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Weekly Wissahickon 5/7/2021

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Wissahickon
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Message from the Dean Kristi:

Dear Families,

Hope you are all having good weeks. I'm writing to share some important details about plans for next year. There will be more details to come, but in the meantime, I hope this is all helpful and welcomed information.

Next year:

- Wissahickon plans to offer a fully in-person model of instruction with everyone at school every day. We will discontinue our remote program (except for situations where a class needs to quarantine).
- We will keep all of the safety protocols that have been implemented this spring for the RAC and in person Kindergarten programs including masks, safety screening,

HEPA air purifiers, rapid testing for all employees, and working in set groups so students do not mix with other classes.

- We will continue with distancing measures next year but plan to use the guidance of 3 feet of space instead of 6 feet which has been approved by the CDC.
- The only unmasked time each day will be during designated mask breaks (outdoors and distanced) and breakfast/lunch which may take place in classrooms. Screens will be set up while students eat.
- A small after school program will be offered at each campus that will follow all of the same safety protocols and will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis.
- We will continue to follow all local, state, and national guidance with regards to our plans.

Right now, we are busy planning exactly what the school day will look like next year, devising a schedule that will allow for greater differentiated instruction to meet students' needs. We will be using some federal funds to support new positions that can serve students both academically and emotionally. Finally, we know that it has benefitted some students academically and behaviorally to be remote. We are thinking of ways to incorporate some of the remote components in ways that may benefit those individuals or the entire school as we come back to in-person learning. Part of this work will be looking at your feedback that comes via survey, outreach, or participation in our Title I Family Meetings. If you missed today's meeting, you can still join next week (see below). Thank you to the families who came today! Your feedback was helpful!

WCS Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Time: May 11, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 955 4575 9847

Passcode: fox

Reminder:

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!

Take Care,
Kristi

ESSENTIALS

Important Dates:

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

May 14th - 2021-2022 Re Enrollment forms are due

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 Offices and Schools Closed

Re Enrollment form for 2021-2022 School Year

Reminder: The 2021-2022 re enrollment forms are due by Friday May 14th. Please use the link below to complete the re enrollment form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-UcPyeoCEhuELFOZj6OV8LRy48JfCV8R-GM8Wz3Zx-l/viewform?ts=608ac127&gxids=7628&edit_requested=true

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.

Specials in the Park sessions are limited this week due to previously scheduled events, as well as school being closed for Eid al-Fitr on Thu 5/13.

This week's sessions are:

Wednesday 5/12 at 1pm

Friday 5/14 at 1pm

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

In order to attend:

- [Click here to register](#) ahead of time
 - 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 PSSA

Celebration of Learning

Join us for our virtual Celebration of Learning taking place Tuesday, June 8th, at 6:30 P.M. We will start with a live presentation and then move to student classrooms to show off their work! More information and links to come.

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

- Please remember to complete the RUVNA screener each day. It makes arrival go more smoothly and safely!
- Note that Wissahickon is closed on Thursday, May 13th for Eid. Remote classes will resume on Friday.

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

3rd Grade: Nydair Malone is a 3rd Grade rock star! He is thriving in remote learning. Nydair is an eager participant in all of our learning activities. Nydair embodies perseverance and never gives up when a learning activity is challenging for him. Nydair has really shown academic excellence and responsibility this year and we are proud of your growth this year! Keep up the amazing work Nydair!

3rd Grade: Ashtyn Mordecai is model of positivity in 312! He is always prepared to learn, ready with his materials (and a smile!), and shows his CARES values all day long! We can always count on Ashtyn to share his thoughts or questions, and his curiosity helps all of us learn. 312 is a better place because of Ashtyn! Keep up the fantastic work, Ashtyn!

3rd Grade: Terrell Pettis is a uniter! He brings his classmates together. Terrell is a great collaborator who is always ready to lead or share in breakout rooms. Terrell even put together his very own Kahoot to play with classmates and the topic was empathy -- what a great CARES value to spotlight. 312 is a friendlier place because of Terrell. Keep showing those awesome CARES values, Terrell!



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