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Weekly Wissahickon 4/16/2021

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Message from the Dean Kristi:

This week has been a busy one at school. We opened our Remote Access Centers this past Monday and it has been wonderful to see some students in person. This group of families, staff, and students will help lead the way when we all return to in person learning in the fall. We're looking forward to welcoming Kindergarten families who have opted in to in-person learning back on Monday, April 26th.

In May we will be holding our annual Title I Parent meeting. WCS receives Title I funds from, the Federal Department of Education. As always, we will be reviewing our program so you have an opportunity to see how those funds are used and provide input on our family engagement policy and our School-Family Compacts, but this year we are also looking for your input on how we can best use new funds we will be receiving specifically to address the impact of COVID-19 on our school community. We will have offering two meetings on Zoom covering the same content:

- **Wednesday, May 5 at 12:00pm**
- **Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00pm**

More to come, including Zoom info. We hope to (virtually) see you there!

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essential:

Important Dates:

March 16th, @ 06:00 PM - WPP Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86034246607>

Meeting ID: 860 3424 6607

April 26th - First day of in person Kindergarten

Family Wellness Survey

We'd love for you to take a minute and complete our Family Wellness Survey. We're using this survey to get a better understanding of how COVID-19 has impacted WCS families. As we think of ways to adapt our program and resources and to prepare for next school year, we know having a full picture of families' experiences outside of school will help better guide this work. The survey will help us identify larger trends in the school, but you can also indicate if you want WCS staff to follow up with you for assistance connecting to resources in the community. It should only take a few minutes of your time. We appreciate your input! [SURVEY HERE](#)

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

RAC Families

Welcome back to all of our families who are in the Remote Access Center (RAC) program. We have just finished our first week of the program and want to thank you for all the steps you are taking to keep our whole community safe.

Very important note about RUVNA screenings

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

Rapid testing

- Turn in your Rapid Test Consent form as soon as possible. You can send it in with your child. Thank you!
- Our nurse will continue to call families to make you aware if we need to administer a test to your child and to share the reason why that is the case. This is a call to make sure you are informed, not to ask for your consent since consent has already happened through the form that has gone home and a Google doc. If we are not able to reach you, we will leave a message and proceed with the Rapid Test. This week, we've found that it has been hard to get in touch with a few families. When there is a potential risk, we need to have information as quickly as possible.
- If you have decided to decline Rapid Testing for your child, please be ready to pick up your student, if we have determined that a Rapid Test is needed. You will need to provide a negative Covid test, or quarantine for 14 days starting the day of pickup from school.

Parent/Guardian Availability During the Day

- As I mentioned above, we had a few instances this week of families who are not available when we called. Safety and health protocols require that we be able to get in touch with you during the school day. Moving forward, if we find that a child needs to go home during the day, we will call all of the numbers a family has provided. If we are not able to reach anyone, then the family will have one hour to get back in touch with us. From the time they call us back, they will have another one hour to pick up the student (unless the end of the school day comes first). If the family does not respond and pick up the child as we've requested, we will not be able to keep your child in the in-person program moving forward. We must have a way to send anyone who is sick home. I would ask that every family make a backup plan for how they would handle the scenario of their child needing to go home mid-day.

I know we all hold safety and health as the top priority right now. Thank you for your attention to these requests and practices.

Stay well,
Kristi Littell, CEO

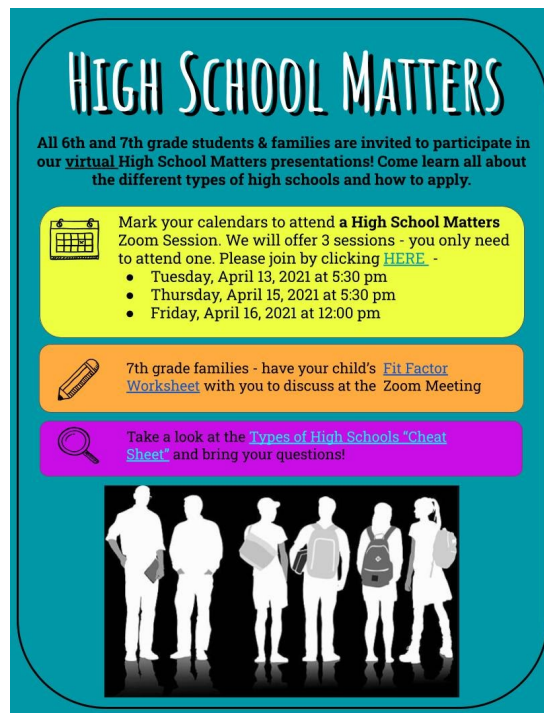
On Radar:

6th and 7th grade families - Last Chance for High School Matters 4.16 @ NOON

Our annual High School Matters event will continue through Zoom this Spring to prepare our students for high school planning. Please join ONE of the 3 sessions offered. See attached! Browse our [WCS High School Matters](#) website to start the journey to high school planning! **The last session is today April 16th @ NOON. Please try to attend if you haven't already had the chance to.**

