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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I'm writing with an important reminder to **please complete RUVNA every day no matter what**- even if your child is not coming to school. Completing RUVNA provides you with an excused absence. It also lets us know why your child is out and if we need to reach out to you to discuss anything related to Covid-19.

I also wanted to let you know that we are following the news around the new variant of Covid-19, Omicron. At this time, there are no changes or additions to our safety mitigation plan.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials:

Important Dates

December 8-10 Virtual Report Card Conferences. Students will be dismissed at the following times:

- kindergarten 12:25
- 1st-6th grades 12:45
- 7th and 8th grades 12:40

December 22-December 31 - Winter Recess - Administrative Offices and School is CLOSED

Student Contact List Form

Every student will receive a student contact list form to bring home TODAY December 3, 2021. We are requesting that a contact form be completed for each student and returned to the homeroom teacher on **Monday, December 6, 2021**. Please complete the form even if you have recently updated your information with the Front Office.

The Book Fair is Coming!

WCS is hosting an in person Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, December 6 through Friday, December 10. The Fair will be a bit different from previous years since parents are not allowed in the building, but that won't stop the fun! December 6-7 are browsing days, where students can make a wish list of books they would like, and shopping will take place December 8-10. Check out [Awbury's Book Fair website](#) and watch a short video on how to set up [eWallet](#) to avoid bringing cash to school to pay for purchases. Through the website above, you can shop for purchases online through December 19th! We look forward to seeing the kids at the Book Fair!

8th Grade Families: Reminders: Writing Sample and SLA Interviews

Hi families!

I wanted to send out some quick reminders!

1.) If you applied to Science Leadership Academy (either campus), please sign your student up for an interview! You do not need your student's ID on the form - that is for School District of Philadelphia students ONLY. Last interview dates are this Saturday and Sunday - Dec. 4th/5th. Sign up [HERE](#).

2.) If your child applied to:

- Central High School
- Carver Engineering and Science
- Academy at Palumbo

- Parkway Center City

Please check your email for a registration link to sign up for their District Administered Writing Sample. If you do not receive an email, email the Office of Student Enrollment & Placement at: osep@philasd.org

Please also check your spam/junk boxes. All information about the writing sample is [HERE](#).

If you received an email about a Writing Sample and your child did NOT apply to these schools, please disregard. The School District has indicated some families were sent an email in error. If your child did NOT apply to the above schools, they do not need to complete a writing sample.

Please reach out to [Ms. Abby](#) with any questions or concerns!

3rd-8th Grade Honor Roll

We will host an Honor Roll Zoom for students and families who have earned all A's and B's on Thursday, December 16th at 9 AM. If earned you will receive your invite at your report card conference.

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.

School Meals

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

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](#).

On Radar

Picture Retake Day, Friday January 14, 2022

Picture retake day will be held on Friday January 14, 2022. If you are interested in having your child(ren) do retakes you must return the first set of pictures uncut. If your child(ren) did not take pictures on the first picture day, please return the picture form along with payment. Forms will be available at the front office. All forms, payment and/or original pictures MUST be brought back on the day of retakes.

Supporting Students with Grief/Loss

WCS continues to try and create spaces to support students' emotional as well as academic needs. Peter's Place, A Center for Grieving Children & Families is currently enrolling students for grief support groups beginning in January. We are looking for families who would be interested in enrolling their child(ren) in a grief support group, where students would discuss feelings, emotions, and coping mechanisms around grief/loss. Students would meet 1x week for 8 weeks, 45 minutes per session. The groups are organized by age for appropriate accommodations. The groups would take place here at the school building. A WCS staff would be present during groups. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) for a grief support group or would like to learn more, please email Ms. Abby, a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org.

To learn more about Peter's Place, visit <https://petersplaceonline.org/>

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!

Winter Coats

If your child is in need of a winter coat, we received a donation of some winter coats. We are limited in quantity and size but if we have it available, we are happy to assist.

Unfortunately, we do not have any adult sizes available. If your child needs a winter coat, please email a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org

EXTRAS:

Cares Champions:

K-5

Jermaine Allen in room 211 shows Academic Excellence and Responsibility: Jermaine is a superstar in 211! He tries his very best on all his assignments and it shows. We can always count on him to be doing the right thing and showing CARES values all day long. Jermaine is a natural leader and we are so lucky to have him in our class!

6-8

Jaydah Spearman-Johnson in 611 shows Academic Excellence and Collaboration: Jaydah shows excellence every day in school - she is consistently working hard on her classwork, raising her hand to make great contributions to our class discussions. Jaydan is also great at partner work, making sure she and her partner are on task and completing the work to the best of their ability. Keep it up Jaydah!

Semaj Kelly in room 612 shows Collaboration - Semaj always brings a smile to our faces in 612, thanks for your sense of humor. Although Semaj brings the laughs, he also brings his best to our academic work, by trying his best to participate in both math and science. Keep it up Semaj!



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