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Class Directory

In an effort to continue to build community, we would like to create a class directory for each homeroom. We will share parent contact information with other parents within the homeroom. The "best phone number" and the guardian email provided in PowerSchool will be included. If you would like to OPT OUT of this, please complete the form found [HERE](#) by Friday, March 18, 2022. *All students will be included in the directory unless an opt-out form is received.*

Message From CEO

Dear Families,

I have a few updates and requests to share this week!

1. Per the PDPH, the mask mandate in schools has been relaxed and masks are now optional. If you would like your child to wear a mask, please send them to school with one. As a reminder, the guidance states that all schools will require masks again for the week following spring break.
2. Every US household is eligible for two sets of four covid tests. Check [this website](#) for more information about how to order yours.
3. The PDPH released new guidance on how to handle situations when there is exposure to a positive case of Covid in a school. Please see the message below from our Covid Coordinator.
4. Federal law mandates that masks still be worn on all public transportation and school buses. If your child takes SEPTA or rides the school bus, you must provide them with a mask for travel.
5. I wanted to call your attention to a petition that has been organized to send to Governor Wolf around his proposals targeting charter schools. Please consider taking a look and signing it. You can find it [here](#).
6. We are entering hiring season at Wissahickon. If you know of any teachers who would like to join our schools, please direct them to [our website](#) to see our open positions! We know there is a national and local shortage of teachers and appreciate your help in spreading the word!

Thank you,
Kristi

Essentials

Message from COVID Coordinator

The PDPH has issued their new guidance for in-school COVID exposures in our new mask optional environment. WCS has chosen the Mask to Stay option. If a class experiences a positive case of COVID the following steps will occur:

- Families will be notified immediately of the positive case
- All students in the class will return to wearing a three ply surgical or KN95 style mask for 10 days from the day of exposure. (WCS will supply masks)
- Asymptomatic close contacts of the positive case will be tested 5 days from the exposure

Families must continue to monitor and report any symptoms on the daily Ruvna screening. Students who experience symptoms from an in school exposure will be required to quarantine for ten days from the onset of symptoms. Alternatively, the student could be tested on day 5 from the start of symptoms and with proof of a negative test may return on day 7. Should a family need a test kit the school will make one available. At any point if a student tests positive for COVID they will be required to isolate for ten days from the date of the positive test.

We will continue to monitor the school community's health and at any point should the data support, will return to full masking and more strict quarantine guidelines. Thank you for your support and cooperation that has allowed us to remain healthy while prioritizing safe in-person learning. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the new guidance.

Best,
Bethann

Virtual T2 Report Card Conferences

Report Card conferences will be held virtually from March 16, 2022 - March 18, 2022 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. **Please note the conference scheduling system will close by the end of the day on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Please make sure you have scheduled a conference for your student by this time. If you scheduled with the wrong teacher the conference will be deleted and a new one will be scheduled for you.**

PSSA Information

The PSSAs begin the week of April 26th for students in grades 3-8. The testing windows are as follows:

- April 26-28: English Language Arts
- May 4-5: Mathematics
- May 10 and 12: Science (Grades 4 and 8 only)
- May 9-13: Makeups as needed

Some parents have expressed interest in having their children "opt out" of the PSSAs due to religious beliefs. While a family can opt a child out at any point, we are requesting this year that you provide us with notice prior to Spring Break (by Friday, March 25) so that we can make adequate preparations for how they will spend testing time.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the opt out process, please contact Paul Vande Stouwe, Assessment and Accountability Manager at p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org.

