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Weekly Wissahickon 10/15/2021

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Message from The Principals

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who is ensuring your children come to school on time, with masks and follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. For all of our safety, please make sure you and your child are masked as you arrive to campus.

We are now halfway through the trimester and interim reports will be mailed home next week. Please keep your eyes out for them. This is an important time to check in with your students about their learning.

Our Wissahickon Parent Partnership is kicking off next week on Tuesday, 10/19 at 6. It's on Zoom so we hope to see lots of you there.

Enjoy your weekend,
Ms. Kate and Ms. Polite

Essentials: Important Dates

October 19th @ 6:00 WPP Zoom Meeting - Zoom Information below

October 29th - Picture Day

Front Office Update

Please note that our front office staff assists with arrival and dismissal. If you call the office before 9:30 AM or after 2:30 PM, there is no guarantee staff will be able to answer your call. If your call is not answered, please leave a message.

Reminders for Families

- **Due to COVID precautions, our buildings will remain closed to visitors without an appointment. This includes no usage of our restrooms for the public.**
- **The Front Office will *no longer* accept lunches dropped off by parents. If your child does not come to school with their lunch already, then a nutritional free lunch will be provided to them. We believe learning is sacred, and we want to limit the amount of interruptions to instructional day.**
- **Fill out RUVNA EVERY morning! Your child will not be able to go to class until RUVNA is completed.**
- **Send your child to school wearing a mask with an extra in their backpack.**
- **Mask up whenever you're at WCS.**
- **The latest early dismissal is 2:30pm. 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.**

The 2021-2022 School Handbook

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

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.

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.

Student Cell-Phone Monitoring From Ms. G Director of Culture

We know it's not the easiest job managing your child's phone with all the responsibilities on your plate. As we support students in school to make safe choices with their cell-phones when it comes to surfing the web, group chatting and joining social media platforms 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, seeing who and what their texting. Features that include controlling how much time they are on their phone, filtering websites, and monitoring 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 does the same features as bark.
3. Verizon also has a smart family feature for \$5.00 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 me directly golphin@wissahickoncharter.org

October's Lunch Menu

[Click here](#)

On Radar

K-8 Interim Reports

Will be mailed home the week of October 18th!!

WPP Meeting- Tuesday Oct. 19th @ 6:00-7:00

The WPP will be having its first meeting of the year!! Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88083496047?pwd=a0F3UVIZU3ILYTNsZ1ZWWGw4YkphZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 8349 6047

Passcode: fox

Picture Day October 29th!

School Picture Day is **Friday, October 29, 2021**. The students will receive their order forms next week.

Security Guard Presence

Beginning, Monday, October 11th we will have (2) security guards posted at Washington Lane and Chew Avenue. There have been no safety concerns on campus but the safety and security of our school body is always our primary concern especially going and coming from school.

2022-2023 Applications Now Available

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.com 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.

EXTRAS:

Snapshots from Electives!

See what our 5-8 grade students have been working on in the Screen Printing elective with our new counselor, Ms. Ally!



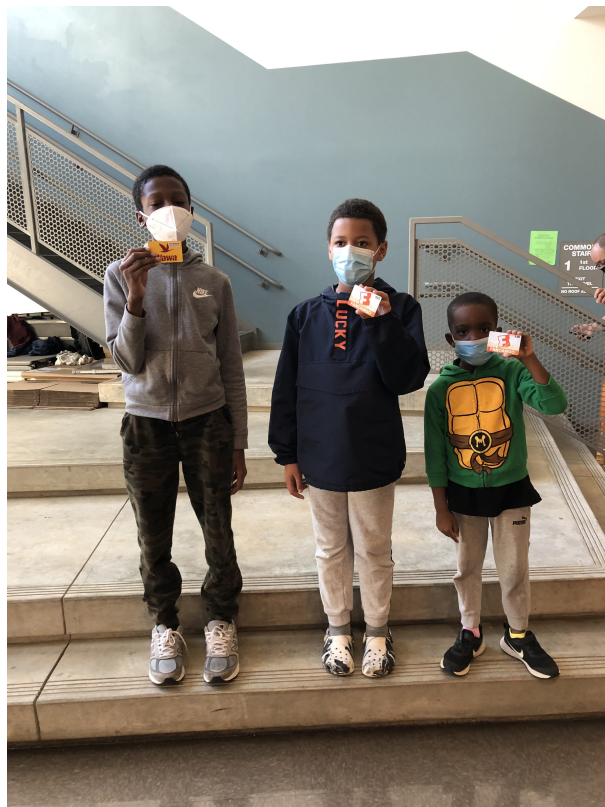
Our 8th graders continue to find ways to connect with Mother Nature in our Nature Walks in the Awbury Arboretum with Ms. Abby!



National School Lunch Week, October 11-15



And the winners are.....



Kamrin Watson, Ayden Slocum and Shawn Eleby. Not pictured is Jaylen

Culbreth. Congratulations guys 🎉🎉🎉



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