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Weekly Wissahickon 10/29/2021

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I'm sure you have seen that [SEPTA and its union have reached an agreement](#) which means that school will be fully in session next week as we were all hoping. Again, school is open and in person next week aside from Tuesday which was already a day off for Professional Development for staff. We will not send devices home today.

Thank you to everyone who purchased chargers in anticipation of a possible strike. I want to keep that request in place for anyone who has yet to get one. With individual classes needing to quarantine occasionally and the plan that devices could sometimes come home overnight for special projects, it is best to have a charger at home and ready. Please consult my previous ClassTag messages for all the details around chargers.

I am so grateful for the ways you have sent your support for us during what was a hard

week of decision making and planning. This is the best possible outcome and I literally cheered when I heard the news.

Warmly,
Kristi

Essentials:

Important Dates

November 2nd - Administrative Offices and School Closed

November 11th - Veterans Day -Administrative Offices and School Closed

November 22nd - Last day of First Trimester - School is OPEN

November 23rd - Report Card Writing Day - STAFF ONLY

November 24th-26th - Thanksgiving Holiday - Administrative Offices and School Closed

Front Office Updates

- **Phones** - 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.
- **Arrival** - We are asking any parents who walk their child up to not park on the school side of Washington Lane, so there can be a constantly flowing line of traffic coming into the driveway from the parking lane. This will increase safety and speed of drop off. Thanks!
- **Masks** - We are spending thousands of dollars on student masks. Please make sure your child has one on when they get to school and has a spare in their backpack. If parents are able, please send in boxes of masks to support us! The disposable adult and child masks are perfect.

Awbury in Awbury

On November 4th & 5th, WCS staff and students will spend the day in Awbury Arboretum to celebrate the fall season with our community. In small groups, students will participate in many activities exploring the Arboretum and enjoying fall. We will hunt, discover, make crafts and have lots of FUN outdoors. Please make sure that your child is dressed for being outdoors and brings in a packed lunch on their designated day.

Thursday, November 4th: K, 3, 5 & 6

Friday, November 5th: 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8

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. All question should be emailed to [Ms. Shonda](#).

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.

October's Lunch Menu

[Click here](#)

On Radar

Canned Food Drive

Help us make a difference! Student council is proud to present a school wide canned food and non perishable food items drive. Please bring in as many food items as possible to help feed people less fortunate than ourselves. Our goal is to fill the boxes located in every classroom by November 19th and donate them to a local food pantry. Let's do our part to lend a helping hand! The drive will run from Monday, November 1st- November 19th. The homeroom with the most cans will win a pizza party!!

Back to School Bonfire Dance....

- When: Friday, November 5th from 6-7:30
- Where: WCS Parking Lot (it will be lit...literally...lol..)
- What....Music/dancing, food, games, bonfire, hot cider & chocolate.
- Theme:Fall
- Who:Students who earn a ticket by having a 75% positivity on KB & who are not on Ms. Polites "inappropriately masking" list **by Wednesday Nov. 3rd.**
- Entry fee: \$2
- No outside guest and masks required

After School Program

We are still accepting students from grades K-5th in our After School Program. If you are interested or need more information please click [here](#) to get started! Thank you!

Coming Soon: Fire Safety

The Philadelphia Fire Department will present a Fire Safety presentation to include: importance of smoke alarms, home escape plans, not playing with fire, and stop, drop & roll.

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:

November is

National American Indian Heritage Month (Indigenous People Month)/National Hip Hop Month. We will be celebrating both throughout the month!!



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