Middle School Families:

If your student is at least 12 years old and looking for a Summer Job/Enrichment Program, the WorkReady Summer Program is now accepting applications for 2022. This is a great opportunity for student to earn money and explore things they might be interested in. THE FIRST 5,000 APPLICANTS TO COMPLETE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS (STEPS 1 AND 2) WILL RECEIVE \$150! Check out their website below for more information and contact Ms. Aitiya (a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org) or Ms. Meskun (L.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org) for questions or support.
<https://www.workready.org/summer/>

Next week is SPIRIT WEEK at WCS! See below for each day's theme. Here is the link for the pretzel sales which will go from Monday-Thursday of next week



On Radar

Presentation about Bullying with the WPP on 3/15 at 6pm

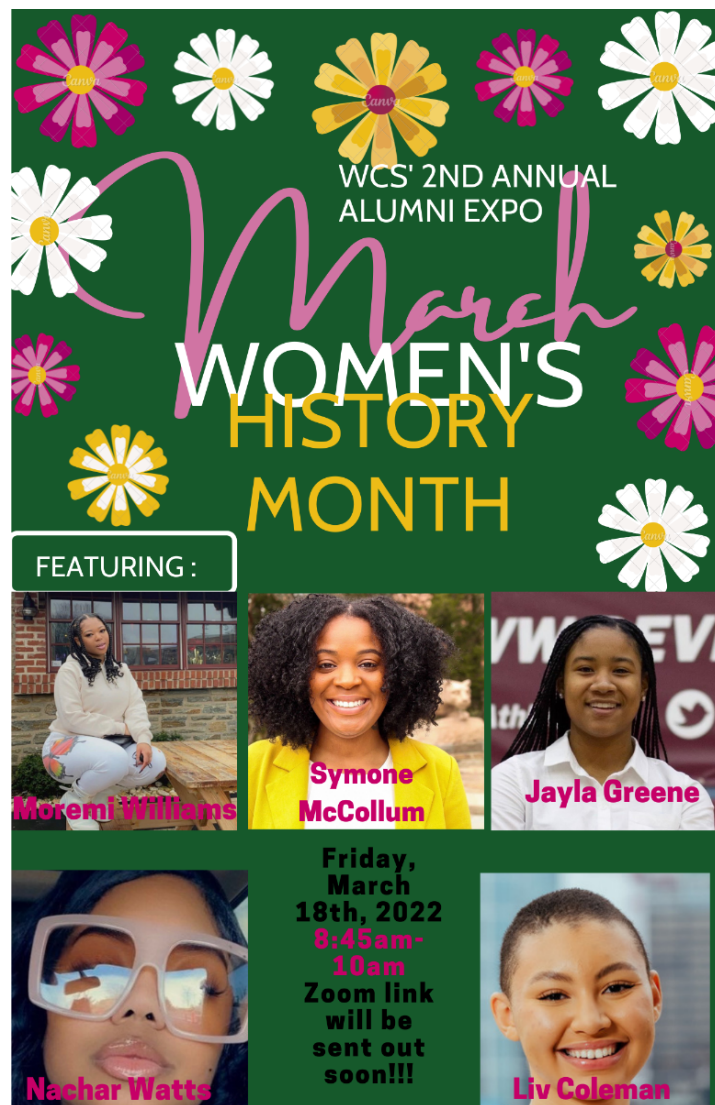
Mr. Calvin Johnson will be joining the WPP on March 15th to discuss bullying and prevention. Please join us! The link will be sent out next week in the Weekly Wiss and via ClassTag the day of the meeting.

Virtual Family Town Halls: Tuesday, 3/22 at 6pm and Wednesday, 3/23 at 12pm

Interested in working with school leaders on building our school community? Join us for a town hall-style event with administrators from the Fernhill team. Voice concerns, share ideas, and meet other families. We'd love to hear from you!

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

Sunday, March 13, 2022: Daylight Savings Time Starts (Remember to adjust your clocks)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022: WPP Meeting via Zoom 6-7pm

Wednesday, March 16, 2022: 12:45pm Dismissal for Virtual Report Card Conferences

Thursday, March 17, 2022: 12:45pm Dismissal for Virtual Report Card Conferences

Friday, March 18, 2022: 12:45pm Dismissal for Virtual Report Card Conferences



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