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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

I'm writing with just a few short announcements this week. Thank you to the over 40 family members who participated in our remote annual Title I Caregiver meetings. Your input was very helpful! If you weren't able to come, we still want your input and will be sharing a survey soon to collect your ideas.

As you have likely seen, this past week vaccine possibilities have become available for children ages 12-15. [The Department of Public Health has a page](#) that can help you find places that are offering the vaccine for children.

Finally, I just wanted to share a reminder that next Tuesday is Election Day. (We still have school!) There are many important local elections and ballot questions. Please go vote!

Warmly,
Kristi

PS- Remember that starting next week, Fridays for the remainder of the year will be asynchronous, meaning there will be no online live instruction. There WILL be asynchronous learning for ALL K-8 students, as well as class meet-ups for 1st-6th grades. Staff are using this time to meet to plan for next year.

Essential:

7th & 8th Grade May Schedules

If you missed the REQUIRED 7th & 8th Grade Zooms this week please click [here](#) for a recording of the May Schedules part. This is ESSENTIAL information for the weeks of May 17th & May 24th.

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May Calendars - Look only at the one that applies to your child(ren).

- 7th grade [TESTING](#) (if your child IS taking PSSAs)

- 7th grade [OPT OUT](#) (if you child IS NOT taking PSSAs)
- 8th grade [TESTING](#) (if your child IS taking PSSAs)
- 8th grade [OPT OUT](#) (if you child IS NOT taking PSSAs)

REMINDER - Student Intent to Return 2021-22 School Year

Please complete the [Student Intent to Return survey](#), if you haven't already done so. Your survey response(s) will help us to plan for our enrollment needs for the Fall. As a reminder, WCS intends to open for full five (5) day/week in-person instruction with no option for remote instruction.

Submitting 8th grade photos for yearbook

Parents should send photos to: yearbook@wissahickoncharter.org

Students should send photos to: Samaya.Jennings.fh2021@wissahickoncharter.org

Chromebook & iPad service/repairs

Please remember to email the Helpdesk BEFORE bringing your student's device to the school for support. helpis@wissahickoncharter.org

Families with Food Insecurity

Families, if you are experiencing any food insecurity, please let Ms. Aitiya and Ms. Rebecca know. We have some funds and an organization who could provide support

RAC and In-person K Families

Thank you, families, for continuing to complete the health screening each day and for being punctual both for arrival and dismissal. We appreciate the ways you are helping to care for the whole community.

Couple of quick reminders and updates:

- If one of your children fails a RUVNA screening, please keep all students in household at home.
- 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 to launch Zoom.
- **NEW:** The last day of RAC and in person Kindergarten is Wednesday, June 9th. The next two days of school are both half days and your children should join their remote classes for these. The last day of remote school is Friday, June 11th.

On Radar:

Free and low-cost Summer Opportunities in Philadelphia

Please click [here](#) for more information about summer programing happening around Philadelphia.

Math+ Program

The Math+ program includes 6 courses. Each Math+ course focuses on 1 major idea based on key concepts included in Stanford University's introductory math sequence. The six session course will be taught online on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am starting on Tuesday, June 15th and ending on June 24th. Families can sign-up at www.RedwoodPrep.com.

Program for Future Environmental Scientists and Stewards (ProFESS)

Interested in becoming an architect and advocate of Philadelphia's natural ecosystems? [LandHealth Institute](#) is accepting [applications](#) for its 2021 **Program for Future Environmental Scientists and Stewards (ProFESS)** for rising 9th-12th grade students across the city. Join us for weekly sessions throughout the summer (/option to continue through the Fall) to spark and build curiosity and confidence about the natural processes at work in your own neighborhood and city-wide, and receive a stipend doing it!

*Deadline to apply: Tuesday 5/25

Apply here:

<https://forms.gle/jUdwVbkFMsZSEeA7>

Orientation: Tuesday 6/1 (details will be shared with applicants)

Website: www.landhealthinstitute.org

Questions? info@landhealthinstitute.org

People are Beautiful Initiative

This week's Fact: The most spoken languages in Asia are Chinese, Hindi-Urdu languages (used in India and Pakistan) , Vietnamese, and Korean

Reminders:

Front Office Open By Appointment Only

The Front Office has reopened Monday -Thursday. You will need to call the front office at **267-338-1020** to make an appointment. The office staff is still available by email. **Please note that at this time there are no restrooms available for the public.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

FH- t.sumner@wissahickoncharter.org

Meals Distribution 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.

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.

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:

Mon, 5/17: 7th/8th Teambuilding 1/2 Days (7th 8:45-12, 8th: 12:45-4)

Tues, 5/18: 7th/8th Math PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore

Wed, 5/19: 7th/8th Math PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore; **6:30-8:30pm** WCS Board Meeting

Thurs, 5/20: 7th/8th LA PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore

Fri, 5/21: K-8th Asynchronous Day; check SeeSaw or Google Classroom for asynchronous learning.

Select homeroom meet-ups @ Fernhill Park.



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