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Message From Our COVID Coordinator

Dear Families,

The difference a month can make! As we returned from winter break the city was experiencing some of the highest case counts and hospitalizations since the beginning of the pandemic. This past week case counts have dropped nearly 95% from that time and because of the decreasing case counts we will no longer require our middle school students to wear KN-95 type masks. **All K-8 students should now wear masks that are most comfortable to them.** Another significant change from mid-January is the pediatric vaccination rate for Philadelphia. In January only 27% of Philadelphia children ages 5-11 had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and today that rate has risen to 54%. Unfortunately, at WCS our rates are significantly lower than the city's average. If your student is vaccinated, please report it on the daily Ruvna screening and send a copy of their card to vaxcard@wissahickoncharter.org. Vaccinated students with exposure to positive cases are no longer required to quarantine but we need the card on file to allow for this. As we move towards Spring and the potential for upcoming events, vaccination rates of the school community will play a significant role, along with guidance from the PDPH, in what we can do and who can participate. [Sign up](#) for our vaccination clinic at the Awbury campus on Saturday, February 26th and be a part of keeping our community safe.

Warmly,
Bethann DiGiovanni
Covid Coordinator

Essentials

Black History Month Assembly and HBCU College Tour!

On Friday, February 25th, the whole school will take part in an assembly honoring Black History Month and then in small groups, students will take a college "tour" through the Fernhill building, learning about Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) that all of the homerooms are researching and presenting. We want students to arrive at school on time everyday, and next Friday is extra important, since the events will take place starting in homeroom.

Field Trips

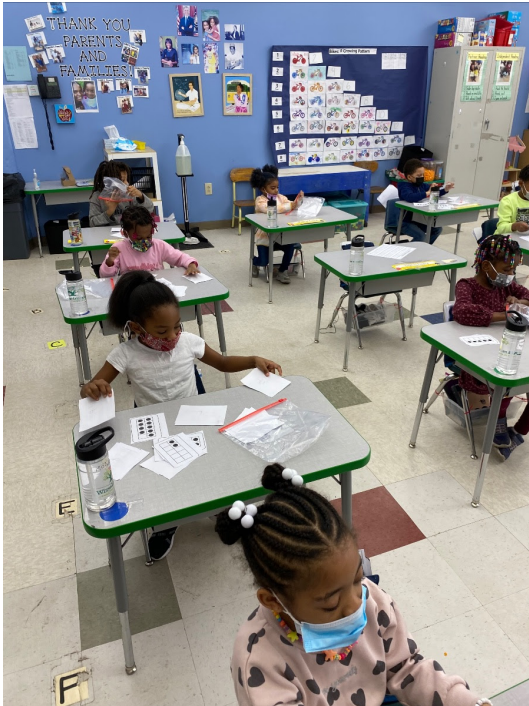
We are excited to share that we will be bringing back some field trips in the coming months. At WCS, we've always believed that trips can be such a fun, rewarding way to learn. Of course, we'll continue to communicate all safety protocols specific to each trip with families and look forward to working together, so students can take part in these special opportunities.

Partnering around Consequences

We expect all students to show C.A.R.E.S. values (collaboration, academic excellence, responsibility, empathy, self-reflection) and to act in ways that support their own and their peers' learning. Included in this is students talking and listening to other students and all WCS adults respectfully. (Of course, we want WCS employees to model this kind of behavior all the time!) If students are not meeting these expectations, families can and should expect communication from staff about the specific behaviors that need to improve, as well as the consequences for students' actions. We always need your partnership to follow through on school-based consequences that hold students accountable. This is essential to creating a safe, fun and learning-focused culture where every child can thrive.

PS: We also need ALL parents and guardians to actively monitor your students' use of phones, tablets and technology - when they're using them (please take devices during bedtime hours!), how they're treating others and whether the content they're exposed to is age-appropriate. A lot of issues happening outside of school hours are affecting students' emotional health and ability to focus on learning in school.

[Scroll on for the super fun DR.E.A.M. activities \(Drop Everything and Math!\)](#)





On Radar

School Meals

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

Reminders

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

Monday, February 21, 2022: President's Day: School Closed

Tuesday, February 22, 2022: School Closed: Flex Day

Friday, February 25, 2022: Black History Month Assembly & HBCU Tour through the Building

Saturday, February 26, 2022: Vaccine clinic @ WCS Awbury campus



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