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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I hope you are excited for the upcoming winter break. This first trimester has been a busy one and we know that students, staff, and families have all worked hard. I hope you all enjoy a restful time away.

As break and holidays arrive, I am thinking about public safety. As you likely know, the state Supreme Court voted to end PA's Universal mask mandate in schools. Wissahickon will keep our mask mandate in place until further notice. In the last two weeks, the New York Times reports that the number of cases of Covid-19 in Philadelphia County have increased over 90%. It's important that we all prioritize safety measures at this time.

I'm wishing us all a restful, joyful break that prioritizes safe decisions for ourselves and our community.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials

Gender Neutral Single Stall Bathrooms

WCS is committed to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment that supports the emotional and mental health of all our students. We are pleased to share that WCS students can select a gender neutral singular bathroom, in addition to our designated male or female bathrooms.

FREE meals during Winter/Spring School Breaks

If you or your family would like to receive free meals while school is closed, please check out the Philadelphia 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](#)

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.

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

Grief Support Groups

We are partnering with an outside organization to run grief support groups for students who've experienced the loss of a loved one. Groups would begin in January and run for 8 weeks. If your student has experienced a loss and you think that they might benefit from participating in a group, please contact Ms. Aitiya or Ms. Meskun no later than Friday, December 17, 2021 to sign up.

Ms Aitiya a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org

Ms. Meskun l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org

On Radar

Cold Weather, Lost & Found

As an environmental school, we go outside in almost all weather. **We take students outside for recess as long as the 'feels like' temperature is 25 degrees or above-** this is in line with the National Nurses Association guidelines. Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play, and **also make sure their name is written in permanent marker on the inside of their belongings!** All lost and found items with a name will be returned to that child. All lost and found items without a name will be donated at the end of each week.

Wissahickon Parent Partnership Updates

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.

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

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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