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## Weekly Wissahickon 4-23-2021

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**All School Celebration:** The Little Mermaid Live! Presented by: The New York Black Art

Today: 1:30-2:15 <https://zoom.us/j/96307454230>

Meeting ID: 963 0745 4230

Passcode: fox

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### Message from CEO

Dear Families,

Today I'm writing to ask you to join [143K Rising](#). This is a group that works specifically on behalf of charter schools like ours. Right now, politicians in Harrisburg are discussing major cuts to funding for charters. The best thing you can do to help our school is to join the voices of parents and families who speak up against these cuts. We need you!

Thank you,  
Kristi

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### Essential:

#### Chromebook & iPad service/repairs

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

#### High School Matters for 7th Grade & Spring PSSAs for 7th & 8th Grades: COMBINED INTO ONE REQUIRED ZOOM FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS

Families, mark your calendars to attend ONE of these evenings:

### Session #1: Tuesday, May 4

5:30-6:15pm High School Matters (required for 7th; optional for 6th)

6:15-6:45pm PSSA Safety & Spring Schedule (required for 7th & 8th taking PSSAs this spring at school; 8th grade families can join at 6:15pm)

**OR**

### Session #2: Thursday, May 6

5:30-6:15pm High School Matters (required for 7th; optional for 6th)

6:15-6:45pm PSSA Safety & Spring Schedule (required for 7th & 8th taking PSSAs this spring at school; 8th grade families can join at 6:15pm)

See High School Matters flyer [HERE](#) for more details and contact Ms. Aitiya or Ms. Rebecca with any questions.

### PSSAs for Students Currently in Grades 3-6

As far as we know, we will be required to administer PSSAs for current 3rd-6th graders (next year's 4th-7th graders), assessing content from their current grades, by September 30, 2021. Our overall approach for these grades is as follows:

**This Spring:** Teachers of grades 3-6 will "sprinkle" multiple choice strategies and extended response questions throughout the units they're already teaching. There will be no discrete "test prep" units.

**This Fall:** In 4th-7th grades, we will likely start the year with a +/-2 week test prep unit, focused mainly on strategies (not academic content), so that students feel prepared and do NOT stress when they have to take PSSAs. We'll all work together to make the content as interesting and fun as possible.

As always, all families will receive information for how to "opt out" your children before the tests are administered in the fall.

### 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

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## RAC and In-person K Families

### First Day of In Person Kindergarten!!!

This Monday (4/26) will be our first day of in-person Kindergarten for the families who opted into the program. We can't wait to see you and your children! **Arrival time is 8:45-9:15am.** Please remember to wear a mask when you drive or walk up to school and to present the RUVNA QR code to an employee before your child gets out of the car so we know your child is safe to attend. Later today, you'll get a reminder email with what to bring.

### All RAC & in-person K families MUST fill out RUVNA EVERYDAY.

This is essential for our school nurse to follow up as needed, as well as for all of us to have complete attendance records for students coming into the building.

### Very important note about RUVNA screenings

If one of your children fails a RUVNA screening, please keep all students in household at home.

### 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.

### Rapid testing & parent/guardian availability

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe through these practices!

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## On Radar:

### A Note From our Digital Art + Animation Elective

Thursday was our last day in the middle school Digital Art + Animation elective and we made a virtual art gallery showcasing our favorite projects. The students wanted to share it with the school! [Digital Art Gallery](#).

### La Salle Summer STEM Enrichment Camp

During La Salle University's Invention Convention, campers will Explore creative solutions to day-to-day problems by using problem-solving, entrepreneurship and creativity skills that build confidence in invention, innovation and entrepreneurship! Click links for more information [flyer](#), [health form](#) and [registration form](#).

### Summer Programming at Performing Arts Studio

Please see the attached flyers for additional information. [Summer Intensive](#) and [X-ploring the Arts](#) Theater Camp.

### Native Americans are Beautiful Initiative

**This week's Fact:** In the early 1600s, five tribes who were former enemies formed the Iroquois (ee-ruh-kwaa) Confederacy. An all-male council who was elected for life made decisions; however, [women](#) had the right to fire any councilor.  
**Important Date:** Early 1600's

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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## Important Dates

**Monday 4/26:** First Day for In-Person Kindergarten Students

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