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Weekly Wissahickon 4-29-2022

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Message From CEO

Hi Families,

Our students have done a fabulous job this week to allow for the smooth administration of the PSSA. Well done with everything you are doing at home to help prepare your child if they are testing. Please keep it up as testing continues. Students can do their best when they get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. Thank you!

I also wanted to let you know as of Monday, May 2nd, Wissahickon will once again be *mask optional*. The transitions between mandating masks and being mask-optional have been smooth and I expect it will be on Monday. As a reminder, with the mandate ended, *mask optional* means that it is now an individual choice about whether you want your child to wear a mask or not. If you do want your child to wear one, you must send them in with one. As always, we will stay flexible and continue to follow guidance if it changes. While the PDPH is no longer mandating mask wearing, please note that they still strongly recommend masks in schools and indoor settings.

Finally, next week is Staff Appreciation Week at WCS. This has been a challenging year and nothing means more to those of us who work here than to hear from you with some encouraging words. Please consider dropping a note or an email to an employee! You could also add a note to this [padlet](#). It means the world! Thank you!

Warmly,
Kristi

Essentials

Social Media Family Meeting

Good Day Families,

I hope this message reaches you all in good health. The Dean of Culture and the culture team have noticed that the number of fights and incidents have risen higher than normal years and most if not all incidents have started based around social media and group chats. We know that this is something that

can be a challenge for families to manage. To that end, we will be hosting a town hall meeting that is mandatory for some families, but open to any interested in attending. The meeting will be on Thursday, May 12 from 6-7pm on Zoom.

2022-23 Intent to Return Survey for Students

Thank you to all of our families that completed the Intent to Return survey for the 2022-23 school year. Your student's enrollment is not affected if you didn't complete the survey before it closed. If you didn't complete the survey and your student **is not** returning next year, please contact Ms. O a.oliphant@wissahickoncharter.org for a withdrawal form.

After School Reminder

The after school program will be open on all PSSA half days **except** for Thursday, May 5th.

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is happening again!! If you are new to this school, Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is a half - all day (depending on the grade) field trip to Bluebell Meadow. It is a time to celebrate our mission as a whole school. Your children will partner with younger or older grades to build our community connection and enjoy a hike, art and reading in the meadow, a fun game of kickball, and yoga/meditation! Wissahickon in the Wissahickon will happen with all our 01 classrooms on May 13th and all of our 02 classrooms on May 20th. Because of the size of this event, **every child will attend**, unless you choose to opt out your child. **If you choose to opt out your child for this field trip**, we are requesting that you provide us with **notice by Tuesday, May 10th** so that we can make adequate preparations for how they will spend time here at the school. Thank you so much for your support!

To all Rising 6th, 7th & 8th Graders and Families:

Save the Date for our annual High School Matters Information Meeting happening in person on **May 31, 2022 at 6pm**. You'll learn about the different types of high schools in Philadelphia, their admission requirements, what you can do now to prepare, and how to apply. Flyer to follow. Contact Ms. Aitiya a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or Ms. Meskun l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org for questions.

WPP has organized an End of Year Party at Smith Playground FREE for all families!

When: June 17th (*last day of school*)

Time: 4-8pm

Where: Smith Playground (*the whole park!*)

More details coming soon, but President Christina Holley has been hard at work gathering vendors, a DJ, activities, etc. to make this an amazing celebration!

[Planning to attend? Please RSVP here so we can begin to estimate how many attendees we'll have!](#)

On Radar

Screen Free Week is May 16-20!

The WPP is organizing some after-school events for families in order to support kids limiting (or eliminating) screen use during this week! Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Free and Low-cost Summer Camps in Philadelphia

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

Also check out this Summer Camp Guide [Our 2022 Summer Camp Guide](#). There are dozens of online and in-person summer programming offerings. Sort by location, subject matter, dates and age groups.

Lastly, Play it Safe PHL Summer Program Info:

<https://www.phila.gov/programs/playitsafephil/>

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 students 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/>

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

Tues, May 3rd, Eid Al-Fitr - School and Offices Closed

Wed, May 4th, Kindergarten (12:25pm Dismissal) Grades 1-8 (12:45 Dismissal) for PSSA Testing

Thurs, May 5th, Kindergarten (12:25pm Dismissal) Grades 1-8 (12:45 Dismissal) for PSSA Testing



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