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Weekly Wissahickon 1/21/2022

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I continue to be impressed by and appreciative of our whole school community. This week we've seen the vast majority of people doing exactly what was asked of them.

Families are completing RUVNA daily and keeping students home when they are sick. Students are wearing masks correctly or fixing them when redirected. Staff are following protocols for reporting symptoms and testing as needed. I'm glad to report that at the time of writing this, we've had no cases discovered at either campus this week. That's good news!

I also want to share that the Philadelphia Department of Public Health has announced new guidance for schools. I know it's hard to keep up with all the changes. Wissahickon is working now to determine if we can fully adopt these guidelines. The guidelines allow for shorter quarantine periods which would be wonderful for keeping students and staff in the

building, but schools can only adopt the guidelines if they are able to implement some new safety measures and get approval from PDPH. I will keep you updated about this!

Thank you,
Kristi

Essentials:

Important Dates

February 4th - School Closed for Professional Development

February 11th - Picture Retake Day

WPP sponsored mask drive!

Please send in boxes of surgical or KN95 masks starting on Monday. Students can drop them off in designated bags in their class. Letter was sent out on Classtag yesterday.

REMINDER, send back ALL devices and chargers!

If you have not returned your child's device, please have students return all Chromebooks and iPads, along with any **borrowed** chargers as soon as possible. These are being tracked and families will be charged if they are not returned.

Reminder, LAST day for 2022-2023 WCS Application is Monday, January 24th

The 2022-2023 application cycle opened on September 24. As a reminder, families must apply to Wissahickon through the Apply Philly Charter System at apply.phillycharter.org or by calling 1 (800) 891-3999. Applications must be received by **THIS MONDAY, 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.

Student Vaccination Cards

If you have not already done so, please email a copy of your student's vaccine card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org

Ruvna Screenings must be completed prior to student's arrival and will be closed for responses at 9:15 AM

Milk Substitution

WCS understands that some students can not consume cow's milk. Consistent with other meal modifications, we will provide a substitute for these students when a written medical statement indicates the milk substitution is necessary.

Please be sure to submit these notes to the School Nurse at acnurse@wissahickoncharter.org

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 questions should be emailed to [Ms. Shonda](#).

On Radar

Vaccine Clinic at Awbury

Vaccine clinic at Awbury Campus February 4th for students, staff and community members. More information coming soon.

Picture Day Retakes

Has been rescheduled for Friday, February 11, 2022

Important Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

We wanted to provide you with a quick update on next year's calendar. While the school's Board will not approve our calendar until its next meeting in February, we wanted to provide you with some key dates as you make plans for the summer. Note that we will be continuing with kick-off conferences ahead of the first day of school in all grades.

- Conferences begin **August 29, 2022**
- The first day of school is **September 1, 2022**
- The last day of school for students is **June 14, 2023**

EXTRAS:

Free covid test and N95 masks

[Free COVID tests](#) sent to your door.

Free masks to be available late next week at Walgreens and CVS (including CVS in Target stores)



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