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## Weekly Wissahickon 11/5/2021

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### *Message from Dean Kristi*

Dear Families,

I'm writing with a few announcements this week. Thanks for your attention to all of these items.

- Please please please talk at home about the importance of wearing a mask properly. Masks should have a snug fit and cover both the mouth and nose. The masks are one of our most effective ways of keeping our school community safe.
- Drop off begins at 8:00. **Please do NOT** drop children off earlier than that. We do not offer childcare before 8:00.
- If you are running late at the end of the day, please call the front office to let them know. Remember that after 3:45, you will be charged \$1/minute.
- Due to COVID, our water fountains are closed for drinking, but students can fill up their water bottles at them. We provided every student with a WCS water bottle at

the beginning of the year. For students who lost theirs, we will provide one replacement. After that, we ask parents to provide water bottles .

- Remember that we are closed on Thursday, November 11th for Veterans Day. A special thank you to all the family members who are Veterans.

Warmly,  
Kristi

### ***Essentials:***

#### ***Important Dates***

**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***

We had a wonderful two days in the Arboretum celebrating Fall at Awbury in Awbury! See the pictures below that capture all the magic.



### ***Water Bottles Needed Daily***

One of our COVID safety mitigation features includes having covers on our water fountains to prevent use. In place of the traditional water fountains, we put in water bottle dispensers and gave each student a water bottle with their name on it that they need to travel between school and home with. Some students are starting to come to school

without water bottles and this is causing a lot of different problems for us. It is imperative that each student comes to school with either the water bottle that we gave them or one from home.

### ***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***

### ***Back to School Bonfire Dance....***

### **Middle School Back to School Dance is TONIGHT!!**

Sending a reminder that tonight the middle school alongside the Student Council will be hosting a Back to School Bonfire Dance in the WCS parking lot.



It is from 6:00-7:30 pm. Admission is \$2.00. There will be food, games and dancing!! Masks are required. Please be sure that your student dresses warmly as well.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S DANCE, STUDENTS HAD TO HAVE MORE POSITIVE KICKBOARD POINTS THAN NEGATIVE AND HAVE BEEN**



**CONSISTENTLY MASKING APPROPRIATELY AT SCHOOL. IF THEY MET THE CRITERIA, THEY WERE GIVEN A RED TICKET YESTERDAY.**

**ONLY STUDENTS WHO HAVE A RED TICKET + \$2.00 WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE DANCE.**

Food/drinks will be at an additional cost as this is a fundraising event for the Student Council.

### ***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!

### ***Self Defense Class for 7th and 8th Graders***

We are excited about Welcoming Master Whitaker to WCS to teach our 7th and 8th graders some self-defense and de-escalation techniques in order to be more vigilant about our surroundings. In response to our students feeling unsafe as they travel on Sept to and from school we hope this will be one added measure to ensure if they are in an unpredictable circumstance they can defend themselves. He will be visiting our school on Nov 12th and 19th.

### ***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!!

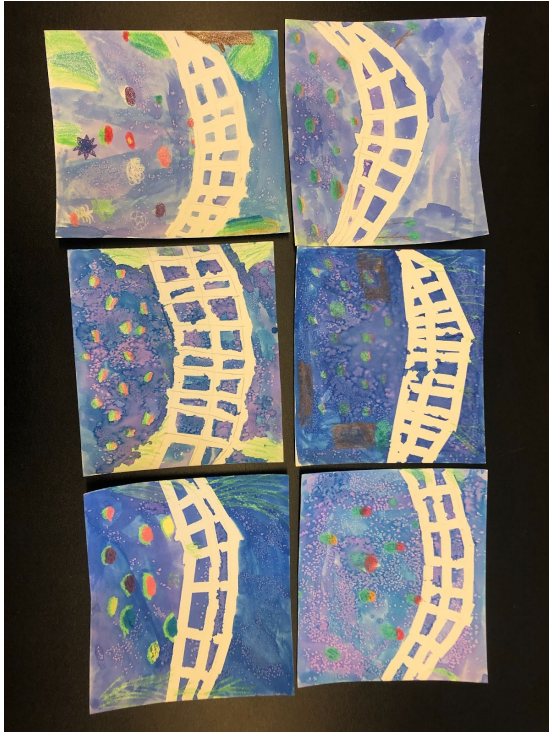
### ***Coming Soon: Fire Safety***

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.

### ***EXTRAS:***

In art, 4th grade used watercolor resist techniques to paint a bridge scene inspired by

Monet.



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