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) Friday, September 4, 2020, 12-1pm**

Come one, come all to hear about Fernhill's foxy priorities for this year, find out more details about learning support and talk with our leadership team! We'll also have some open chat time, if you have any questions after your 1-1 Zoom conferences with your child's teachers.

[LINK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2631 5071 Passcode: 47g38u

### **Teacher and Family Communication**

We know that clear and collaborative communication between families and teachers is more important than ever during this trying time. We want communication to be as accessible and streamlined as possible, so all of Wissahickon will be using ClassTag to help us reach our communications goals. You have/will soon receive invitation emails to the email accounts on file with the school. Please follow the instructions to get set up with your account. If you run into any issues, you can reach out to Ms. T [a.tacchino@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.tacchino@wissahickoncharter.org) for support.

### **Remote Learning Orientation**

If you have not yet scheduled your student(s) remote learning orientation, an appointment will be scheduled for you. You will receive an appointment confirmation via email with the date and time.

### **Meal Distribution Overview**

WCS is pleased to announce that we will be providing Breakfast and Lunch for Curbside Pickup at our schools while we are in our fully remote learning phase. These meals will be available to all WCS students.

1. Director of School Operations and Food Service Vendor (Lintons) has designated (2) days for meal pickup.
  - a. Mondays and Thursdays
  - b. Due to the holiday, the first meal distribution date is Thursday, September 10th
2. The timeframe will be 11AM-2PM.
3. Using safe distancing practices - Meals will be available for pick-up outside of the school building, using a curbside pick up process.
  - a. Monday Pickups: Families will receive breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
  - b. Thursday Pickups: Families will receive breakfast and lunch for Friday and Monday

A flyer containing this information can be found [here](#).

### **Directions for picking up meals:**

1. Upon arrival at the school, the family will call the Food Service Coordinator (FSC), and provide the first and last name of all students who will receive meals on that day.
  - a. Awbury families will call 215-983-0604
  - b. Fernhill families will call 267-273-3304
2. A staff member will then go to the cafeteria, retrieve the set amount of pre-bagged breakfasts & lunches while the parent pulls up to the Gym doors at Awbury or the MS Commons doors at Fernhill. The bags will be loaded into the car by the staff member. The parent will exit through the rear parking lot of the school. There will be signs present to help guide the parent through.
3. Students/Guardians/Parents may not exit their vehicles. This will deter the natural inclination for students who may wish to interact with any staff persons.

**Special Note: Families will be allowed to drop off used library books. The library books should be placed in a bag, and given to the staff member once the food has been placed in the car.**

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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.

### **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!

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