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## Weekly Wissahickon 4-01-2022

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Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 4:12 PM

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We loved celebrating our 3rd-8th honors students with a breakfast this week!  
Congratulations!

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## **Essentials**

### **Ramadan Mubarak to All who Celebrate**

Please email Ms. Rebecca at [rbenarroch@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:rbenarroch@wissahickoncharter.org) if you would like your child to have a private, quiet space to pray and/or an alternative place to sit during lunch if they are fasting. Students are welcome to bring and keep mats at the school if they'd like. We hope to accommodate their needs during this month. Thank you.

### **Title I Parent Meetings: Save the Dates**

Every Year, we invite parents and caregivers to participate in our Title I planning process, where folks learn more about how we strengthen our programming with the federal funding we receive and provide input on ways we can support student learning and family involvement at the school. Because of the record turnout we saw when our parent meetings moved virtual last year, we will continue with Zoom meetings this year.

Tuesday, 4/26 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 4/27 @ 2 pm

Zoom information to follow. Contact [p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org) if you have any questions.

### **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](mailto:p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org).

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## **On Radar**

### **Free and low-cost Summer Camps in Philadelphia**

To all families, summer is quickly approaching, and plans may be underway. Please see this [link](#) for a list of current free or low cost summer camps across the city.

### **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](mailto:a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org)) or Ms. Meskun ([L.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:L.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org)) for questions or support.  
<https://www.workready.org/summer/>

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## **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](#).

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## **Important Dates**

Mon, April 4 - 4th grade BYOS (Bring Your Own Snack) @ 3:30

Tues, April 5 - 5th grade Family BYOS; Staff meeting: All staff  
Wed, April 6 - 6th grade Family BYOS  
Thurs, April 7- 7th grade Family BYOS  
Fri, April 8 Talent Show  
Mon, April 11th- Fri, April 15th- Spring Break

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