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**Weekly Wissahickon 5-06-2022**

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**Wissahickon**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL**

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**Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is happening again!!**

If you are new to this school, Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is an 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 leaving between 8:30 and 9:00 and getting back by 1:00 unless your child is in 5-8. (\*K1 & 601 will go on May 20th \*\*K2 & 602 will go on May 13th)

Grades K-3 will ride a bus there and back

Grades 4-8 will walk there.

Grades 5 and 6 will walk there and back.

All 7 and 8th graders will have an extended time at the park and leave from there on Septa, unless you choose for your 7th or 8th grader to opt out of riding Septa straight home. If you opt out your 7th/8th grader, let their homeroom teacher know ASAP, so that we can arrange for them to walk back to school with a 5th and 6th classroom.

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, 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! See [flyer](#) for more information.

(\*K1 & 601 will go on May 20th \*\*K2 & 602 will go on May 13th)

(Flyer does not reflect this change everything else is correct)

## **Essentials**

### **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

### **Social Media Family Meeting**

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](mailto:a.oliphant@wissahickoncharter.org) for a withdrawal form.

### **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](mailto:a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org) or Ms. Meskun [l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org) for questions.

## **On Radar**

### **School Meals**

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

### **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!](#)

### **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](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/>

## 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

Tues, May 10th, Science PSSA Testing 4th-8th

Wed, May 11th, Student Council Opera Trip - La Boehme

Thurs, May 12th, Science PSSA Testing 4th-8th

6-7pm Social Media Family Meeting via Zoom

Fri, May 13th, 01 Homerooms, K2 & 602: Earth Day in the Wiss (K1 & 601 will go May 20th)

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