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Weekly Wissahickon 10-22-2021

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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

As we're about halfway through our first trimester, I hope you and your child(ren) are settling into new school routines.

I have a couple of important things to share with you this week. Please read this in full.

Returning to School After Illness: When a student is out of school for more than one symptom reported on RUVNA, our Nurse will call to follow up and inform you that your child needs a Covid test in order to return to school. The test should be shared with the nurse who contacted you.

Possible SEPTA Strike: You have likely seen that SEPTA's union is prepared to strike if a new contract is not agreed upon by the end of this month. We know that most WCS 7th and 8th graders take SEPTA. With the school bus driver shortages this year, many families of students in other grades are also opting for SEPTA. We also have many employees who rely on SEPTA. [The School District of Philadelphia is bracing for a shift to online learning if there is a strike.](#) Wissahickon is currently assessing how large of an impact a SEPTA strike would have on our community and making contingency plans.

Covid Cases at WCS: As a reminder, you can always check our website to see the total count of positive cases that have been in our building. It is updated every Friday at the end of the day. Go to Family Resources and click on the link for Positive Covid Cases. Any families whose children are directly impacted by a positive case are always contacted personally. Any families whose children are in a class where there was a positive case but whose children were not directly impacted are also alerted in writing.

Returning iPads and Chromebooks: Every family who received a device last year signed an agreement to pay for that device should they not return it or if they break it. If you still have a device at home, you need to send it to school immediately. We will soon be sending out invoices for any devices that

were not returned or that came in broken.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials

T1 Interim Reports

Interim Reports will not be mailed home this year. Instead, T1 Interim Reports will be sent home with students today, Friday, October 22, 2021. If your student is absent, Interim Reports will be sent home on Monday. If you have not received your student's interim report by Tuesday, October 26, 2021, please contact the front office.

Mandated Health Screenings

PA public school code requires specific health screenings. The screenings for our students will begin on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Picture Day; No Halloween

Wissahickon does not celebrate Halloween, since many of our families do not. Please do not have students come with any costumes or candy. Thanks! Instead, Picture Day is 10/29/21.

Spirit Week Next Week!

We are excited to host our first in-person spirit week in almost two years! See the calendar below for what your child can wear each day next week.

5th-8th Grade Student Council Interest?

If your child is in 5th-8th grades, encourage them to come to the interest meeting for Student Council on Wednesday, November 3rd. See flyer [here](#). Ms. Leah Wright & Ms. Jess Clark are advising. We're excited for student leaders to emerge and help make our school community as strong as possible!

Wissahickon's Mask Drive

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?

Lost & Found Items

It is getting cold outside and the lost and found bin is overflowing. 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.

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.

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.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>College Day</u> | <u>Anime</u> | <u>Game Day</u> | <u>Mismatch Day</u> | <u>Picture Day</u> |
| Show us where you dream of going to school, your fav. college, or where your parents went to school! | Rock your favorite Anime characters! | Wear your favorite teams shirt or jersey! Local or national teams! | Step out in your wackiest mismatch clothing! | Lights, camera, action! Come dressed to impress for picture day! |
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On Radar

School Meals

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



Congratulations to the winners of the National School Lunch Competition:

Kaya Moore 8th Grade
Nyla Smith-Thompson 6th Grade
Cole Barker 4th Grade
Sa'fir Brown 2nd Grade
Hanna Saint-Cyr 1st Grade

Thank you,
Kellie

Reminders

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.

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.

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

Friday, October 29th: Picture

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



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