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CHARTER SCHOOL

Message From CEO

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

Mandated Health Screenings

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

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?

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.





Thank you families for participating in Spirit Week. See the pictures above from Mismatch Day!!!

On Radar

Block Kids: Lego Building Competition 1st-6th Graders

Girls Inc. is partnering with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Philadelphia Foundation to host the 2nd Annual Block Kids: Lego Competition on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**. This is a **FREE** event open to **1st-6th graders**. Check-In for the Event begins at **8:30AM** at the Sheet Metal Training Hall at **1301 South Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19147**.

Students will compete in their grade level to build the most creative building out of Legos. There will be three winners in each grade level from 1st -6th grade, breakfast and snacks will be available, free parking, and mentors. Guess what?! This is open to boys and girls.

Here is the link to register to confirm your attendance. Bring the attached form with you: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRms0ujNz8ZIfAb5ukjRDBhCF01VRZv4hVYFybmTouTKj7IQ/viewform>

School Meals

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

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.

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! You can also follow WPP (Wissahickon Parent Partnership) on [Instagram](#).

Important Dates

Monday, November 1st: 4th grade Hike (9:30am-2:30pm)

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

Friday, November 5th: WPP Parent Happy Hour (6pm @ Bayou Bar & Grill)

Sunday, November 7th: Daylight Saving Time Ends- Remember to set your clocks back!

Thursday, November 11th: School Closed for Veteran's Day



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