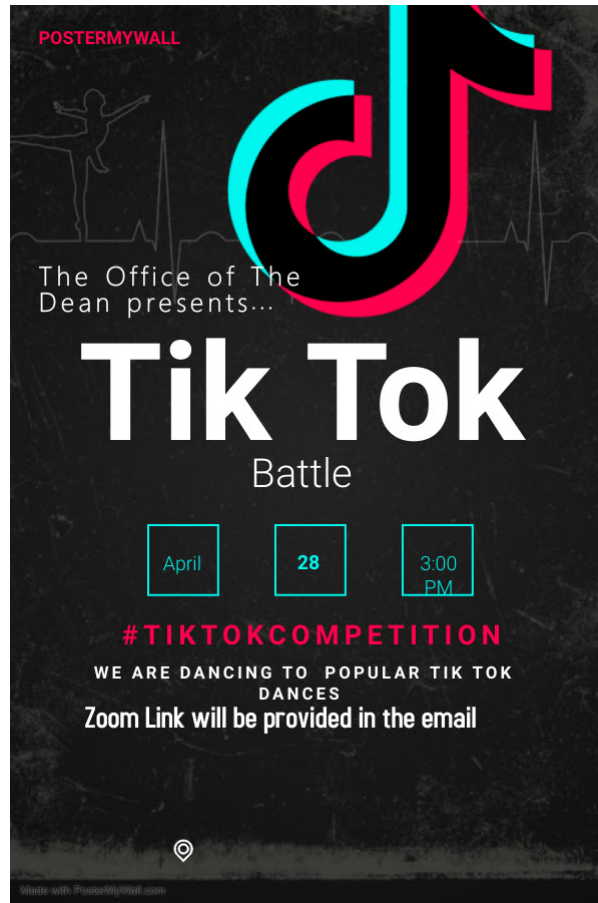
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97985957347>

Meeting ID: 979 8595 7347



All School Celebration

On April 28th at 3:00 Pm The Office of the Dean will be hosting the first ever Virtual Tik-Tok Battle. All students and staff are welcome to come to show off their Tik-Tok Dance moves.



EXTRAS:

Earth Day Projects!!

This year, Earth Day is on April 22nd!!

Do you want to be featured in an all school meeting? Do you want your voice to be heard?

At WCS our motto is, "We take care of the earth that takes care of us".

To celebrate Earth Day and our environmental mission, we would like to know...

"How do you take care of the earth that takes care of you?"

You can share your answer and ideas by creating a rap, poem, video, jam board, tik tok, physical poster, art work, photo collage, or any other creative ideas.

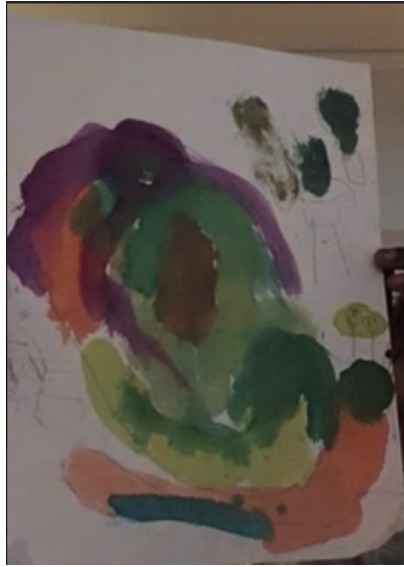
All submissions are due April 21st at 12:00pm.

Lower school projects can be submitted to Ms. Liz at liz@wissahickoncharter.org

Middle school projects can be submitted to Ms. Engelbert at m.engelbert@wissahickoncharter.org

Student Art Highlights

Some artwork from some of our kindergarten students in art class last week painting snails!!



8th grade practiced mindfulness in art with zentangle animals



CARES Champions!

Congratulations to this week's CARES CHAMPIONS!

K-5

4th Grade: Liam Gavin has really done an amazing job this year. He consistently turns in high quality work, adds thoughtful comments to our classroom conversations and brings a sense of humor to our classroom. Liam has also grown in assertion this year, making sure to advocate for himself when he needs clarity on an assignment. Keep up all of your great efforts Liam and thanks for making 412 so great!

5th Grade: Chassid Cook brings joy, humor and leadership with him as he enters zoom class each day. He has been doing a wonderful job showing academic excellence by always making sure his work is completed, and consistently participating in class discussions. He is also a valuable classmate and friend, and is always willing to help out in any way he can. 512 is a fun place to learn thanks to Chasid!

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8th Grade: Lundy Thomas is a rockstar this trimester! She comes to class every day ready to learn, and never stops asking questions. Lundy always comes to math office hours if she needs extra help, and she is so fun to have in homeroom. Thanks for making 811 awesome, Lundy!

8th Grade: Phoenix Hazzard-Tillman absolutely embodies what it means to be prepared and dedicated. He shows up to class every day with his camera on, is always ready to participate, and absolutely rocks every assignment! Phoenix even goes the extra mile to support his classmates when he can. It is always a pleasure to have you in class Phoenix!



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