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Wissahickon

CHARTER SCHOOL

Message from the Dean Kristi:

Dear Families,

While we're still firmly rooted in this year, my announcements today are really all about the planning that is taking place for next year. Part of that planning includes determining the best way to use federal funds that are coming to us to respond to the impacts that Covid-19 has had on our community. We'd love your input! The following meetings are designed specifically for you to share your ideas for federal funding and talk about the home/school partnership. Please join us!

Meeting #1

WCS Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Time: May 5, 2021 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting #2

WCS Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Time: May 11, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97464420394>

Meeting ID: 974 6442 0394

Passcode: fox

<https://zoom.us/j/95545759847>

Meeting ID: 955 4575 9847

Passcode: fox

In order to make planning time possible for teachers before they leave for the summer, we are shifting our Friday schedules for the last few weeks of school. This means that for these Fridays (May 21, May 28, June 4, and June 11) students will not have any live classes online. All learning for those days will be asynchronous. Thank you for your flexibility!

Warmly,

Kristi

ESSENTIALS

Important Dates:

May 13th - Eid Al-Fitr - Administrative Office and Schools Closed

May 17th - 7th & 8th PSSA Kick Off

May 18th -20th ELA, PSSA Testing

May 24th-25th Math, PSSA Testing

May 26th-27th Science, PSSA Testing (8th grade only)

May 31st - Memorial Day - Administrative Office and Schools Closed

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Ages 12-15



As of March 31, 2021 Pfizer-BioNTech announced that, in a Phase 3 Trial in adolescents 12- to 15-years-old with or without prior coronavirus infection, the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine demonstrated 100% efficacy in preventing severe COVID-19 disease in kids.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is currently evaluating the Pfizer vaccine to expand the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include those 12 to 15 years of age.

If the EUA is authorized, BDCC hopes to vaccinate this age group before the start of the next school year September 2021.

If you or someone you know has any children between the ages of 12 to 17 and would like to receive the Pfizer vaccine in August 2021, please complete the form in the link below. You have the option to choose a date and time for an appointment. This may change based on when the Pfizer vaccine is approved in kids, but we are planning ahead to protect our children.

[Pfizer Vaccination Sign-up Form for Children ages 12-17 for August 2021](#)

Specials in the Park is Back

Just a reminder that our new specials schedule for T3 is:

- Zoom specials on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Asynchronous work for the remainder of the week.

We have added more Specials in the Park sessions, so please read below carefully!

- Wednesdays at 1pm
- Thursdays at 2pm & 3:30pm
- Fridays at 1pm & 2:30pm

Each session is one hour long. Students will receive specials credit for attending a live session.

In order to attend:

- Register ahead of time ([Eventbrite link](#))
- Complete a permission slip
- Complete a health form, which will be emailed out to registered families 24 hours ahead of time.
- All students must be properly masked.

You can find more details, get the eventbrite link, and register on [this flyer](#).

If you have any ideas, feedback or changes you would like to see, please fill out our [survey here](#), and we will adjust our program as needed.

We look forward to seeing your students in person for Specials in the Park!

Change in calendar for 7th and 8th grade on May 7th

Please note that we have a school calendar change for Friday, May 7th. K-6 will have their normal Friday schedule. 7th and 8th graders, however, will have an async day to allow for the 7th and 8th grade PSSA proctors to be in person for their PSS

Chromebook & iPad service/repairs

Please remember to email the Helpdesk (helpis@wissahickoncharter.org) prior to bringing your students device to the school for support.

For 8th Grade Families

The end of year celebratory events for our 2021 graduating class can be found [here](#). Please be sure to read it in its entirety as it contains important information

Attendance

If your child will be absent, late or you need to send in a note or any documentation pertaining to attendance please do not send them to your child's teacher. **Please email all correspondence and documentation to** aw.attendance@wissahickoncharter.org

KINDERGARTEN & RAC FAMILIES

Thank you so much! Our families who are sending students into the buildings are doing a great job of following protocols and staying in communication.

Couple of quick reminders and updates:

- Please come at your specified drop-off time. This keeps us from having too many students going into the building at once. Kindergarten drop off begins at 8:45.
- You might have noticed that the wording on RUVNA changed this week to include members of students' households. For example, now instead of asking if just the student has a fever over 100.4, we are asking if the student or another member of the household has a fever over 100.4. This is to help eliminate the possibility that a student who has been exposed to someone with Covid-19 comes into the building.

Charged Devices

Please make sure your child's device is fully charged when they get to school. We may keep devices here overnight if they routinely come in without a charge as students are missing class while they wait for it to have enough of a charge to launch Zoom.

ON RADAR

May 3rd-7th is Staff Appreciation Week

The first week of May is Staff Appreciation Week at Wissahickon and we encourage you to reach out to your child(ren's) teachers and other staffers with words of gratitude and encouragement. A quick email of appreciation means so much!

You can also show your support for our staff by leaving a note on our [Staff Appreciation Padlet](#). The note can be from you, your child, or your whole family!

EXTRAS

CARES Champions!

Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!

K-5

Kindergartner: Seth DuBois is smart and observant member of the K12 classroom. He is always ready to share a fascinating story or interesting fact about dinosaurs. His smile lights up our classroom and he's is always prepared to cheer another friend on when things get tricky. Seth you are rockstar student!

2nd Grade: Liam Fowler is a superstar in 211! He is a hard worker, and we can always count on him to participate with insightful thoughts and questions. Liam shows academic excellence and responsibility everyday by coming to class prepared and ready to learn. He is often one of the first people to show his whiteboard when we do work in class! Liam has shown SO much growth this year and we are proud of him!

4th Grade: Ciara Brickey Wow, could you ask for a more wonderful student? Ciara consistently shows all of her CARES values in our classroom. Even when she is having a bad day, Ciara pushes herself to try her hardest and also communicates with her teachers so that we are able to support her. Ciara is the 411 Tech Wizard. She uses all of her tech knowledge to make her assignments beautiful. She also helps her classmates with any and all of their technology needs. We are so lucky to have Ciara as a member of our classroom. Ciara, school wouldn't be the same without you!

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7th Grade: Madison Ingram Madison puts her learning first and prioritizes her goals for herself, knowing how important 7th grade is for her future. Her hard work and persistence show in her academic achievements. Even when remote learning has gotten difficult, Madison never gives up. Madison, you are an inspiration to us all during this challenging year!



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