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Essentials

WCS Residency Questionnaire

WCS is sending a Residency Questionnaire to all families to better serve families who qualify as McKinney-Vento. The McKinney-Vento Act provides services and supports for children and youth experiencing homelessness. You can find more information on pages 75 & 76 of your WCS Student Handbooks. This will be included in your Title I paperwork being sent home. You can also complete the form electronically [HERE](#). You only need to complete ONE form per family.

Flat Rate Program Payment

Many of our families that have enrolled in the flat rate program have not received a confirmation email. Please complete the Parent Payment form found [HERE](#). Please note you must complete this form each month. The school must also complete a payment form each month. The school payment form will be submitted by the 8th of each month. The school payment forms for September and October will be submitted by November 8, 2021. Please refer to the FAQs document found [HERE](#) for more information.

School Picture Day

School Picture Day is Friday, October 29, 2021. The students received their order forms this week.

Tips From Our Director of School Culture For Monitoring Student Cell Phones

We know it's not the easiest job managing your child's cell phone with all the responsibilities on your plate. We want to support students to make safe choices with their cell phones (in surfing the web, group chatting, joining social media platforms, etc.) because we know they are susceptible to increased drama with friends and peers, predators, and an array of distractions from school and family time. Some families have found success with apps that allow them to mirror their child's phone so they can see who and what they're texting. These apps also include features that allow you to control how much time they are on their phone, filter websites, and monitor content.

1. [Bark](#) is one of the most popular family apps.
2. If your family all have iPhones, Apple has a family sharing app that has the same features as Bark.

3. Verizon also has a smart family feature for \$5 a month add on where you can also mirror and monitor your family's phone.

If you know of any other useful apps we can share with families that will help keep our students safe, please share with Director of School Culture Niema Golphin directly by emailing golphin@wissahickoncharter.org.

2022-2023 WCS Application

The 2022-2023 application cycle opened on September 24. As a reminder, families must apply to Wissahickon through the Apply Philly Charter System at applyphillycharter.org or by calling 1 (800) 891-3999. Applications must be received by January 24, 2022 in order to be included in our lottery. As a reminder, WCS has sibling preference for applicants. A sibling is defined as a biological or legally adopted brother or sister who lives in the same household as the current WCS student. In the event the parent or legal guardian of a current student becomes the legal guardian of another child, sibling preference shall convey to that child. Applicants must also be Philadelphia residents in order to qualify for preference.

School Handbook

The 2021-2022 School Handbook can now be found in the "Family Resources" section of our website <http://wissahickoncharter.org/handbooks>

Fill out RUVNA when you get the text

Please do NOT wait till a staff member calls you after school starts. This is causing students to miss class and staff to miss time away from other responsibilities. If you do it immediately in the morning, you don't need to think about it again. That's a win for all! :)

All families should complete RUVNA each day even if your child is quarantined. We must have a documented case of COVID or exposure to COVID to arrange quarantine work for your child.

After School Program Reminder

Limited space is still available in the after school program for grades K-5! The registration form can be filled out electronically [here](#).



In order to promote our CARES Value of Responsibility Wissahickon is holding a mask drive. The mask drive will run through 11/19 with the prizes the following week!
Which class will win?

On Radar

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Updates

We will have our second WPP Meeting on Tuesday, October 19th at 6pm via Zoom.

MEETING LINK HERE

Meeting ID: 998 2199 7691

Passcode: wcs123

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will unfortunately have to postpone the drive-in movie scheduled for October 23rd. We will keep all families informed on what our next steps will be.

In the meantime, as per parent request, we are having an all parent Happy Hour at 6pm on Friday, November 5th at The Bayou Bar & Grill Located at [4245 Main St Philadelphia, PA 19127](#). Hope to see you all there!

A few links requested from last month's meeting:

If you would like to apply for a position at WCS please [click here](#).

If you would like to apply for a child to attend WCS the application is now available at <https://applyphillycharter.org>.

School Meals

All menus and their nutritional information can be found [HERE](#) this year.



Small group learning is up and running in our WIN (What I Need) blocks to get kids the most targeted instruction we can!

Reminders

Early Dismissals

The latest early dismissal (except in true emergencies) is 2:30. No students will be allowed to leave class after 2:30 before their regular dismissal time. Families need to arrive at the school before students will be dismissed from class. Students cannot miss valuable learning time sitting in the lobby.

Late Pick Up Reminder

This is a reminder that when you are running late, please contact a staff member regarding your arrival time. Please do this even if you have contacted your child directly. Additionally, students in grades 1-8 are considered late for pick up after 3:50. Kindergarten students are considered late for pick up after 3:10. The late pick up fee is \$1.00/minute. This year, we waited until 9/20/2021 to enforce the late fee. We wanted to give our families time to make arrangements due to the various transportation challenges.

Lost & Found Items

Please remind your students to check the lost & found area near the front office each week if they are missing anything. Any items that are not claimed by Friday will be donated on a weekly basis.

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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

Friday, October 29th: Picture

Tuesday, November 2nd: School Closed for Municipal Election Day & Teacher Professional Development



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