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Message from Dean Kristi

Hi all,

I'm writing to let you know that amidst the rise in Covid-19 cases in our area, we are seeing a rise in cases at Awbury as well. Over the course of this week, we have discovered seven new cases of Covid-19 in our community. One class transitioned to remote learning yesterday because it contained four of the cases.

If 3% of the entire number of people in the building (about 16 people) test positive, we will have to close the entire school to quarantine. Winter break starts next Wednesday and I do not think we'll hit the threshold for closing, but I have pledged to let you know when we have a rise in cases and this week has definitely seen more cases than usual.

The New York Times reports today that, "An average of **642 cases per day** were reported in Philadelphia County, a **121 percent increase** from the average two weeks ago." This is a huge increase.

I have two important requests.

- Please fill out RUVNA honestly and keep your child home for any symptoms. Cold symptoms and Covid symptoms are very similar and if your child has symptoms, they need to be home. You can only skip reporting symptoms if you know that your child's symptom is due to another diagnosed condition like asthma or allergies.
- Second, please take precautions over the winter break. Keeping this community safe and our school open in January is directly tied to the behaviors we all show during break. Mask up. Do not go to large gatherings. Get vaccinated.

Be well,

Kristi

Essentials:

Important Dates

December 22nd-January 3rd - Winter Recess - Administrative Offices and Schools are CLOSED. Children return January 4, 2022

Math Facts Contest

Students need more work on memorizing their math facts so we are having a contest! On Monday, December 20th, we will host the contest and there will be 3 winners per grade. They will select prizes to take home. Students have been given flashcards to study. Below are what they will be quizzed on.

K: Ten Frame images (quickly seeing how many dots there are)

1 and 2: Addition 0-10

3: Multiplication (2,3,4,5)

4 -8 : Multiplication 2-12

Student Contact List Form

Every student received a student contact list form to bring home. Please complete the form even if you have recently updated your information with the Front Office. If you have not returned the Student Contact Form please do so as soon as possible.

Fall Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Fall Book Fair. If your child did not have the opportunity to visit the bookfair in person you can still purchase books through the website. Here is the [Awbury's Book Fair website](#), you can shop for purchases online through December 19th!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is offering a free book for kids. Please use the

link <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



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.

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](#).

School Meals

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

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.

FREE Meals During Winter/Spring School Breaks

If you or your family is in need of free meals while school is closed, please check out the Phila. Parks & Recreation page for information about free meals. This is for any child up to age 18. Meals will be distributed at city recreation centers and playgrounds.

Find out more information [HERE](#)

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

A'siyah Mohammad-Dorman 112 shows Academic Excellence - A'siyah is a new student to WCS and we couldn't have a better example of academic excellence. A'siyah

consistently focuses on the speaker during lessons and tries her best in all independent work. A'siyah is always willing to share her thinking to help lift up the learning of others. Way to go, A'siyah! We are so happy A'siyah is a part of the WCS family!

Deyon Billingslea-Rivers in room 511 Self-Control - Deyon has done a great job demonstrating all of her CARES values this year, but has truly made excellent growth with self-control. Things that used to really upset her just don't seem to bother her anymore. As Deyon says, "I just ignore it, or take a deep breath". Way to go Deyon! ALL of your teachers are so proud of you. - Ms. Sheri

Ahmir Paulk in 512 shows Responsibility- Ahmir shows responsibility in all parts of his day. He comes in to class ready to learn and takes his work very seriously. He is a positive leader for his peers and helps others in math and science. Ahmir can always be counted on to help with class jobs, or cheer up someone who is feeling down. Keep up all the hard work!



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