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Message From CEO

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

MASK DRIVE
THE CLASS THAT BRINGS IN
THE MOST BOXES OF MASKS
CHOOSES A PRIZE!

PJ Day
CLASS Outside
PIZZA Party!

K2 with 97 boxes!
802 with 33 boxes!
403 boxes total collected!
8,060 masks total!
100% homeroom participation!

Essentials

Virtual T1 Report Card Conferences

Report Card conferences will be held virtually from December 8, 2021 - December 10, 2021 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Please select a date/time convenient for you. The conference schedule can be found [HERE](#). If your child has more than one core teacher (4th-8th grades) and you would like to talk with a teacher other than the homeroom teacher, please get in touch via ClassTag. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we do not have slots available to meet with more than your child's homeroom teacher this year in a formal way. **If you do not schedule a conference by 5pm Friday, December 3, 2021, one will be scheduled for you. If you scheduled with the wrong teacher the conference will be deleted and a new one will be scheduled for you.**

Student Contact List Form

Every student will receive a student contact list form to bring home on Friday, 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.

Picture Retake Day, Friday January 14, 2022

Pictures will be coming home with students this afternoon. Our 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 the morning of retakes.

Update about our Counseling Department:

WCS is excited to announce that we officially have two Counselors! Ms. Aitiya who has returned from maternity leave, and Ms. Meskun who started with us in the Fall. They will be sharing the responsibilities of the counseling department; teaching classes, leading groups, and meeting with students individually.

Ms. Aitiya will be working with students whose last name begins with A-L

Ms. Meskun will be working with students whose last name begins with M-Z

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.

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. If your child needs a winter coat, please email your counselor at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org or a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org

On Radar

Book Fair

Dear Families,

The in-person Book Fair is back!!!

Your child will be visiting the Scholastic Book Fair during their scheduled Library class or by permission of their teacher between Monday, December 6 - Friday, December 10.

Due to Covid restrictions, there will be NO in-person family shopping at this fair, BUT never fear, you can still purchase books in three ways:

1. You can send in cash with your child on the day they have Library. Please send a minimum of \$7. (This covers a book *plus sales tax*.) Please put all cash in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name.
2. Scholastic offers an E-wallet option. This is a cashless option for your child. You apply money to E-wallet easily, visit our E-wallet instructions online by [clicking here](#). You must apply money to E-wallet BEFORE your child can choose & buy a book. ****Important note about E-wallet: Change cannot be given if you choose this option. Any money you put into E-wallet stays in E-wallet, and can be used at this or any future Scholastic Book Fair.****
3. You can order books directly from our [online fair](#) from December 6-December 19.

Please reach out to me at kourtneyg@wissahickoncharter.org if you have any questions.

Thanks for sharing your beautiful kids,

Ms. Kourtney

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Updates

Join us for an in-person parent meet-up on Tuesday, December 14 at 6pm at:

Franklin's East Falls

[3521 Bowman st](#)

[Phila, Pa 19129](#)

Free gift for all parents that come! Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a family workshop on **Tuesday, January 18th from 6-7pm** called **Combating the Effects of Social Media on Kids**. Flyer is [attached](#) and we hope to see you there!

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.

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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

Wednesday, December 8th: (Kindergarten 12:25pm dismissal) **1st-8th** 12:45pm Dismissal For Virtual Report Card Conferences

Thursday, December 9th: (Kindergarten 12:25pm dismissal) **1st-8th** 12:45pm Dismissal For Virtual Report Card Conferences

Friday, December 10th: (Kindergarten 12:25pm dismissal) **1st-8th** 12:45pm Dismissal For Virtual Report Card Conferences

Wednesday, December 22- Friday, December 31st School Closed for Winter Break

Monday, January 3rd: School Closed for PD

Tuesday, January 4th: Students return from Winter Break



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