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Message From CEO

Dear Families,

It's an exciting time at school! As we enter the second month of school, many of the activities that make Wissahickon special are ramping up. Outward Bound trips are coming for our 8th graders. Extracurricular activities and after school sports will be starting soon. In Art classes, students have now had time to really get invested in new projects. Academically, we're starting to see very high student engagement in our new literacy curriculum. Lots of good stuff!

We've also just marked our 20 Year Anniversary! Please see the [20 Things We Love About Wissahickon](#)! I invite you to share what you love about Wissahickon too by emailing me at litell@wissahickoncharter.org. Your quote might just appear in one of our social media posts! 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!

As a public school, most of our funding comes from the state, however, we have to raise additional funds above those public dollars in order to provide the kinds of special programs we offer. I'd like to ask you to [consider making a gift to Wissahickon Charter School](#). Every gift counts and it is powerful when our funders see that our families give back to the school. Any family who makes a gift of \$25 or more will be entered into a drawing in December for a Wissahickon Swag Basket.

Check out [our website](#) to make a gift online and to learn more. Thank you so much for the consideration!

Warmly,

Kristi

Essentials

Morning Drop-off Begins at 8am (not earlier)

There is no official supervision for students before 8am. See the [entire arrival procedures](#) here for specific details.

Lost & Found

We currently have a very full lost and found! Please check for your lost items, as everything will be

donated at the end of the month. The best way to ensure lost items get found is by labeling them.

Interested in chaperoning for upcoming field trips or volunteering for school events?

Turn in your volunteer clearances ASAP! All information can be found in the Family Resources tab under Forms. [Here is a direct link for easy access](#). Please follow ALL directions for submission in order for us to keep accurate records.

Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2022-23 SY

If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter. The application is open from Friday, September 23rd and will close on Monday, January 23, 2023. Click [here](#) to apply.

Attention 8th Grade Families from Your School Counselors:

Families and students are encouraged to attend the 2022 Philly High School Fair on October 14th or October 15th. This is a free event. If you have a transportation hardship, let your counselor know. Link to reserve tickets [HERE](#)

High school applications for the School District of Philadelphia opened on September 16, 2022. We began our mandatory high school advising meetings. If you have not already done so, Please use the [MyConference Link](#) to schedule a meeting with your child's counselor here at Fernhill. Student last names starting with A-L will schedule with Mrs. Aitiya and last names M-Z will schedule with Mrs. Meskun. These meetings will happen in person at our school. Masking and COVID Guidelines in place as per any new/updated WSC policies. Students and parents are expected to attend the meeting together. Please sign up for a time that works for you.

Please do not complete this application alone. Completing the application with your counselor assures that it is done correctly and any required documentation is submitted. Remember to have at least 5 district schools picked prior to your scheduled conference in order to complete the application. Do not include Charter Schools or Private Schools for this meeting. Please see [THIS](#) document for some examples of the types of High Schools or visit www.greatphillyschools.org to research different high schools in Philadelphia. Please email Mrs. Aitiya at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or Mrs. Meskun at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions or concerns.

National School Lunch Raffle

Please have your students join us for school lunch the week of October 10-14. This is a great way to try it out if you have never taken part before as there will be gift certificate prizes for the raffle ticket winners. All you have to do is eat the school lunch and a raffle ticket will be entered into the drawing. Good luck!

On Radar

Philadelphia Youth Football Academy

A sports based youth development program with the focus of using flag football as a venue for social change-for Philadelphia youth. Our youth partake in various athletic, social-emotional, post-secondary and sport management components. Our sport management component includes our "Build Your Sports Career" PBL; where youth learn about sports careers "off the field".

For more information, please visit www.pyfa215.org.

After School Program Openings

There are still spots available in the after school program for students in 2nd-5th grade! After school runs daily from dismissal until 6pm. Fill out a registration form [here](#) and please feel free to reach out to Andrea Hegedus, the Recess & ASP Coordinator, at a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions.

School Lunch

All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you.

Please see the link to check out our [menu](#).

5th grade enjoying reading in the fall
sunshine



1st grade teambuilding in P.E.



Reminders

School Calendar

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

WCS Swag

You can now order WCS swag from our New Fernhill School Store using this [link](#) from our website under parent payments. Each order you make \$10 is donated back to the school for school community events.

Has your address, phone number or email address changed?

Please inform the Front Office of ALL changes to your student's demographics.

Reminder: In order to change your address, you must submit (2) proofs of residency in addition to the change of address form.

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Important Dates

Mon, October 10th: School Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

Fri, October 14th: Philly High School Fair

Sat, October 15th: Philly High School Fair

Friday, October 31st: School Picture Day



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