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**Weekly Wissahickon 9/9/2022**

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[View this email in your browser](#)***Message from Dean Kristi***

Dear Families,

I hope your children are enjoying the transition back to school as much as we are. Even though it can be hard to say goodbye to summer, it's great to be settling in together at school. The year is off to a great start.

I have a few reminders and notes to help us all along the way!

- Please note the information for the family barbecue in this newsletter. It would be great to have a large turnout to celebrate the start of the year!
- I know transportation can be tough as the year is starting. Please work on being on time so students get a strong start to the day.
- Please note that our Covid-19 guidance has had a small change regarding students and staff with a household exposure. Anyone who has a household exposure but tests negative can now continue to come to school as long as they wear a mask for 20 days after the day of their contact's positive test. Please see the attached update for more details.

Many thanks,

Kristi

## Essentials

### Breakfast/Lunch Menu

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/1033/district/1048>

### Important Dates

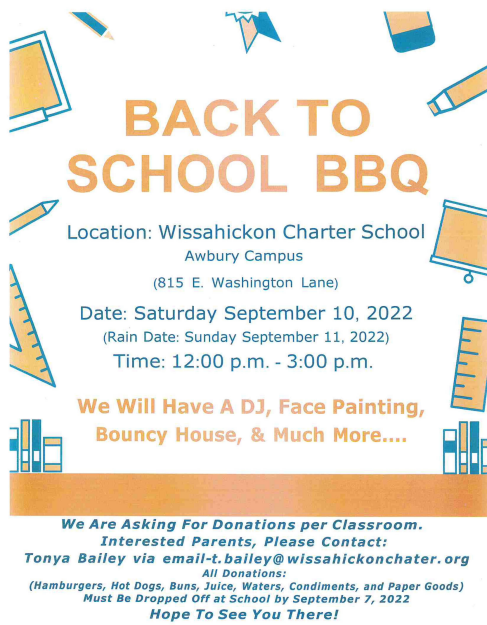
September 10: Back to School BBQ 12-3

September 26th: Rosh Hashanah Administrative Offices and Schools Closed

September 30th: School closed for Professional Development

### Back To School BBQ

Donations are appreciated. Bring them tomorrow when you come to hang out with us!



### Wissahickon Parent Partnership First Meeting of the Year!

Families! Please join Ms Kate and Ms Polite on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm for **our first in person meeting of the year**. We will hold officer elections at this time so please consider running for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

### Early dismissal

Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled after school hours as they can interfere with your child's learning program. When children have appointments that require them to leave early, the following procedure must be followed:

- Send in a note stating reason for early dismissal that morning or come to the office to ask that your child be excused early;
- Notify the office if someone other than you is picking up your child (the person must be on the list of approved pick-up persons you submitted, and must have a photo ID for

security reasons);

- You or the designated pick-up person must sign your child out with an office staff member.
- Those picking up students, including parents, may not go directly to the child's classroom. **There will be no early dismissals permitted after 2:30 p.m on regular school days, on early dismissal days.**

### ***Interested in receiving payment for opting out of bus transportation? (Flat Rate Program)***

The second enrollment period has begun. The period runs through September 30. To enroll, please complete the [enrollment form](#). For 22-23, you may begin to submit the [parent payment form](#) in September. Additional information can be found on the [transportation page](#) on the Philadelphia School District website.

### ***After School Program***

Need After School Care Next Year for your Kindergarten - 5th Grader? Our After School Program is designed to feel like home away from home for our students. Our teachers are experienced in assisting students with homework, developing social and emotional skills and integrating creative activities to maintain a fun, safe and loving environment for everyone! Click [here](#) for more information on how to register your student, or email the ASP coordinator at [m.pendleton@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:m.pendleton@wissahickoncharter.org).

### ***School Calendar***

As a reminder, our school calendar for the 22/23 school year is [here](#). Please plan accordingly.

### ***On Radar***

This week, 5th through 8th grade received their Chromebooks for the year. We strongly recommend that all parents purchase insurance for the Chromebooks. It is \$30 and is good for one incidental for the year. You can purchase the insurance [here](#). If you have any questions or your student has issues with their Chromebook, you can email the IT Department at [helpis@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:helpis@wissahickoncharter.org)

### ***High School Applications***

The High School Application deadline has been released! The high school application to Philadelphia public schools will open September 16th and close on November 4th. We ask all families to NOT complete your application until your schedule advising meeting with your school counselor. These will be scheduled when we return to school. More details available [HERE](#). Reach out to Ms. Abby for any questions, [a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org)

### Extras

Starting this coming week, middle school students will get to participate in an Outward Bound Insight Day. They will engage in team games and challenges, a ropes course element, practice leadership, communication, risk-taking, problem-solving, and having lots of FUN!!! If you have not filled out your child's form yet, please click on the correct link below.

**8th grade: 9/16 Insight and 10/24-28 Expedition form**

**7th grade: 9/14 Insight form**

**6th grade: 9/20 Insight form**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Liz by calling the school or emailing [liz@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:liz@wissahickoncharter.org).



### *Announcing... Discovery Fest!!!*

Experience Outward Bound in a day...for free!

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, October 1, you are invited to [Discovery Fest](#), an all-day, family-friendly festival at The Discovery Center which will offer attendees the chance to experience Outward Bound the way our students do!

Take part in High Adventure challenges like **climbing the rock wall**, **canoeing the reservoir**, and **ziplining from our challenge course**! There will also be fun ground-based activities and team challenges, along with **music, food, and prizes**! Admission and activities are **FREE of charge**. Don't miss it!



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