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Trimester 1 Family Feedback Request

Complete Today by 6pm!

As partners in your student's education, we are asking for your feedback to help us develop a total picture of your child as we wrap up Trimester 1 and write report cards. Please answer the following questions about your child(ren) to the best of your ability to help us do so. What you write will be shared only with your child's teachers.

If you have more than one student, please complete one form for each child.

[FEEDBACK SURVEY HERE](#)

Message from CEO

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the first trimester and the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve our school community. I'm proud of the work everyone has done to settle into a robust consistent program. As I visit morning meetings, I see teachers and children enjoying being together in a hard situation and it's heartwarming.

As we look ahead to the next trimester it's a good time for us to reflect on the work we've done together. **Please take the parent survey about your child's learning linked above.** It really helps us to know how you feel and what you think about how your child is doing. If things have not gone as well as you would have liked this trimester, it's a good time to make some new goals or to reach out to us. We may not be able to help with everything but we want to be there as a partner for you.

As you know, COVID counts in our city are extremely high and Philadelphia has imposed new restrictions. **Please see Tiffany Days Harris's message about our buildings and the services we are offering.** Most 3rd-8th grade families have gotten their child(ren)'s chromebook(s) at this point. **If you received an email about picking one up, please act on it and respond as soon as possible.**

I hope you all enjoy the days off next week. Please stay safe.

Warmly,
Kristi

[Message from Director of School Operations](#)

Dear Families,

With the COVID rates in the city and the new mandatory shutdowns, we feel the need to make a few more changes to protect the health and safety of our community in addition to the ones from last week. Below are some new precautions that will go into effect, beginning Monday, November 23rd:

Meal Distribution (Will continue on Mondays)

Meals will continue to be distributed on **Mondays only from 8am-6pm**. Families will receive a meal kit for the week that includes hot entrees that can be reheated. Please continue to follow the Meal Pick up procedures as outlined outside the school.

Material Pickups (LAST DAY is Monday, November 23rd)

After Monday, November 23rd, material pickups will be discontinued until further notice. We strongly encourage all families to pick up any outstanding materials on Monday, November 23rd, 8am-6pm.

Device Pickups (LAST DAY is Monday, November 23rd)

Email Mr. Ish to confirm you're coming to get your iPad or Chromebook between 9am-3pm.

helpis@wissahickoncharter.org

Front Office (Closed after Monday, November 23rd)

The Front Office and our buildings will be closed to the public **after Monday, November 23rd until further notice**. Please email the Front Office staff if you need anything.

AW- t.bailey@wissahickoncharter.org

FH- t.sumner@wissahickoncharter.org

Thank you again for your flexibility and continued support!

Tiffany

***NEW* Updates**

Take 2 for Lower School Wacky Dance Party TODAY @ 1:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97116046158>

Passcode: fox

Important Reading Growth Information for K-2nd Grade Families

As we end Trimester 1 and prepare for report card conferences in December, we want to share general information about your students' reading progress this year. Please read the letter(s) relevant to your child(ren) to learn more about reading growth & how to support this at home. Teachers will also share specific information at conferences.

Links:

- [Kindergarten letter](#)
- [1st grade letter](#)
- [2nd grade letter](#)

WCS Parent Partnership (WPP) Corner

This month our meeting was not attended by many parents which helps us realize that we need to connect with our community and assess your needs. We understand that parents are all zoomed out and tired of being on screens. We would like to pivot to address parents' direct needs and support everyone as much as possible BUT we need your help to do this. Please complete the two question survey to help us help you. [Link to WPP Family Survey](#).

Click [here](#) to view a quick and easy recipe from our friends at Vetri Community Partnership!

Black is Beautiful Initiative

This week's Black is Beautiful fact is from our 4th-5th grades.

Fact: Cathay Williams became the first and only female Buffalo soldier in 1866. She would pose as a male for two years until a doctor discovered that she was a woman, which led to her immediate discharge.

Important Date: 1866

Important Reminders

Trimester 1 Report Card Conferences, Dec 9th-11th

On these days, your children will have required Morning Meeting from 8:30-9, and asynchronous work for the rest of the days. You'll receive links to sign up for conferences soon. This will allow conferences to be longer and not rushed, as well as allow families of 5th-8th graders to meet with more than one teacher.

Reminder: Cameras ON

As of yesterday, each and every Wissahickon student has had the chance to pick up a new tablet or Chromebook with a working camera. So... **we are requiring that students' cameras are ON when teachers need them on for students' participation.** Please contact your child's teacher if an exception needs to be made for Wi-Fi or other reasons.

Absences Due to Tech Issues

Families, if you are experiencing tech issues (i.e. trouble logging in, lost internet connection, etc.) please be sure to communicate that tech issue *in the moment* to helpis@wissahickoncharter.org to receive assistance and/or to have your child's attendance excused if needed. Copies of the emails sent to helpis@wissahickoncharter.org will serve as proof of your child's attempted attendance on that day.

Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2021-22 SY

If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter. The application is open now and will close January 25, 2022. Click [here](#) to apply.

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!

Important Dates

Friday, 11/20 MS Outward Bound 10:45am -12pm

Monday 11/23 MS Outward Bound 10:45am-12pm (Zooms 8:30-12 + 2-3pm)

Tuesday 11/24 Report Card Writing Day (School Closed)

Wednesday, 11/25-11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday Break (School Closed)



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