

Weekly Wissahickon 5-21-2021

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Message from CEO

Dear Families,

Short note from me this week!

First off, I want to thank all of the 7th and 8th grade families who have sent their students in for team building and PSSA testing this week. This first week of testing has been very smooth and we appreciate your role in making this possible.

Secondly, as we enter the last few weeks of school, I wanted to give a reminder of the importance of healthy sleep habits. Please take a look at this <u>graphic</u> and think about your own child's sleep patterns and habits. Summer is often a time when sleep habits often change and can be inconsistent but for overall health, it's important to set some consistent practices around sleep.

Take care, Kristi

Essential:

All School Celebration

Come one, come all! Join us as we spend next Friday, May 28th dancing to the latest <u>Tik Tok</u> challenges beginning at 1:30 PM.

Zoom link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93216357259

Meeting ID: 932 1635 7259

Passcode: fox

VIRTUAL Celebration of Learning for 2021

For K-6: In the last couple weeks of school, you will get an invitation from your homeroom teacher to attend a classroom-level celebration of learning.

There will also be a school-wide assembly on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 10 at 9:00am</u> for students only. We will celebrate student achievements and our (mostly) virtual year together.

Friday, June 11 will remain an asynchronous day.

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 <u>Student Intent to Return survey</u>, 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.

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. June 10th and 11th will both be half days and only offered remotely. The last day of remote school is Friday, June 11th.

On Radar:

<u>Free and low-cost Summer Opportunities in Philadelphia</u>

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? <u>LandHealth Institute</u> is accepting <u>applications</u> for its 2021 <u>Program for Future Environmental Scientists and Stewards (ProFESS)</u> 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/jUdwVbkFMsZSZEeA7

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: More than 4.6 billion people live on the continent. (2021) Asia is thus the most populous continent.

Reminders:

Front Office Open By Appointment Only

The Front Office has reopened <u>Monday -Thursday.</u> 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> 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, 5/24: 7th/8th ELA PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore

Tues, 5/25: 7th/8th ELA PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore

Wed, 5/26: 8th Science PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore;

Thurs, 5/27: 8th Science PSSAs (8:30-11; arrive 8:15-8:30); 7th/8th opt out with Mr. Lattimore

Fri, 5/28: K-8th Asynchronous Day; check SeeSaw or Google Classroom for asynchronous learning.

Select homeroom meet-ups @ Fernhill Park.



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