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Message from CEO

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

Take care,

Kristi

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

ALL 7th & 8th grade families MUST FILL THIS OUT BY TODAY: [Click here for the Form to fill out for Teambuilding and/or PSSAs.](#)

Today is the LAST day to change your decision about your child taking or opting out of PSSAs. Email Ms. Rebecca today if you wish to change it.

If your child will not participate in the May 17th Teambuilding 1/2 Day OR PSSAs, please email Ms. Rebecca TODAY.

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.

LAST CALL: Staff Appreciation Week

This week is Staff Appreciation Week at Wissahickon and we encourage you to reach out to your children'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!

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

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.

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.

1st-8th Grade Students' Phones will be Collected

They are too distracting to learning. We will keep them locked in our computer cart during the day. If you need to reach your child, please do so by calling the front office.

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!

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: California has the largest Asian-American population with over 5 million Asian people.

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:

Monday, 5/10: 2021-22 Re-enrollment Survey Due

Thursday, 5/13: Eid Al-Fitr - School and Offices Closed



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